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The mission of the Estes Valley Land Trust is to preserve and protect open space, valleys, wetlands, streams, ranch lands, and wildlife habitat in the Estes Valley and surrounding area. Lands adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park and the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest are of special concern.

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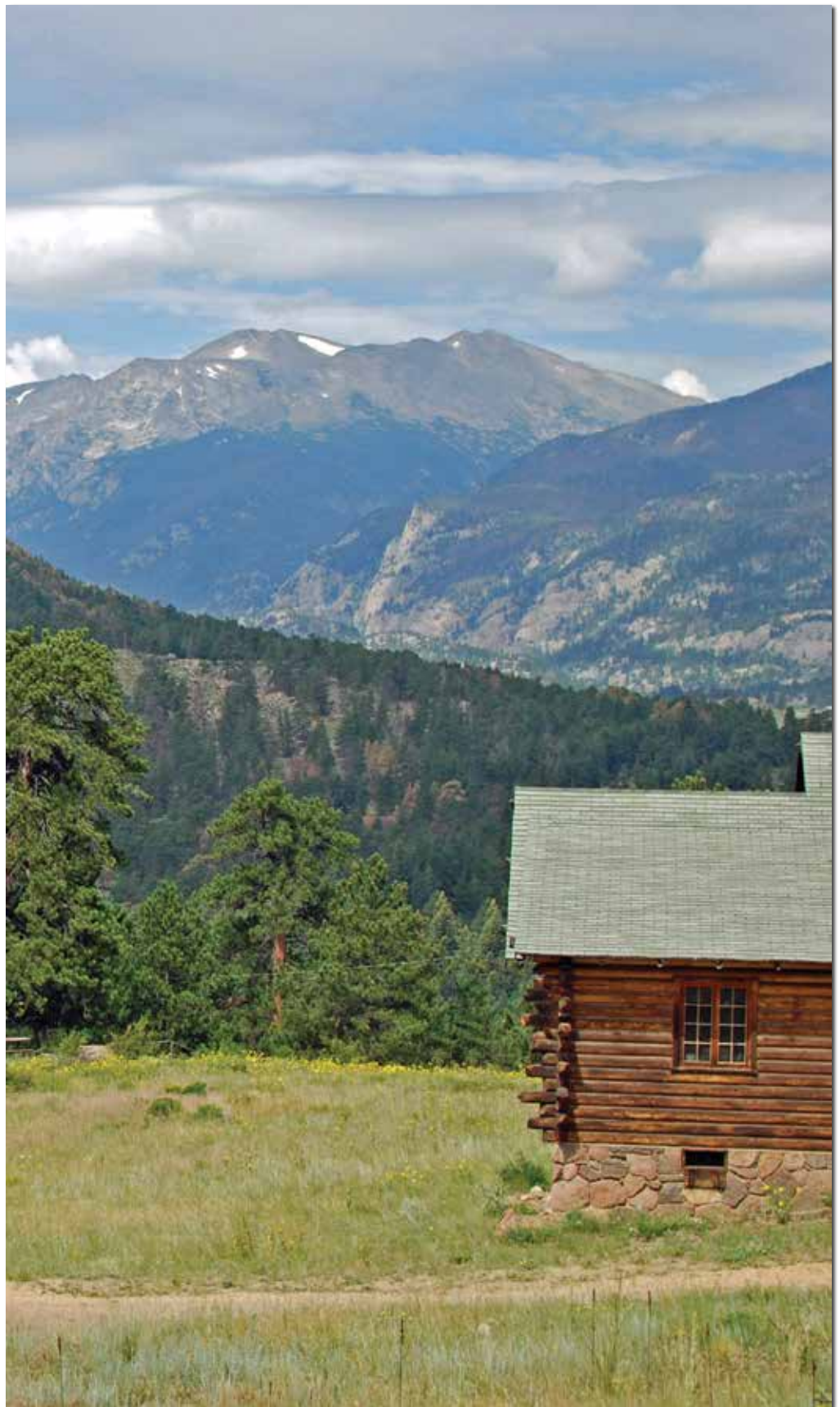
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*View of Stones Peak from the Krotter-Johnson Conservation Easement*

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# SUMMER BREAKFAST SERIES



*Photo by Sandy Lindquist*

## MOOSE IN OUR BACKYARD

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 8 A.M.**

**ERIC BERGMAN, RESEARCH SCIENTIST,  
COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE**

Are moose native to the east side of RMNP? Is there sufficient food to sustain an increasing moose population? What effects do moose have on vegetation and habitat?

