

Blue Trails: Improving Recreation and Protecting Rivers in the Intermountain West



American Rivers
Rivers Connect Us





**How Can American Rivers
Help Communities?**



Blue Trail Criteria

- **Recreational and Social Values**
- **Conservation Values**
- **Community Support and Involvement**

Verde River Blue Trail





Verde River, AZ

Eagle/Colorado River Blue Trail



Eagle County Open Space

— Major Highways
 □ Parcel Boundary

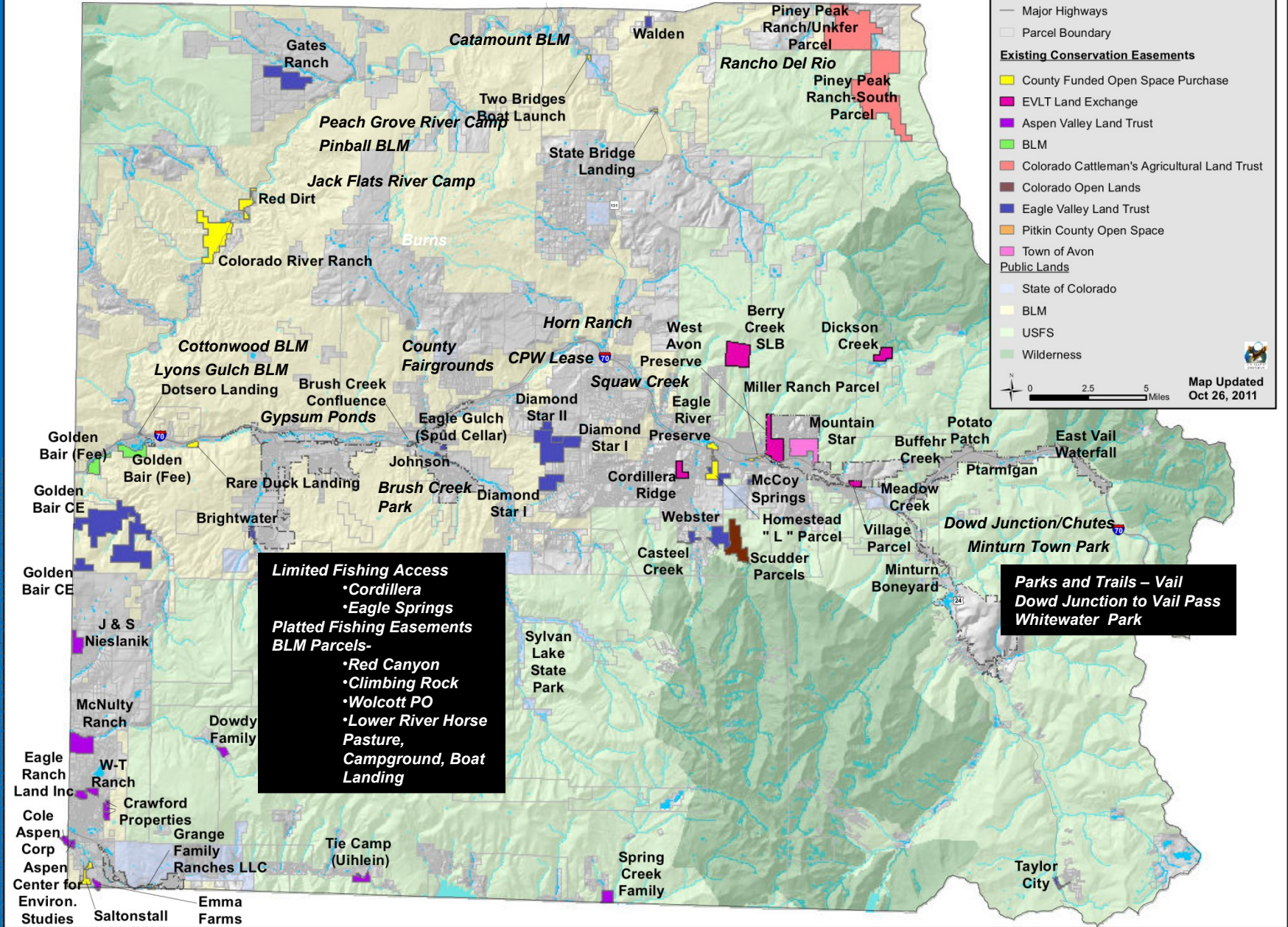
Existing Conservation Easements

- County Funded Open Space Purchase
- EVLT Land Exchange
- Aspen Valley Land Trust
- BLM
- Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust
- Colorado Open Lands
- Eagle Valley Land Trust
- Pitkin County Open Space
- Town of Avon

