



# **Innovations on the Land: Resilient Farms and Ranches**

**August 1-3, 2021 | Steamboat Springs, Colorado**

## Welcome to Sand County Foundation's 2021 Innovations on the Land Symposium!

I am so grateful we're able to gather together in-person thanks to you: our sponsors, speakers and participants who are committed to conservation in agriculture.

As a native of Steamboat Springs, I'm delighted to welcome you to Colorado! Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the conservation mentees who are here with us as part of Sand County Foundation's Land Ethic Mentorship Program for Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers.

The next two days will energize you as you take in the scenery and connect with others who care about the issues you care about, and are eager to learn and share alongside you.

Our theme is resilience. As ranchers, farmers and forestland owners, we face challenges that test us. Extreme weather, wildfires, a pandemic, and changing agricultural policies and market dynamics are just a few. But we demonstrate our resilience every day.

You'll come away from this symposium with new ideas for building more resilience into your business, and you'll be armed with ways to thoughtfully engage consumers who need and deserve a better understanding of how ranchers and farmers care for our natural resources.

I encourage you to invest yourself in our sessions, to learn a lot, and to become better acquainted with others here for the same purpose. Most of all, as our late founder Reed Coleman would say, have fun!

Sincerely,

Lynne Sherrod

**Sand County Foundation Chairman**





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# AGENDA

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**

**3 – 4 PM | Registration | Korbel Foyer**

**4 PM | Valley Views (Weather Permitting)**

Gather at 3:45 PM at the Steamboat Grand main entrance for the short walk to the Christie Express Chair Lift.

**5 – 7 PM | Welcome Reception and Registration | Emerald Tent Pavilion**

## **MONDAY, AUGUST 2**

**7 – 8 AM | Continental breakfast and Registration | Korbel Foyer**

**8 AM | Opening Speakers | Korbel Ballroom**

Lynne Sherrod – Sand County Foundation Chairman

Jimmy Emmons – Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award recipient

**9 – 10:15 AM | Making Ecosystem Services Markets Part of Your Resilient Business (SPONSORED BY FIELD TO MARKET)**

Harry Pelle – Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award recipient

Terry Fankhauser – Colorado Cattlemen’s Association

George Kelly – Quantified Ventures

Dallas May – Colorado Leopold Conservation Award recipient

Rod Snyder – Field to Market - Moderator

## **BREAK**

**10:30 – 11:45 AM | Leveraging Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Opportunities on Private Land (SPONSORED BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY)**

Jim O’Rourke – Nebraska Leopold Conservation Award recipient

Sarah Sortum – Nebraska Leopold Conservation Award recipient

Jerry Doan – North Dakota Leopold Conservation Award recipient

Joel Ferry – Utah Leopold Conservation Award recipient

Nancy Labbe – The Nature Conservancy

Lance Irving – Sand County Foundation - Moderator

**NOON – 1:15 PM Lunch | Emerald Tent Pavilion (SPONSORED BY FARM CREDIT)**

Featuring Todd Van Hoose – President and CEO, Farm Credit Council

**1:30 – 2:45 PM | Building Income through Renewable Energy  
(SPONSORED BY ENEL GREEN POWER)**

Chuck Coffey – Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award recipient

