



Saguache Creek Corridor, Saguache County

The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) has been working cooperatively with landowners in the Saguache Creek corridor since 1997. Saguache Creek is located in the northeast corner of southern Colorado's beautiful and agriculturally significant San Luis Valley. The corridor has a long history of sustaining productive ranches. This area consists of a narrow ribbon of 19,000 acres of private ranch land stretching 25 miles west from the town of Saguache and more than 350,000 acres of public land. In 1997, a small group of the private landowners in the Saguache Creek corridor area approached CCALT regarding ways to protect their ranches and make sure that they remain in the family for generations to come. The landowners were looking for a way to keep their historic ranching area intact and in agriculture in the face of growing development pressure. As of August 2007, CCALT has protected over 11,000 acres of productive agricultural land on 15 ranches in the corridor and is actively pursuing easements on several new ranches.

CCALT wishes to recognize Great Outdoors Colorado and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranchland Protection Program for their significant financial contributions to this project.