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Land trusts and agriculture seminar at Mesa State

Grand Junction – The Seminar series on Natural Resources of the West: Agriculture continues Monday, Sept. 28, at 4:00 pm in room 111 of the new classroom building, 1400 Houston Ave., with a presentation on land trusts and agriculture by Colorado Conservation Trust’s Western Slope Program Director Chris Herrman.

Mr. Herrman will discuss land trusts and their work in Colorado, including current issues related to tax benefits and stewardship. Learn about the conservation easement tool that has protected more than two million acres in the state, with an additional 100,000 to 200,000 acres being protected each year. Specific Mesa County projects, focused on agricultural land protection, will be highlighted as examples. There will be ample time for discussion and questions.

Mr. Herrman has been a leader in the land conservation movement for more than 20 years, working in Pennsylvania with the Brandywine Conservancy and Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy and in the Western United States with the Land Trust Alliance. He currently serves as the Western Slope Program Director for the Colorado Conservation Trust. He has been involved in all aspects of private land conservation including planning, protection and stewardship.

He has managed conservation non-profits at all levels and is well versed in fundraising and organizational development and has lead many collaborative ventures that have resulted in strategic alliances, mergers and landscape scale conservation success.

Seminars are sponsored by the MSC Lectures and Forums committee and are held every Monday at 4 pm through the fall semester (except Oct. 12th) in the new classroom building, room 111. The seminars are free and open to the public. The schedule for the semester can be found at: http://home.mesastate.edu/~grichard/WSS/Nat_Res_SeminarF09index.html

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