Spanish Peaks–Purgatoire River Conservation District Highlights Major Success Through CSCB Matching Grant Cost-Share Program

17,484 Feet of Livestock Fencing Built Through Local–State Partnership

The Spanish Peaks–Purgatoire River Conservation District (SP-PRCD) is proud to announce the successful completion of its **2025 Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB)** Matching Grant Cost-Share Program, which resulted in the construction of approximately **17,484 feet of new livestock fencing** across the district. This important conservation achievement directly benefited **13 local landowners**, strengthened agricultural operations, and improved natural resource stewardship throughout the region.

The project represented a true collaborative effort between local landowners, the District, and CSCB. Landowners contributed **$25,000** toward materials and labor, and SP-PRCD matched these dollars with a **$25,000 CSCB Matching Grant**, bringing the total investment in on-the-ground conservation improvements to **$50,000**.

Keith Mantelli, District Conservation Technician, led the project for SP-PRCD. The District chose a focus on fencing because of the vital role it plays in livestock management, rangeland health, and overall land stewardship. With more than 17,000 feet of new fence now in place, participating landowners are better equipped to manage livestock effectively while protecting soil, vegetation, and water resources.

A Strong Return on Local and State Investment

The CSCB Matching Grant Program demonstrates how **state tax dollars**—paired with local contributions—are used responsibly and effectively to support **worthwhile, measurable conservation activities**. This cost share program doubles the state dollars for maximum local impact. SP-PRCD's project showcases the District's commitment to improving natural resource conditions.

The District extends its appreciation to the **Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB)** for its continued support. CSCB's Matching Grants Program is a critical tool that empowers our district to deliver conservation solutions tailored to local needs.

For information about future grant opportunities or District programs, community members are encouraged to contact the Spanish Peaks–Purgatoire River Conservation District office at 3590 East Main Street in Trinidad, Colorado (spprcd@gmail.com).