Marcus Krembs – Enel Green Power

Ethan Winter – American Farmland Trust

Byron Kominek – Jack’s Solar Farm

Tim Male – Environmental Policy Innovation Center - Moderator

**BREAK**

**3 – 4:15 PM | Diversifying with Value-added Food and Fiber (SPONSORED BY  
PANORAMA MEATS)**

Rosie Burroughs – California Leopold Conservation Award recipient

John Koepke – Wisconsin Leopold Conservation Award recipient

Kay Cornelius – Panorama Meats

Marshall Johnson – National Audubon Society

Bartlett Durand – Sand County Foundation - Moderator

**5:15 PM | Cocktail Social hour | Emerald Tent Pavilion**

**6:15 PM | Dinner | Emerald Tent (SPONSORED BY NCBA)**

Featuring University of Wisconsin Emeritus Professor Stanley Temple

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3**

**7 – 8 AM | Continental Breakfast | Korbel Foyer**

**8 – 10 AM | Communications Session: Telling your Story in Today’s  
Challenging Environment**

Johnna Miller – American Farm Bureau Federation

Nicole Small – Kansas Leopold Conservation Award recipient

Janie VanWinkle – Colorado Cattlemen’s Association

Casey Langan – Sand County Foundation – Moderator

**10:45 AM - 3 PM | Ranch Tour (SPONSORED BY WARNER COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY)**

Buses load 10:30 - 10:45 AM at Steamboat Grand main entrance



## **OPENING SPEAKER**

# **JIMMY EMMONS**

An international leader in the soil health movement, Jimmy served as the regional director for USDA's Farm Production and Conservation Program. He recently joined the Oklahoma Conservation Commission as its Soil Health Mentoring Coordinator. Jimmy and his wife Ginger, manage 2,000 cropland acres and 5,000 rangeland acres with regenerative techniques in Dewey County. They received Oklahoma's first Leopold Conservation Award in 2017.



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## **Making Ecosystem Services Markets Part of Your Resilient Business**

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### **TERRY FANKHAUSER**

Terry was named Executive Vice President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) in October of 2001. He joined CCA as the Director of Membership in 2000 where he worked with membership recruitment and retention, industry issues; and served as a beef quality assurance coordinator for Colorado. He also serves as a board member and executive director of Partners for Western Conservation, and organization founded by CCA, to implement market-based conservation and ecosystems services to benefit wildlife, the environment, landowners, and the regulated community. Prior to CCA, Terry worked as a ruminant nutrition consultant throughout Kansas, Wyoming, and Colorado. A native Kansan, he grew up on a cow-calf operation in the Flint Hills that he and his wife Hidi, are actively involved in.



### **GEORGE KELLY**

George joined Quantified Ventures in 2021 as a managing partner. He had most recently served as the CEO and Founder of Bespoke Mitigation Partners (BMP) and Partner of Earth & Water Strategies. Prior to forming BMP, he was the Chief Market Officer for Resource Environmental Solutions (RES). George led market initiatives for RES, with a focus on expanding the organization's client base, geographic footprint, and wetland, stream, nutrient, and species offset markets. In this capacity, he spearheaded RES' efforts to open nutrient and stormwater markets in the Chesapeake Bay Region; species markets in the Appalachian, Western, and Midwestern U.S.; stream markets in Texas and the western U.S.; and wetland and stream restoration projects for water quality and carbon markets. He has been a leader in promoting environmental market policy and has worked extensively with landowners in delivering ecological restoration projects.

## **HARRY PELLE**

Harry bought his first tract of land his father in 1982 to hunt on and reconnect with nature. Today, Harry and his wife Karen own 1,800 acres of forest at Tallow Creek Farm. With their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren who also live and work on the farm, they've shown how forests can be sustainably managed for timber production, recreation, and desirable fish and wildlife habitat. Harry was named Kentucky Tree Farmer of the Year Award in 2013. Tallow Creek Farm received the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award in 2017.



## **DALLAS MAY**

Dallas and Brenda May and the families of their grown children own May Ranch near Lamar, Colorado. Since 2015, their land has been monitored for rangeland health as part of an innovative carbon credit offset program with Ducks Unlimited that assigns a fair market value for sequestering carbon in the soil of grasslands. This first-of-its-kind project serves as a protocol for future grassland projects. Beef from their grass-fed cattle is marketed with a bird-friendly label by the Audubon Society's Conservation Ranching Program. Earlier this year, May Ranch received the Colorado Leopold Conservation Award.



