

Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman Street
Denver Colorado 80203

Attn: Megan Holcomb

RE: **Final Report WSRF GRANTS – CMS 127247 CTGGI 2019-3078**
Anderson Lazy EA Conservation Easement

Dear Megan,

I am attaching the final report for the Anderson Lazy EA Conservation Easement, CMS 127247 – CTGGI 2019-3078. The Anderson Lazy EA easement closed on March 25, 2019. Your funding helped complete this valuable easement in the upper Rio Grande.

We would like to thank the CWCB for funding this project to ensure that senior water rights remain in the basin. I am attaching the recorded Deed of Conservation Easement for your records.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Judy Lopez
SLV Conservation Project Manager
Colorado Open Lands

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This water right provides flood irrigation to 60 acres of alfalfa and grass mix and 80 acres of wet meadow. The remainder of the property is riparian area and remains productive due to sub-irrigation and ensures that the existence of this important wildlife corridor that supports deer, elk, bear, raptors and the southwest willow flycatcher.

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