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Stakeholder Notification/Public Notice

The Central Arizona Land Trust (CALT) is pleased to announce it is applying for a third renewal of its accreditation through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission in November 2026.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance (LTA), conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever.

A public comment period is now open through December 27, 2026. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission welcomes signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how CALT complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards go to:

http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-elements.

According to Becky Ruffner, Executive Director: "Having achieved national accreditation in 2016 and re-accreditation in 2021, re-accreditation in 2027 for the third time will be a proud accomplishment! CALT is one of only 480 accredited land trusts out of the 1,000 land trusts nationally. Day in and day out we operate in accordance with the LTA Standards and Practices, a rigorous set of operational guidelines in the areas of Governance, Finance, Transactions, and Stewardship. As a service provider to land owners wishing to permanently protect their family lands, Standards and Practices assure the integrity of our transactions and instill confidence in our organization."

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org/why-accreditation-matters/comment, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org.

Comments can also be mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments, 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments on CALT's renewal of accreditation application should be submitted by December 27th, 2026.

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