

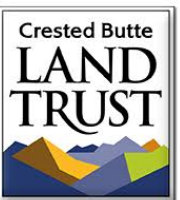


Stand Up Paddleboards or Great Blue Herons?

Managing Conflicting Community Values



CAST Presentation
October 25, 2019

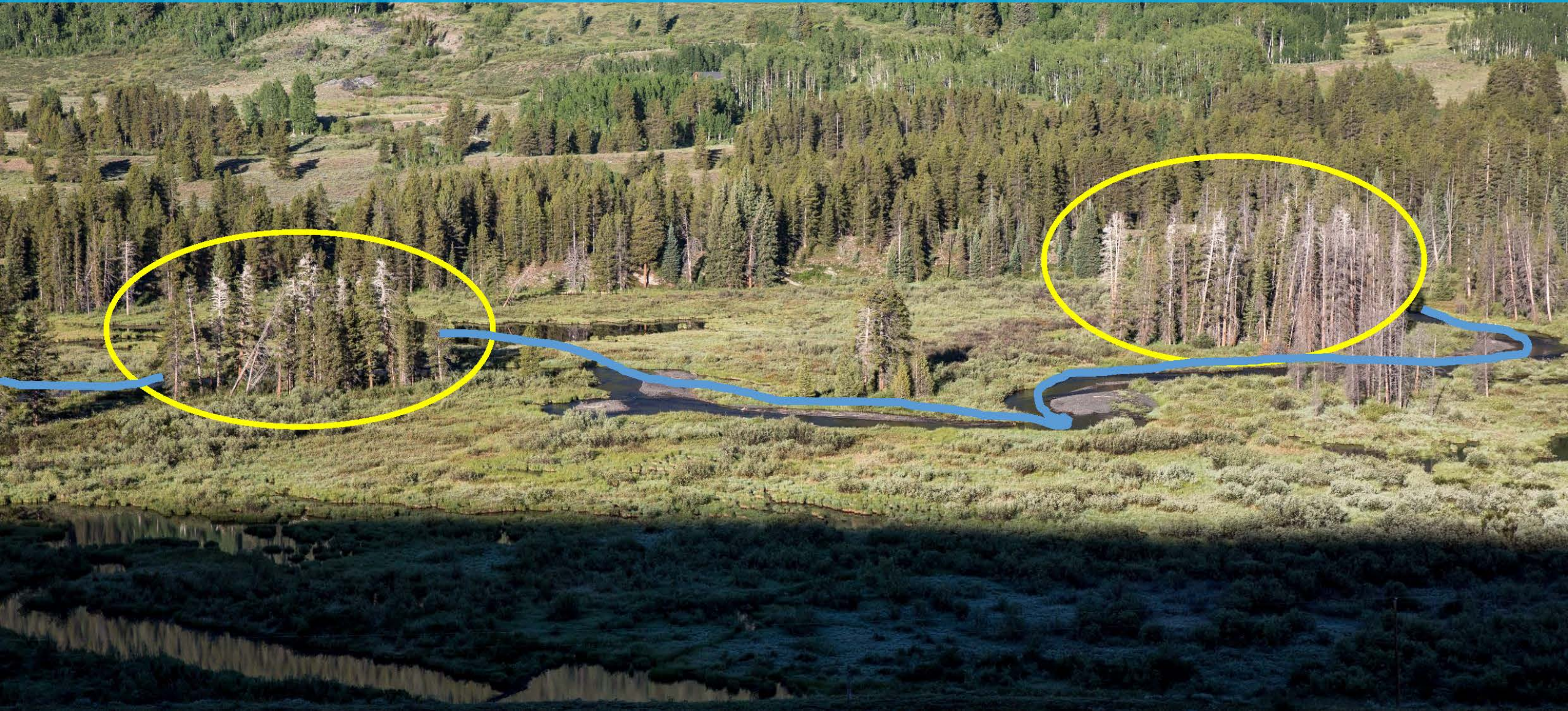


Project Background





Rookery: A breeding colony of rooks, typically seen as a collection of nests high in a clump of trees





History of the Crested Butte Land Trust





Conservation Values

The Land Trust and Town seek to balance the protection of:



