

Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund

*“Strengthening the heart of
Gunnison County”*

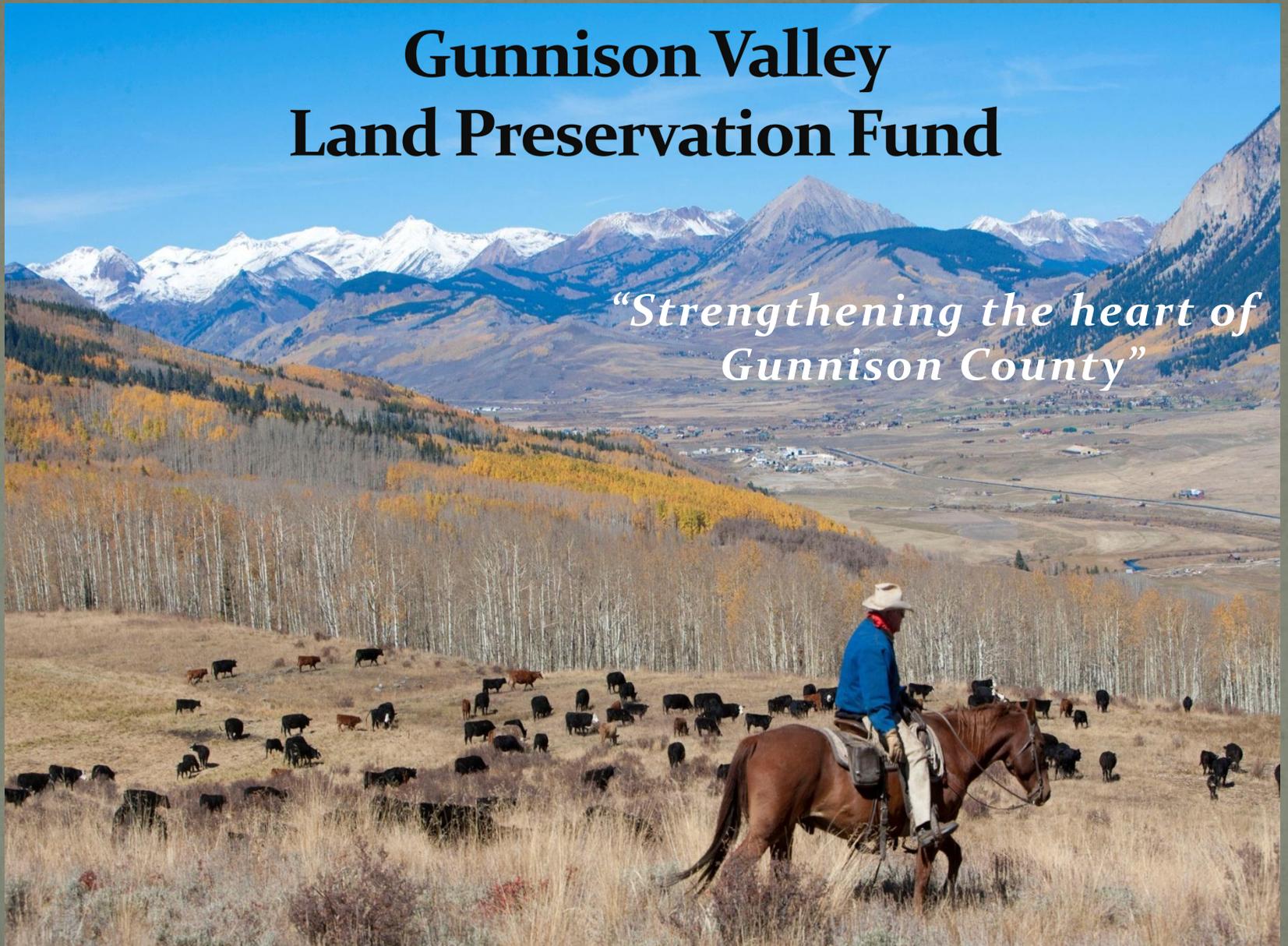


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~ Fred Field ~
Founding Father of Land Preservation Fund