## **ROD SNYDER – MODERATOR**

Rod has served as President of Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture since 2014. Field to Market is a diverse alliance working to create opportunities across the agricultural supply chain in the United States for continuous improvements in productivity, environmental quality, and human well-being. Prior to this role, Snyder held positions as Public Policy Director for the National Corn Growers Association and Government Affairs Leader for CropLife America. He is particularly recognized for his work at the intersection of agricultural and environmental issues. In 2015, Snyder co-founded the Sustainable Agriculture Summit, which has grown to be the largest and most prominent annual sustainable agriculture conference in North America. He resides on his family's farm in Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia.



## Leveraging Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Opportunities on Private Land

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### **JIM O'ROURKE**

Jim and his wife Lora have roots in education and the land. They both grew up on working ranches, have degrees in Range Science and are long time members of the Society for Range Management. Their careers involve passing their knowledge of natural resources to others. Since taking the reins of RuJoDen Ranch in 1988 they've put what they know about conservation into action by practicing long-established practices of rangeland management such as deferred rotation grazing or what some now call cell grazing. The O'Rourkes received the Nebraska Leopold Conservation Award in 2018.



### **SARAH SORTUM**

Sarah and her brother Adam Switzer are committed to agricultural conservation practices and connecting others with nature in Nebraska. In addition to custom grazing beef cattle on 12,000 acres of native prairie, they operate a nature-based tourism business. They offer lodging, event space, river float trips, and eco-tours of the Sandhills. They use fire and grazing to improve habitat for native prairie grouse. The Switzer Ranch was selected as the 150th recipient of a Leopold Conservation Award earlier this year.



### **JERRY DOAN**

Jerry and his wife Renae and their children are the fourth and fifth generations to own Black Leg Ranch. They use cover crops, an intensive grazing system, and no-till farming practices to manage the 17,000 acre farm and ranch. They follow holistic management techniques to improve rangeland, natural resources, wildlife and the bottom line. To diversify they opened a hunting/outfitting business and a brewery on the ranch. Black Leg Ranch received the first North Dakota Leopold Conservation Award and NCBA's National Environmental Stewardship Award in 2016.

## **JOEL FERRY**

Elected to the Utah House of Representatives in 2018, Joel ranches with his father John and uncle Ben. They embrace land management practices that improve soil health, water efficiency and wildlife habitat on 3,200 acres of irrigated farmland, 15,000 acres of wetlands and 20,000 acres of rangeland. Their grazing practices have led to a rehabilitation of thousands of acres of prime state and federal wetlands. Their ranch, JY Ferry & Son, Inc. received the Utah Leopold Conservation Award in 2019.



## **NANCY LABBE**

Nancy was raised on a ranch in the Sandhills of Nebraska. She has worked in a variety of capacities in the beef and bison production sectors. She has also served on the boards of the Colorado Beef Council and US Meat Export Federation, positions appointed by the Governor of Colorado. At The Nature Conservancy, Nancy is responsible for engaging and supporting grazing lands coalitions and other rancher led collaborations throughout the five-state region to support conservation outcomes and local communities, and connect ranching and grazing lands initiatives with the beef industry's sustainability efforts. She was part of the inaugural board of the US Roundtable for Sustainable Beef and co-led the Indicator Working Group that laid the groundwork for the US Beef Industry Sustainability Framework.



## **LANCE IRVING - MODERATOR**

Lance took the helm as the national program director of the Leopold Conservation Award in 2016. He has more than 15 years of experience in the outdoor sporting goods industry, and was a professional wilderness hunting and fishing guide. Much like Aldo Leopold, he's an avid outdoorsman enhancing bird, wildlife and pollinator habitat by returning native prairie and trees to former cropland on his small Wisconsin farm.



