



Chicosa Canyon, Las Animas County

The Scott family has owned the Chicosa Canyon Ranch for about 50 years when it was purchased by Myron Scott's father. In 2003, CCALT was contacted by Myron Scott to explore the possibility of placing a conservation easement on the Scott/Chicosa Canyon property. In 2004, following conversations with other landowners in the area who had protected their ranch properties with conservation easements held by CCALT, the Scotts decided to investigate the possibility further.

In the summer of 2004 the family made the decision to move forward on the easement. A major factor in their decision was the existence of the Colorado State Income Tax Credit. This credit will allow the Scotts to realize some financial gain from the donation of the conservation easement which also meets the personal goals of the Grantors of keeping this property intact and in agricultural. The easement and supporting documentation was developed in the fall and early winter of 2004 and the conservation easement was recorded in December.

In October 2005, Myron Scott acquired a 320 acre parcel located in Forbes Canyon and a 840 acre parcel located in the left fork of Chicosa Canyon, and began discussion with CCALT about placing these properties under a protective easement as phases III, IV, and V.