Scenic Views



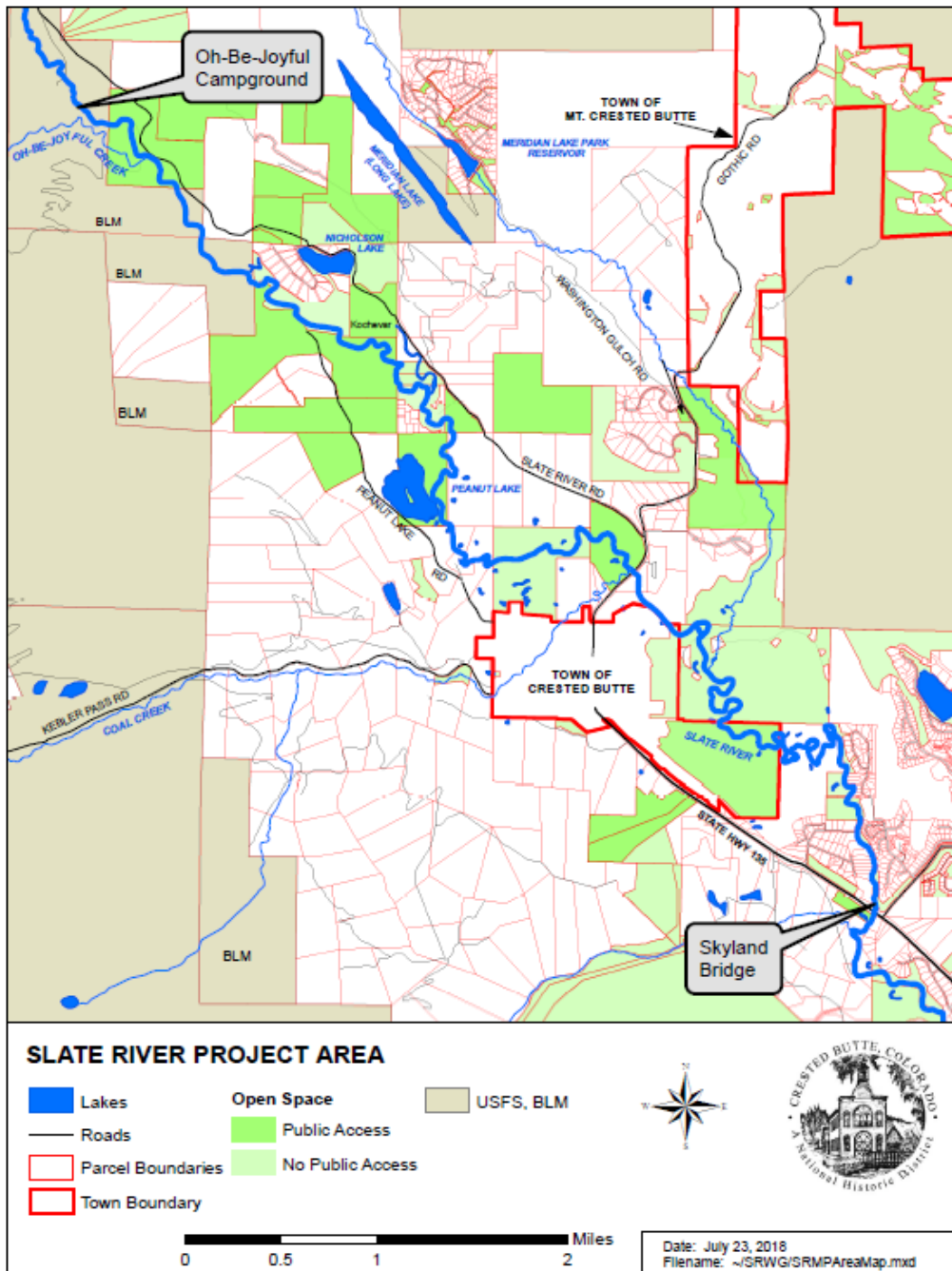
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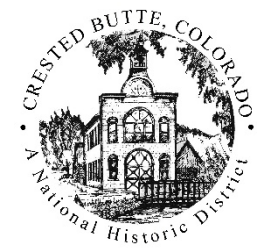
Agriculture



Wildlife



Many of us have a stake in the Slate River...



+ Private Property Owners
+ Local Ranchers



Slate River Working Group

Formation & Process





Key Issues & Management Solutions

- Private Property Rights
- Agricultural Rights
- Wildlife Impacts
- Variable River Flows
- River Etiquette
- Access and Legal Framework
- Infrastructure Needs

2019 SLATE RIVER FLOATING MANAGEMENT PLAN



October 2018

Compiled by the Slate River Working Group
Crested Butte, Colorado



Management Plan Overview

The goal of the management plan is to provide a framework by which both short- and long-term adaptive management actions can be efficiently and effectively implemented.

The full plan can be viewed at:
<https://www.cblandtrust.org/projects/>

2019 Implementation

- Consistent Signage
- Community Outreach & Education
- Human Presence at Key Access Points
- Voluntary No-Float Period Through the Rookery Until July 15
- Conduct River Use Study
- Continue Great Blue Heron Study
- Continue to Determine Floating “Season” by Observing River Flows
- Enforce Commercial Use Limitations
- Temporary Restrooms at Key Access Points





Successes & Lessons Learned

- Human Presence is Key!
- New Issues Will Arise: Lower Stretch Landowner Concerns
- Adaptive Plan: Will we adjust the Voluntary No-Float Period?
- Always More Outreach: How Do I Reach These People?
- Funding & Capacity Constraints

Next Steps

- Re-Convene Working Group
- Debrief 2019 Season & Plan for 2020
- Determine Best Structure Moving Forward
- Release Management Plan Update
- Continue Seeking Funding for Human Presence



Questions or Comments?