## LUNCH SPEAKER

# “Washington Update on Issues Impacting Agriculture”

(LUNCH SPONSORED BY FARM CREDIT)



## **TODD VAN HOOSE** **PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** **FARM CREDIT COUNCIL**

Todd leads the national trade association’s efforts to represent the Farm Credit System’s interests before Congress, the Administration, and various federal regulatory agencies. Todd has more than 30 years of experience navigating political and policy challenges in Washington, D.C., working in Republican administrations, on Capitol Hill, and for the Farm Credit System. Focusing on agricultural and financial services policy,

Todd has worked directly on five Farm Bills, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley and Dodd-Frank banking bills, and a variety of other major legislation. Since re-joining the Farm Credit Council in 2016 as CEO, Todd focused intensely on modernizing Farm Credit’s approach to policy debates in D.C. Integrating traditional lobbying efforts with a cutting-edge communications campaign and a well-developed reputation management program, Todd’s team at the Farm Credit Council today successfully promotes and defends Farm Credit’s important mission to support rural communities and agriculture.



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### **MARCUS KREMBS**

Marcus is Enel's Head of Sustainability for the USA and Canada, responsible for integrating sustainable business and stakeholder management practices into each of the business lines in North America: Enel Green Power, Enel X and Trading. Marcus established Enel North America's sustainability department in 2015 and is responsible for applying Enel's Creating Shared Value model and directing a community affairs and sustainable solutions team focused on the company's pillars of sustainability and Circular Economy. Marcus has worked for 20 years in progressive roles within environmental markets, advisory and corporate sustainability with leading engineering, environmental commodity marketing and energy companies.



### **ETHAN WINTER**

Ethan joined American Farmland Trust (AFT) in June 2021 as Northeast Solar Specialist. In this role, Ethan is building on AFT's regional leadership in advancing smart solar siting strategies and cross-sector engagement to develop best practices for agrivoltaics and regenerative farmland management on solar projects. Previously, he was a Project Developer and Senior Community Engagement Manager for Cypress Creek Renewables. Ethan led the Land Trust Alliance's flagship New York Program for 13 years, expanding a statewide network of local land trusts, developing climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives and advising on state policy recommendations for siting large scale renewable energy development.

## **BYRON KOMINEK**

Byron Kominek is the owner and manager of Jack's Solar Garden, a 1.2 MW community solar garden in Boulder County, Colorado that is the largest agrivoltaics research site in the US. He is also the Executive Director of the Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center, the nonprofit arm of Jack's Solar Garden providing educational opportunities to schools and community groups to learn about agrivoltaics. Byron is a former U.S. diplomat having served with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Zambia and Mozambique. He has over 15 years of experience in international development and natural resource management.



## **CHUCK COFFEY**

Chuck and his wife Ruth are a driving force behind Oklahoma's land stewardship movement. The fifth-generation ranchers, who obtained rangeland ecology degrees, share a desire to protect, conserve and regenerate natural resources. He's described as a fearless pioneer in trying new things that protect soil and grass. Off the ranch, Chuck has served as chair of the National Cattlemen's Beef Board and has co-authored two books on plant identification. The Coffeys received the Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award in 2019.



## **TIM MALE, PHD – MODERATOR**

Tim is executive director of the Environmental Policy Innovation Center, a fiscally-sponsored project of Sand County Foundation. A scientist by training, Tim has a wealth of experience working on national policies that create more innovative, effective, and incentive-focused approaches to wildlife conservation, drought response, finance for water supplies and quality, and agricultural stewardship. He served as the Associate Director for Conservation at the White House Council on Environmental Quality from 2014 to 2017.



## **Diversifying with Value-added Food and Fiber**

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### **MARSHALL JOHNSON**

Marshall Johnson is Audubon's Interim Chief Conservation Officer. Marshall joined Audubon 12 years ago, starting as a climate field organizer for the D.C. policy team. Since 2012, Marshall has served as Vice-President, Executive Director of Audubon Dakota. Beginning in 2018, the Audubon Dakota team under his leadership spearheaded the development and launch of the Northern Great Plains Grasslands strategy, which has conserved nearly 500,000 acres across the Dakotas, enrolling over 300 farmers, ranchers and communities within its programs. Marshall has also served as Vice-President for Audubon's Conservation Ranching Initiative, now America's largest regenerative, bird-friendly land certification, with endless promise of bringing grassland birds back, while serving as a critical natural climate solution across North America's fragile grasslands



