



June 14, 2016

The Honorable Steve Daines
U.S. Senate
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: Designation of Alex Diekmann Peak in Montana
Letter of Support from the City of Whitefish, Montana

Dear Honorable Steve Daines:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to ask for your support in designating Peak 9,765, located south of Ennis, Montana, as "Alex Diekmann Peak". Prior to his passing on February 1, 2016, I had the pleasure of working closely with Alex on a 3,020 acre conservation easement located near the City of Whitefish, Montana. This landmark project, which Alex orchestrated, permanently protected the City's water supply while maintaining public access to recreational lands. Alex's tenacity, leadership, and vision are the reasons why this important project came to fruition for our community, and I cannot think of a more appropriate way to honor Alex than to advance legislation to recognize his legacy through the naming of Alex Diekmann Peak.

Over the course of Alex's renowned public-interest career, and before losing a heroic battle with cancer, he was responsible for the conservation of more than 50 distinct areas in Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho, and securing for the future over 100,000 acres of iconic mountains and valleys, river, ranches, and farms, and historic sites and open spaces.

Alex was a dear friend, colleague, and mentor. He is deserving of this recognition, and I urge Congress to recognize his abiding impact on our western landscapes in a formal and lasting way.

Sincerely,

City of Whitefish

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John M. Muhlfeld". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

John M. Muhlfeld
Mayor