



Southern Plains Land Trust
GAINING GROUND FOR PRAIRIE WILDLIFE

“Lynching is the practice of murder by a group of people by extrajudicial action.” — Wikipedia

On May 25, 2020 millions of people across the world watched the lynching of George Floyd. Captured on cell phone video by horrified witnesses, millions more listened as the nearby crowd begged the officer for Mr. Floyd’s life for eight minutes.

This was not the first lynching of a person of color in 2020.

The Southern Plains Land Trust (SPLT) denounces police brutality, racism, and systemic injustice. The most recent examples of police brutality have their roots buried deeply in our country’s history of racial injustice and oppression. The [lives lost to it every year](#) cannot be replaced and should never be forgotten.

We raise our voices together with all those that demand justice for George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and the [thousands of others who have been silenced](#).

Black lives matter. Environmental justice matters. Inclusivity and equity matter. We call on all organizations in the land conservation and environmental community to join with us to create a just future for all.

SPLT commits itself to diversity, inclusivity, and equity. We strive for racial and environmental justice within our community of supporters and peers. As an organization dedicated to protecting biological diversity, we know that from great diversity comes great beauty and strength on the prairie and across the country.

We [recognize the need for diversity within the environmental movement](#).

We commit ourselves to systemic change and environmental justice.

As a non-profit land trust, we develop community ties through our educational outreach in southeast Colorado and will continue to be a conscious ally of people of color. As an employer, SPLT fosters inclusivity, equity, and continual learning for its staff and all-woman, racially diverse board members.

Our conservation of short grass prairie enables us to protect Colorado’s diverse natural beauty for *all* future generations.

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