### **KAY CORNELIJS**

Kay serves as general manager of Panorama Organic, the largest producer of 100 percent grass-fed and grass-finished certified organic beef in the U.S., spanning eight states and more than a million acres of organic rangeland. Kay is a fourth-generation rancher with deep roots in agriculture and livestock. She grew up on a family-owned crop and cattle ranch in Eastern South Dakota, and now ranches with her husband and son on an award-winning multigenerational Hereford cattle ranch in Colorado. Kay has focused the majority of her career on working with natural meat companies. She spent the last 17 years with Coleman Natural and Niman Ranch, most recently as vice president of food service and retail sales at Niman Ranch.

## **ROSIE BURROUGHS**

Rosie and her husband Ward farm with their children and their families in the rolling foothills of the San Joaquin Valley of California. They are carrying on the Burroughs family farming legacy which spans over a century. The Burroughs' are committed to Organic/Regenerative family farming and to promoting the preservation of quality farmland in a way that nourishes and regenerates the land & enhances the soil, air, water and overall environment.

Burroughs Family Farms is the marketing flagship for organic/regenerative, grass-based, pasture-raised, value-added products including almonds, beef, cheese, eggs, sheep, olive oil & turkeys. They received the California Leopold Conservation Award in 2020.



## **JOHN KOEPKE**

John and his family are the fourth and fifth generations of Koepkes to milk cows. The family has received several dairy industry accolades for their superior Holstein cattle breeding and milk production. One cow named “Granny” lived to be 20 years old and held the world record holder for lifetime milk production. The Koepke’s premium milk is made into semi-soft aged wheels of cheese sold under the LaBelle label. Koepke Family Farms received the Wisconsin Leopold Conservation Award in 2011.



## **BARTLETT DURAND - MODERATOR**

As Director of Water Quality Partnerships for Sand County Foundation and the Environmental Policy Innovation Center, Bartlett facilitates agreements that allow municipalities and utilities to achieve water quality goals by working with farmers and agriculture groups. He’s a creative attorney and businessman with experience in complex litigation and mediation. Once tagged by national media as the “Zen Butcher, he owns a retail butcher shop in Madison, Wisconsin called The Conscious Carnivore.



## DINNER SPEAKER

### **“Why is it the ‘Leopold’ Conservation Award?”**

(DINNER SPONSORED BY NATIONAL CATTLEMEN’S BEEF ASSOCIATION)



### **STANLEY TEMPLE, PHD**

Stan Temple is the Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation in the Department of Wildlife Ecology and at the University of Wisconsin. This is the position first held by Aldo Leopold. Teaching and following in Leopold’s footsteps has allowed Dr. Temple to promote Leopold’s land ethic and conservation ideas around the world.

A noted ornithologist, Dr. Temple has worked on international conservation problems, and has helped save several rare endangered species. He has received the highest honors bestowed by The Society for Conservation Biology and The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology; he is a Fellow of The American Ornithologists’ Union, The Explorer’s Club, the New York Zoological Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Temple has been Chairman of the Wisconsin Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and President of The Society for Conservation Biology. He was recently inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. He has served on editorial boards or as editor of several wildlife publications, including Bird Conservation, which he founded. Dr. Temple’s career in conservation and ecology has been characterized by interdisciplinary approaches to solving environmental problems and energetic contributions to the conservation movement globally. He is a longtime member of the Sand County Foundation Board of Directors.

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## **Communications Session: Telling your Story in Today's Challenging Environment**



### **JOHNNA MILLER**

Johnna Miller has been with the American Farm Bureau Federation for 20 years and currently serves as Director of Media and Advocacy Training. Johnna fills a unique training role that stems from her previous life as a general assignment reporter for television stations in Charleston, WV and Greenville, NC. A Colorado native, she now uses her media background to design and offer media, advocacy and social media workshops to Farm Bureau staff and volunteers throughout the country, as well as other agricultural organizations. She is also the coordinator of AFBF's Partners in Advocacy Leadership program and co-coordinator of the Grassroots Outreach Team. Johnna spent 12 years in AFBF's Communications Department, where she produced podcasts, radio and video stories on top of her media training duties.



