



# 1% FOR OPEN SPACE

## Saving Paradise Pennies at a Time

### Who We Are

1% for Open Space is a consortium of local businesses working to permanently preserve open space in Gunnison County. This open space serves to protect our spectacular viewsheds, recreational access, wildlife habitat, ranching heritage, rural lifestyle, and watershed and ecosystem integrity.

Funds are collected through a voluntary 1% donation on top of products and services from participating business customers.

1% for Open Space is the oldest, most established and most successful collection program of its kind in the country. As of 2012, we have raised over 1.7 million dollars to preserve over 5,000 acres in Gunnison County. We are an independent, unaffiliated, 501c3 non-profit organization.



*Niccoli Ranch: 183 acres preserved in 2000 & 2006*



*The Rec Path: 131 acres preserved in 1997*

### Who Participates

There is no limit to what kind of business can participate. As of 2012 there are over 80 participating businesses in the program. They include restaurants, retail shops, realtors, building industry contractors, lodges, health and beauty service providers, artists, property managers, guiding companies, animal service providers, landscapers, educational institutions, and the local ski industries.

### Where It Goes

The Crested Butte Land Trust, the Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy, the Trust for Public Land, the Town of Crested Butte and the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory have all applied for, and received, money to purchase open space land. All donations accepted are available for use to any entity working to permanently preserve open space in the Gunnison Valley.



*Maxfield Meadows: 44 acres preserved in 2004*

## Areas of our funded properties



*Woods Walk: 83 acres preserved in 1999 & 2001*

**The East River Valley:** The East River Valley holds some of the most impressive examples of how helping local ranchers put conservation easements on their land also preserves critical viewsheds and wildlife habitat. Cold Spring Ranch and the Lazy F Bar Ranch begin the conservation in the East River Valley. North up the valley, Maxfield Meadows serves as the gateway to Gothic while the Ophir Load Mine preserves an area below Avery Peak. 1% has helped preserve 424 acres in this area through the funding of these properties.



*Cold Spring Ranch: 190 acres preserved in 2011*



*Paradise Divide: 28 acres preserved in 2007*

**High Elk Corridor:** The terrain of Gothic, Paradise Divide and Schofield Park is some of the most dramatic in our area and is comprised of 1,800 acres connecting the Maroon Bells Snowmass and Raggeds Wilderness Areas. Schofield Park borders sensitive outdoor research areas utilized by RMBL. Properties here include Paradise Basin of Baldy Peak, Crystal Peak, the pond at Paradise Divide, the Yule Creek Trailhead, Yule Creek and Schofield Park. 1% for has helped preserve over 177 acres in the High Elk Corridor.

### Almont to Mt. Crested Butte Corridor:

Driving into Crested Butte is an experience in itself with wide open hay meadows and a mountain range spreading out before you. The rural atmosphere and lifestyle are crucial to the area's economy and heritage. Easements on the Niccoli Ranch and Rozman Ranch are key components of this. Trails so close to town, such as the proposed Baxter Gulch Trail and the existing Rec Path, provide easy access to the outdoors for everybody. 1% has helped preserve over 993 acres through these projects.



*Rozman Ranch: 667 acres preserved in 2004 & 2008*