



Ranchland Protection, San Miguel County

Over the past five years, CCALT has developed a partnership with several long time ranchers and an innovative local purchase of development rights (PDR) program run by the local county government. CCALT has protected more than 2,500 acres on Wright's Mesa, Hamilton Mesa and near Miramonte Reservoir in the central part of the county. An additional 500+ acres are scheduled to be protected in 2007. The combination of conservation easements and the PDR program have offered traditional landowners an alternative to selling out in the face of high land values driven by the nearby resort area of Telluride.