### **JANIE VANWINKLE**

Janie is a lifelong beef producer in western Colorado. She and husband, Howard, currently own and manage 550 head of cattle in Mesa County. Their son, Dean, graduated from Kansas State University this Spring and has returned to join the family business. Working cooperatively with the City of Grand Junction, they lease three ranches owned by the City at Whitewater. They own and manage several other Agricultural properties around the Grand Valley. The VanWinkles are active in their community, and were recognized as Colorado Cattlemen's Association CPW Landowner of the Year in 2019. Janie is Immediate Past President of Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

## **NICOLE SMALL**

On Facebook and in the blogosphere, she's known as A Kansas Farm Mom. That's where Nicole ag-vocates and shows her thousands of followers the unpredictable, comical, and sometimes heart-wrenching sides of agriculture. She and husband Randy raise boys, cattle, grass and crops at 2S Land & Cattle. They use rotational grazing, no-till practices, and are leaders in relay cropping at their sixth-generation ranch and farm in the Verdigris River Basin. The Smalls received the Kansas Leopold Conservation Award in 2016.



## **CASEY LANGAN - MODERATOR**

Casey is Sand County Foundation's communications director. His experience in agricultural policy and communications includes stints writing for a weekly agricultural newspaper, serving as an aide to a farmer-legislator in the Wisconsin State Assembly, and eight years as the spokesman of Wisconsin's largest farm organization, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. Casey grew up on his grandparents' dairy and tobacco farm, and serves on his local city council.





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## **Ranch Tour**

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### **JIM AND JO STANKO – STANKO RANCH**

Stanko Ranch has been in the Stanko family since 1907. Jim and Jo manage the ranch with their son Pat, his wife Jan, and their two children. They place a high priority on range management with rotational grazing, a vigorous weed control program, and preservation of sagebrush to promote sage grouse habitat. The Stankos received the Colorado Leopold Conservation Award in 2010. Passing the ranch to the fourth generation has become more complicated due to exorbitant land values in this recreation destination. The tools used include a partnership, conservation easements, gifting and direct investments, both financially and with time and labor, by Pat and Jan to ensure that the ranch remains in family hands. Besides working as the 4-H agent for 15 years, Jim is recognized as a local historian and has co-authored two books of local history, and has served on boards at the local, state and national level. Jo taught grades K- graduate school for 30 years, she has served on boards of educational and agricultural organizations, especially local, state and national Cattlewomen's organizations.

## **MARSHA DAUGHENBAUGH – ROCKING C BAR RANCH**

Marsha is part of a multi-generational ranching family, based in the Elk River Valley near Steamboat Springs. She and her husband, John, chose to stay in the region, ranch and raise their family in a location that is known for pristine waters and lots of snow. Marsha's professional career of over 40 years included 25+ years with USDA Farm Service Agency and 15 years as Executive Director of Community Agriculture Alliance, a non-profit serving Northwest Colorado. She has been instrumental in developing and implementing community-based programs, meetings, workshops, tours and educational opportunities that underscore the importance of agriculture to the economy and culture of Colorado. Marsha remains a passionate activist for agriculture, open space, working landscapes, the protection of healthy, abundant natural resources and local community. She currently serves on the Colorado Water Trust Board of Directors and the YWG Roundtable Integrated Water Management Plan committee.



## **CJ MUCKLOW – COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

CJ has spent his entire work career of 30 plus years with Colorado State University Extension. He has worked as a 4-H Agent, Agriculture Agent, County Director and for the last decade as the Regional Director for Extension in Western Colorado. He has a B.S. in Animal Science and a Master of Agriculture, both from Colorado State University. He is also an alumnus of the Colorado Ag Leadership program. CJ has served on several nonprofit boards and is frequently asked to participate in a broad range of community development projects. CJ's passion for rural communities and the viability of Agriculture throughout Colorado is apparent in all aspects of his work.



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