photo courtesy Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy

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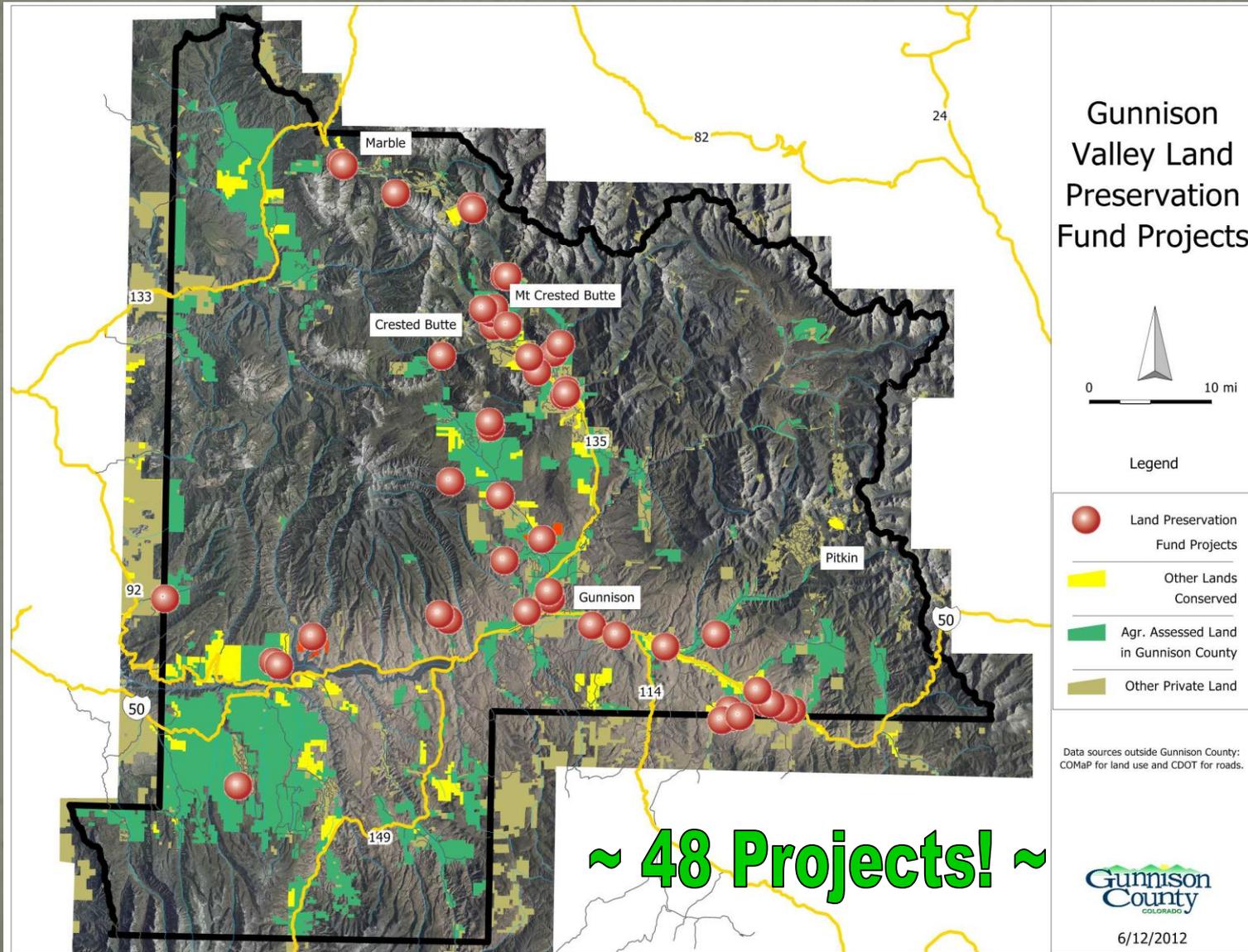
To permanently preserve open space, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, wetland areas, access to public lands, trails, and watershed protection for present and future generations.



Mike's Mile on Lower Loop Trail System

photo by Xavier Fane

Lands conserved since 1998



How Funding works ~

Base amount \$230,000 annually:

- **Gunnison County: approx. 37%**
- **City of Gunnison, Town of Crested Butte, Town of Mt. Crested Butte, each: 21%**

LPF donations provide *required* local matching funds for the successful projects of Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy, Crested Butte Land Trust, City of Gunnison, Town of Crested Butte, Trails Commission, RMBL, etc.

LPF dollars at work ~

- Local match dollars are leveraged **\$12 to \$1** from GOCO and other major funding sources.
- For every dollar we spend, we leverage **\$12** from out-of-county!
- Much of our revenue comes from our visitors, who greatly value open space.

LPF supports our ranching heritage



Mill Creek Ranch

photo courtesy Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy

Ranching helps drive our economy



Rozman Ranch

photo courtesy 1% for Open Space

...and provides wondrous vistas



Razor Creek Ranch

photo Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy

...throughout our valleys



Veltri's Cold Spring Ranch

photo by John Hess

LPF funds recreation and public access



Lupine Trail on Kochevar Parcel

photo by JC Leacock

Expanding possibilities



Building the new Budd Trail

photo by Ann Johnston

...and creating lasting memories



Lower Loop – Hiking, Biking, Horseback, Skiing

photo courtesy 1% for Open Space

Preserving Gunnison's grandeur



Dillon Pinnacles

photo courtesy National Park Service

Helping conserve important habitat



The former

Ochs Ranch

photo courtesy Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy

photo by Mike Danzenbaker

Providing fun family opportunities



West Tomichi Riverway Park

photos courtesy Ken Coleman and Dan Ampietro



LPF helped protect 2 RMBL research areas



Maxfield Meadow, near Gothic

photo courtesy Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory

Bridging communities



Slate River Bridge

photo by Kurt Reise – Crested Butte News

Enjoyment close to home



Ridgeline Trail

photo by Mike Pelletier

Real Accomplishments!

- Total acres protected to date: 16,426
- Total dollar value of projects: \$47,259,079
- Amount spent and committed by the Land Preservation Fund for projects completed: \$3,681,783
- Average value of land per acre: \$2880
- Land Preservation Fund's cost per acre for conservation: **\$355!**

A well-managed fund ~

- Our Community's and Visitors' dollars are spent to protect and preserve the foundation of our economy.
- The Fund is managed by an 8-member citizen board, putting money where voters want it to go.
- The Land Preservation Fund's \$12 to \$1 leveraging capability is ranked second in the state.

Ensuring what brings people here

and...

protecting and conserving why we live here



Kebler Pass Parcel

photo courtesy 1% for Open Space



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Kikel Parcel

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