



Sweetwater Lake and its surrounding 488 acres previously faced ongoing threats of development before The Conservation Fund purchased it in 2020. Today, the land has been transferred to the U.S. Forest Service where it will remain protected and open for public access in perpetuity. To support the stewardship of the property for public use into the future, The Conservation Fund has created the Sweetwater Lake Stewardship & Equity Fund, which will grant over \$1 million to the Eagle Valley Land Trust for the Sweetwater Lake property.

This Stewardship & Equity Fund will be used for recreation-related improvements such as new dock construction, trail maintenance and signs. It is also designed to enhance opportunities for underserved communities to access and enjoy Sweetwater Lake and its amenities.

Much of this funding was accumulated through private donations for the project and grant funding from Eagle County. Now, those funds will go back into the property's ongoing maintenance for the community.

About The Conservation Fund

We make conservation work for America. By creating solutions that make environmental and economic sense, we are re-defining conservation to demonstrate its essential role in our future prosperity. Top-ranked for efficiency and effectiveness, we have worked in all 50 states since 1985 to protect more than 8.5 million acres of land.

Location

Garfield and Eagle Counties, Colorado

Partners

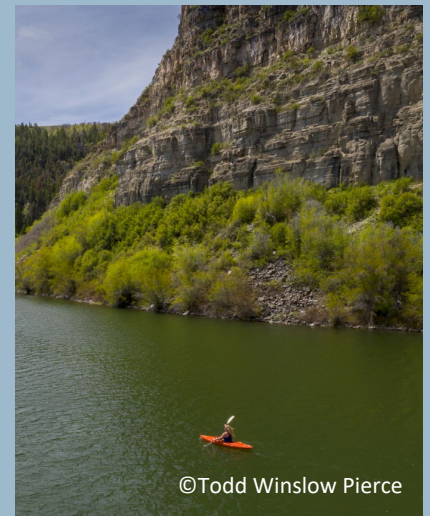
The Conservation Fund
Eagle Valley Land Trust
U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)

Stewardship & Equity Fund

\$1.1 million from The Conservation Fund to the Eagle Valley Land Trust

Funding Outcomes

- Assist Eagle Valley Land Trust and USFS in activating the property for public use.
- Enhance opportunities for underserved communities to enjoy the lake for years to come.
- Aid Eagle Valley Land Trust and the USFS's ongoing stewardship of the property.



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