Centennial Park at Knoll-Willows Open Space, upper parking lot.

Hwy 34 (Wonderview Ave) across from the Stanley Hotel. Park on shoulder of westbound Hwy 34.

**RSVP by 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 5**



*Courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife*

## OUR ELUSIVE MOUNTAIN LIONS

**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 8 A.M.**

**MAT ALLDREDGE, RESEARCH SCIENTIST,  
COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE**

How common are mountain lions? What drives mountain lions to use areas with higher human density? How can conflicts between mountain lions and humans be minimized?

Includes brief annual meeting.

Opal Land and Cattle Ranch  
14067 County Rd 43, Drake

**RSVP by 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 17**

## BREAKFAST DETAILS

1. Reservations are required for both breakfast events. Note RSVP deadlines above.
2. Make your reservations by telephone: 970-577-6837 (you can leave a message after hours); or by email: [evlt@evlandtrust.org](mailto:evlt@evlandtrust.org).
3. Provide your first and last name for each reservation (for name badges).
4. Breakfast will be served by Catering for All Occasions. Breakfast will include an egg entree, fresh fruit, pastries, juice, and hot coffee.
5. Cost for the breakfast is \$15 per person (\$5 for K-12 students), payable by cash or check at the event.
6. Both breakfast events will be held outdoors. Please bring a chair, jacket, sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, and drinking water for after breakfast.

# 30TH ANNIVERSARY YOU MADE IT HAPPEN!

## DETAILS . . .

- SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 12, 4 - 8 PM
- FALL RIVER HYDROPLANT  
PICNIC GROUNDS
- SMOKIN' DAVES BBQ
- CRAFT BEER AND WINE
- LIVE MUSIC – CHAIN STATION
- KIDS' ACTIVITIES
  - o BUILD A GNOME HOME
  - o SCAVENGER HUNT
- TICKETS ON SALE SOON
- ONLY \$5/PERSON;  
AGE 8 & UNDER FREE



“Thanks to you, the Estes Valley Land Trust is celebrating our 30th Anniversary in 2017. We hope to see you at our anniversary party we’re calling *WooHoo! It’s a Bar-B-Que!*”

— Art French, EVLT Board President

The first 30 years of the Estes Valley Land Trust were incredible. Today some of the valley’s most stunning open spaces are preserved forever, with help from the land trust.

Can you imagine Meadowdale Ranch as an airport? This proposal was quashed by a local effort, led by Candy Sulzbach, Toni Brown, the land trust, and dozens of donors.

Did you know Knoll-Willows Open Space was the proposed location for an outlet mall? It almost happened. Thanks to the Town of Estes Park, members like you, and the Estes Valley Land Trust, Knoll-Willows Open Space will forever be the downtown park-on-the-hill.

Come celebrate with us at *WooHoo! It’s a Bar-B-Que!* You’ve helped us preserve land throughout the valley over the past 30 years. We’re looking forward to the next 30 years of partnership.

# SPECIAL PLACE COMES **ALIVE!**

“The Limber Pine and Moose Meadow trails provide new trail opportunities at Hermit Park Open Space, including an environmentally sustainable route into Homestead Meadows.”

— Meegan Flenniken, Resource Program Manager,  
Larimer County

## **IF YOU GO**

*Where: Hermit Park Open Space*

*Two Trails: Limber Pine and Moose Meadow*

*Total New Trail Length: 4 miles*

*Multi-use: Yes (hike, bike and horseback)*

*Open: 7 days/week*

*Day-use Fee: \$6*

Two new multi-use trails, the Limber Pine and Moose Meadow trails, open this month at Larimer County’s Hermit Park Open Space, our largest and most dynamic conservation easement property.

While most of the 1,362-acre open space cannot be developed, a limited portion is available for recreation. Nowhere else can you hike, bike, horseback ride, and camp on land protected by EVLT.

The Limber Pine and Moose Meadow trails provide unique views of this open space and are named for the huge limber pines that characterize the landscape and the large wet meadow where moose are often seen feeding. Each trail is laid out in a distinct and beautiful setting, from dense forest to open shrubland, and when combined with existing trails, offer over six miles of trails at this open space.

