

Tools for Land Management

Organizations Partnering to Help Landowners

Conservation & Restoration Resources for Mesa County Landowners

Private land management is often a multi-faceted endeavor that typically requires goal setting, planning, implementation, procurement of financial resources, and long-term monitoring and maintenance.



The chart below describes organizations that can be of assistance throughout the planning and implementation process. Many organizations partner on projects to provide the greatest benefit to the landowner.



How Organizations Can be of Assistance to You

Organizations & Local Contact Info	Site Visit	Create Plan, Goal Setting	Specific Mgmt. Guidance	Funding Assistance	Workshops & Training	Project Mgmt.	Other Notes
CSU Extension: SAM Program John Rizza; 970.243.5068 x. 128 www.ext.colostate.edu/sam	X	X	X		X		Services provided free of charge. Agreements are not required for consultation and guidance.
Mesa County: Noxious Weed Program Melissa Werkmeister; 970.255.7121 www.mesacounty.us/pest	X	X	X		X		Weeds can be identified for free through CSU Master Gardener Program at local County Extension Office.
Mesa Land Trust Ilana Moir, Diana Cort; 970.263.5443 www.mesalandtrust.org	X			X		X	Organization focuses on conservation easement donation and acquisition and buffer programs.
Natural Resources Conservation Service Russell Knight; 970.242.4511 x. 130 www.nres.usda.gov	X	X	X	X	X	X	All programs require full conservation plans, with demonstrated improvements to resources. Some programs require landowners to be ag. producers. When funds are acquired, a contract is mandatory.
US Fish & Wildlife Service Partners for Fish & Wildlife Corey Kanuckel (SW CO); 719.849.1081 Bob Timberman (NW CO); 970.723.4926 www.fws.gov/partners	X	X	X	X		X	Projects are typically accomplished upon large acreages, or with multiple landowners to benefit declining habitats or species. The Program often matches funds with other agency sources to increase project funding. A simple management Agreement ensures a quality project. Call for additional information.
Tamarisk Coalition Rusty Lloyd; 970.256.7400 www.tamariskcoalition.org	X		X	X	X		TC can provide guidance on riparian restoration techniques in areas affected by tamarisk, Russian olive and other associated weeds.



Interested in protecting or improving your land?

Want to do it all?! Not sure where to begin?

Resources for Mesa County

Are you looking for guidance on how to sustainably manage your property while potentially improving its value?

Maybe you want to provide more wildlife habitat or higher-yield pasture for your livestock? Perhaps you'd like to improve your soil and water quality, while reducing noxious weeds on your land?

Or possibly you're interested in protecting your land from future development?



Fortunately, there are a number of agencies and nonprofits within Mesa County that can help you plan, implement, and achieve your land management objectives.

Whatever your goal, the organizations described in this document can help you achieve your conservation results.



Colorado State University (CSU) Extension: Small Acreage Management (SAM)

The SAM program assists landowners with small acreage management and stewardship.

Mesa County: Noxious Weed Program

This program provides education and technical expertise on weed related topics.

Mesa Land Trust (MLT)

MLT conserves working farms and ranches, wildlife habitat, riparian corridors and scenic open space.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

NRCS's programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by natural disasters.

Tamarisk Coalition

TC provides education and technical expertise to landowners looking to restore riparian areas and associated uplands.

US Fish & Wildlife Service: Partners for Fish & Wildlife

Partners assists with voluntary habitat restoration on private lands, through financial and technical assistance.