Public Lands

- State of Colorado
- BLM
- USFS
- Wilderness

0 2.5 5 Miles
 Map Updated Oct 26, 2011

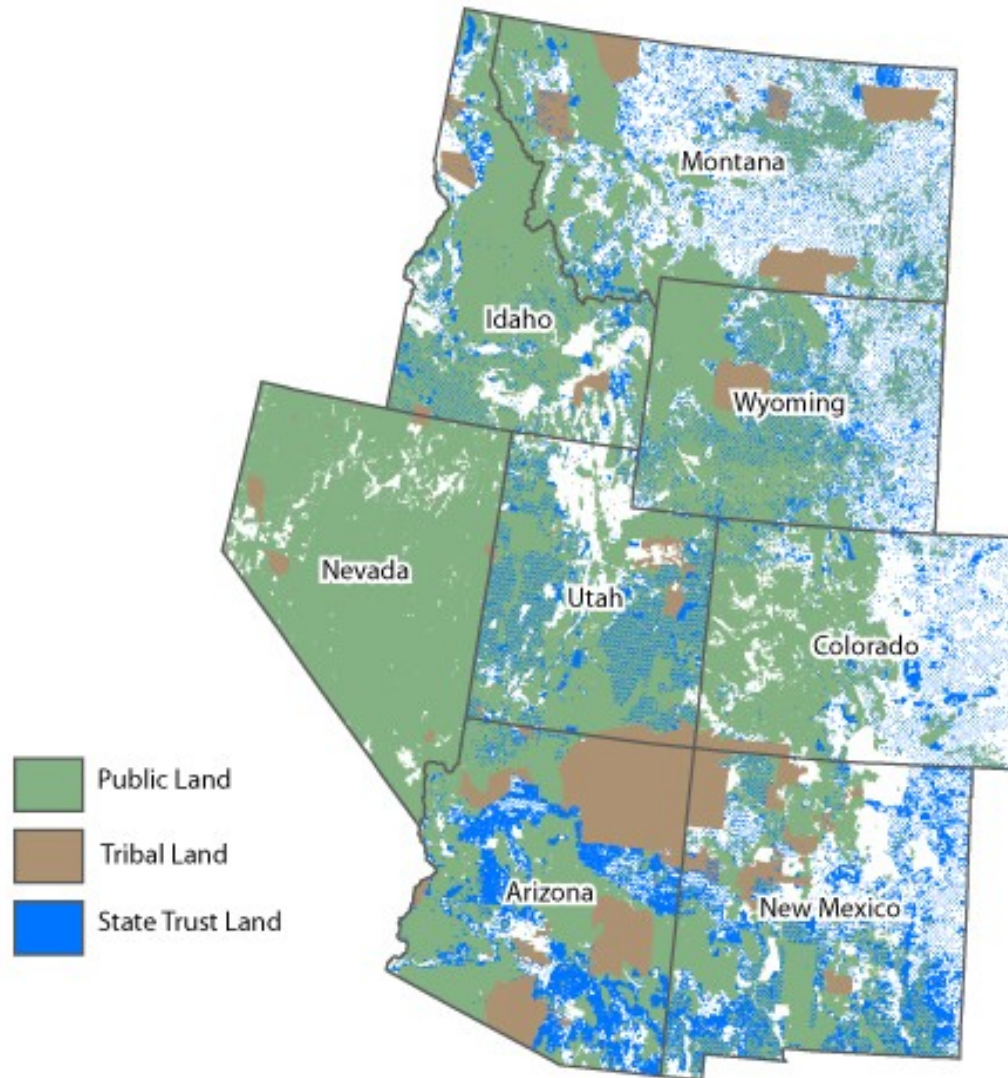


Eagle and Colorado River Open Space and Recreation Access



Eagle River, CO

Intermountain West



Intermountain West Blue Trails

Green River, UT



Outcomes

- **Strategic Network of Blue Trails**
- **Connecting Communities to Rivers through Recreation**
- **Strong Community Input and engagement**

Bringing it all together with a Blue Trail

- Help Identify Land and access needs
- Uniform Information Source
- Mobile Web Site, Social Media
- Maps and Guides
- Increased economic impact
- Greater Youth engagement
- Increased Funding potential
- Greater Connection of locals and visitors to their rivers



Questions?

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