



Cheryl Cwelich helps to build garden beds at Glacier farm in September.

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# CB farm reaps GOCO grant

## State supports labor, infrastructure at Glacier Farm

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A farm that sprouted along Hwy. 135 this summer is set to keep growing after Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) awarded Mountain Roots Food Project and the Crested Butte Land Trust funds to hire workers and to beef up infrastructure.

GOCO announced Friday that it had awarded \$526,957 to open space enhancement projects in Gunnison and Garfield counties. \$399,665 will go to the Aspen Valley Land Trust for park and farm projects in Marble and in the Roaring Fork River Valley. The remaining \$127,292 will go to Glacier Farm.

Mountain Roots and the Crested Butte Land Trust col-

laborated to launch Glacier Farm this summer. Mountain Roots supplied Americorps members and volunteers for farm days as well as agricultural expertise. The land trust contributed the land, which sits near the corner of Cement Creek Road and Hwy. 135.

With help from drip irrigation and a large load of chicken manure, Glacier Farm grew a large crop of radishes before cold weather ended production this year.

But future harvests, and project goals, are set to expand with support from the GOCO grant. The funds will pay for a harvest station, better irrigation systems, larger growing areas and will fund a graduate fellow who will develop a master plan for the farm. The fellowship will also help bring more volunteers to the farm and establish a labor model for longterm operations.

The grant “comes at the perfect time for Glacier Farm because in 2021 we will be establishing the majority of the agricultural infrastructure we’ll need to produce food on the land for many years to come,” said Holly Conn, executive

director of Mountain Roots.

“We have plans to amend soil and add irrigation to establish a half-acre of in-ground growing space, build a high tunnel and several ‘caterpillar’ tunnels to extend the season, purchase enough equipment and tools for small groups of volunteers to participate in all aspects of growing and harvesting,” she said.

About half of the funds will go to creating a four to six member farm corps that will provide training and jobs as well as paid internships for students interested in conservation and regenerative agriculture.

“This, too, is exciting because the Gunnison Valley needs more farmers. We’re hoping this program could be an entry point into farming, land management or conservation careers.” Conn said.

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# Hackers target GVH systems

## Patient data unaffected by ransomware attack

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Gunnison Valley Health’s (GVH) computer systems are back up and running after a ransomware attack led the hospital to shut down its internal communications servers.

The attack occurred on Nov. 14 and impacted local computers used to access the health

information of patients. That information, however, “was never compromised,” according to Trevor Smith, GVH’s director of management information systems.

“We don’t know all the specifics at this time, but we do know that a service-level account was compromised. We have remedied the vulnerability and rebuilt our security so service-level accounts cannot have this effect even if they are compromised again,” Smith said in an email.

Service-level accounts are those with elevated security in the healthcare provider’s system. GVH uses the accounts with third-party software instal-

lations and access.

Ransomware attacks involve malicious software that interrupts applications, networks and that may threaten to release or delete data if a ransom is not paid.

Smith said GVH did not pay a ransom to end the attack.

“GVH is fully operational for patient care, and we are just finishing up a few remaining connections to other facilities,” he said.

While the attack was ongoing, patient care was not impacted.

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