

Amanda Nims – Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Amanda Nims joined Colorado Parks and Wildlife in 2017 and is the Program Manager for CPW's Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program (CWHP or "RFP"). Since the CWHP was established in 2006, the Program has invested \$140 million to protect 253,000 acres, and now averages \$10million/ year for landowners who want to conserve in perpetuity their property's wildlife habitat, and/or provide access to the public for fishing and hunting. Amanda is also responsible for managing the State's Conservation Easement Stewardship Program, which oversees the stewardship of CPW's 183 conservation easements on more than 225,000 acres. Amanda has 15 years experience working in private land conservation across 3 states. Prior to joining CPW, Amanda worked for 6 years at Colorado Open Lands as their senior project manager, working with diverse partners to complete complex land, water, and public access conservation deals across the state of Colorado. Before coming to Colorado to protect land and water in the West, her career began in New England, working for The Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island, the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, USDA's Farm Service Agency, and on her family's farm in Western Massachusetts.