



## 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 northwest 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 is surrounded by more than 350,000 acres of public land. In 1997, a small group of private landowners in the Saguache Creek corridor approached CCALT about protecting their ranches to ensure 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.

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