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March 23, 2020

Dear Members of the Estes Valley Land Trust,

First of all, I hope you and your family are well. This is an unprecedented time for us all and our focus is to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. For this reason, I want to share the operational changes we've employed to help protect the community while continuing to preserve land.

- The Estes Valley Land Trust office is closed until further notice. Staff and Board members will be working remotely. All email and voicemail will be returned within one business day. Feel free to leave a message for Jeffrey Boring, Executive Director, or Kenzie Hartt, Stewardship Coordinator, at evlt@evlandtrust.org or 970-577-6837. You can also contact Jeffrey directly via email: jeffrey.boring@evlandtrust.org or phone: 706-338-7827.
- 2. All conservation easements will be monitored and defended. The land trust is exploring monitoring and training options that limit physical contact and reduce risk to our members.
- 3. All spring and summer land trust events are on hold. This includes all breakfasts, our summer cookout and other special events. Staff are researching tools to host events online so that we can continue to stay engaged with each other, safely.
- 4. Our Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Plan is on schedule. Over 400 surveys have been received. Thank you to those that have already filled out the survey. The deadline to complete the survey has been extended to April 23 and can be completed <u>here</u>. Results of the survey will be used to identify conservation priorities and tools to preserve more land.

The Estes Park and surrounding community have been through a lot over the years and we will get through this as well. I look forward to seeing you and working together to preserve this special place, when the time is right.

Sincerely,

Robin Harding

President, Board of Directors Estes Valley Land Trust