

Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust closes two projects

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The May family of Prowers County. Photos courtesy of CCALT

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Colorado is the heart and soul of the American West. Its future depends on the land and the families who maintain it.

Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust is entrusted with legacies. It helps local families protect Colorado one ranch and one farm at a time, protecting the state's way of life for future generations.

CCALT has been a pioneer since its inception in 1995 and has helped conserve more than 465,000 acres of Colorado land. Recently, the staff closed extraordinary projects with two multi-generational Colorado families, the Mays and the MacLennans.

The May family of Prowers County completed CCALT's largest conservation easement of 2016, conserving more than 16,000 acres of native grassland, Arkansas River corridor and productive agricultural land in the southeastern portion of the state. The operation is managed by four generations of the family.

For the last four years, CCALT has worked alongside the MacLennan family of Byers on a conservation easement on the Bluffs, which sit at the confluence of the East and West Bijou Creeks, just 40 minutes east of Denver International Airport.

This landmark project will advance conservation efforts in eastern Colorado and conserve about 2,268 acres of native prairie grassland and cottonwood galleries along the creeks and stunning views of the Front Range.

The Bluffs project was made possible by the dedication and

determination of the MacLennans and the generous support of Great Outdoors Colorado, the Gates Family Foundation and many other partners.

For further information about Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Trust Fund: 303-431-6446 or ccalt.org.

The Bluffs owned by the MacLennan Family of Byers.
