Your Name: Olivia Chandrasekhar

Your PIFP Organization: Palmer Land Trust

Please give a brief description of what you do for your organization:
I do an assortment of things, including monitoring the properties we have conservation easements on, helping to maintain our social media presence, and organizing volunteer programs.

What’s the most interesting thing you’ve learned in your fellowship so far?
Because of my time with Palmer, my awareness of the water crisis in this state—particularly in farming areas like the Lower Arkansas Valley—has grown enormously. Learning to identify trees native to Colorado was also pretty fun.

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?
I wanted the opportunity to live in Colorado Springs over the summer, be involved in the greater Colorado community, and get to know the state a little better.

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?
Climbing things, walking around, and generally being outdoors.

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?
I’m (probably) a math major.