Be one of the first to see a “new” side of Hermit Park Open Space.



*Wetland visible from new Moose Meadow Trail  
Charlie Johnson, Larimer County Natural Resources*

# LIKE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY



Western art and the Estes Valley Land Trust go together like peanut butter and jelly. Join the land trust in welcoming 48 of the most talented artists in the country at the Windows to the West Art Show & Sale on June 2 - 4 at the Estes Park Events Complex.

**YOUR PURCHASE SUPPORTS EVLT!** The Windows to the West Art Show & Sale is an incredible opportunity to purchase gorgeous art and support the land trust. The Estes Valley Land Trust will receive 10% of the price of original artwork purchased by our members. Simply present the Estes Valley Land Trust's 2017 Affiliate Certificate (below) when you make your purchase.

Contact the land trust to RSVP.

## GALA

- FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 6 - 9 PM
- MEET THE ARTISTS
- PURCHASE ART
- OPEN BAR
- HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES
- LIVE MUSIC
- ESTES PARK EVENTS COMPLEX
- \$40/PERSON (WITH EVLT DISCOUNT)
- CONTACT EVLT TO RSVP

## ART SHOW

- SATURDAY, JUNE 3;  
SUNDAY, JUNE 4
- 10 AM - 3 PM
- OVER 200 WORKS OF ART
- ESTES PARK EVENTS COMPLEX
- \$5/PERSON





## EVLT BENCH COMMEMORATES DICK ORLEANS

In April, a nature-themed bench and plaque, memorializing the late Estes Park musician and photographer Dick Orleans, was installed in Barlow Plaza, near Poppy’s restaurant. The bench was funded by donations from Orleans’ friends and family.

This is one of a number of benches that EVLT has installed to honor individuals, past and present, who loved the natural beauty and wildlife habitat of the Estes Valley.

**“The EVLT benches are a beautiful addition to the Riverwalk, and only two more are available.”** — Leo Weber, EVLT Board Member

The commemorative benches serve as a fundraiser for the land trust. For information, contact the EVLT office at 970-577-6837.

## FOREVER ESTES A GROUP OF COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE INCLUDED EVLT IN THEIR ESTATE PLAN

### Sandy Lindquist, Forever Estes member

“EVLT is one of the best ways to preserve priceless local landscapes for posterity (and for wildlife friends who can’t buy their own property).”

**“I updated my estate plans to create an ‘endowed designated legacy fund,’ which will benefit the Estes Valley Land Trust. I can donate annually now and also posthumously in perpetuity.”**

EVLT thanks Sandy for helping to ensure that the Estes Valley remains beautiful...forever! For more information about making a planned gift, contact the Estes Valley Land Trust.

## OH, THE JOY!



*Jane Bush (left) and Karen Thompson have fun monitoring*

Karen Thompson and Jane Bush are part of an amazing team of 100+ conservation easement monitors who, every summer, meet with landowners and walk the properties preserved by the land trust.

**WE JOINED EVLT TO ...** keep Estes Park beautiful and avoid having buildings on every lot. We also feel there is a need to provide habitat for our furry friends.

**WE MONITOR BECAUSE ...** it is very important to the accreditation of EVLT. The added bonus is that we get to “hike” on private property and enjoy the scenery the property owners see every day.

**If you are interested in becoming a volunteer monitor in 2018, please contact EVLT.**





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the Estes Valley beautiful.  
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## BOB AND CELESTE KLING, MONTHLY-GIVING MEMBERS

As a child, Celeste Kling grew up going to the YMCA camp in Estes Park. Now, Bob and Celeste have a cabin in the “shadow” of Mount Meeker, off Big Owl Road, where they have enjoyed adventures with their children and other family and friends for 30 years.

Bob and Celeste, 16-year members of EVLT, discussed why they changed to recurring monthly donations.

“Conservation of this beautiful area is important to us for the future of our family, for future generations, and for the ecosystem.”

“We switched to monthly giving for EVLT and other organizations we support to provide a sense of predictability by ensuring a dependable monthly cash flow.”

Setting up recurring sustainable donations is easy and secure. Go to [evlandtrust.org/donate](http://evlandtrust.org/donate).

