



## Focus Ranch, Routt County

Focus Ranch, located in the Upper Little Snake River Valley is a 1,232 acre cattle and guest ranch owned by Terry and Maureen Reidy. The property straddles the Colorado-Wyoming border, and is the first easement that CCALT has worked on with our sister organization, the Wyoming Stockgrowers Agricultural Land Trust (WSGALT). In December, 2009, GOCO, Routt County PDR, Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust, and TNC partnered to purchase conservation easements on 590 acres of the Focus Ranch in Colorado and 642 acres in Wyoming. However, neither easement would have been secured without the generous donation of land value made by the Reidy family.

Conservation work in the Upper Little Snake River Valley began more than ten years ago when a group of valley landowners came together to discuss ways in which they could protect the agricultural heritage of their neighborhood. It is exciting to see the landowners of this valley continue their long standing efforts to preserve the agricultural integrity and intact nature of this special landscape. CCALT is particularly proud of the conservation efforts that have occurred in cooperation with Routt County PDR over the past several years. CCALT has protected 17 ranches and more than 11,000 acres in Routt County since 2000. It is important that the landowners protecting the landscapes in this county are recognized for their efforts to ensure that their properties will remain in productive agriculture.