

County Commission

## GALLATIN COUNTY

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

RE: Naming of Peak in Madison Range

Dear Senator Daines:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for the naming of a peak in the Madison Range south of Ennis, Montana, currently known by its elevation of 9,765 feet, Alex Diekmann Peak. The peak is approximately 7 miles from the Madison River, and straddles private land on the west side and public land on the east side.

Alex Diekmann worked tirelessly in Gallatin County and other areas across the States of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho to conserve over 100,000 acres of land in an effort to preserve our fish and wildlife resources, outdoor recreation lands and the beautiful landscapes we all enjoy. This significant impact in the area of conservation is one worthy of this recognition in a formal and lasting way.

Alex was truly gifted in this area. His community spirit, skills and commitment to conservation was unmatched. His desire to secure the future of the mountains, valleys, rivers, creeks, ranches, farms, historic sites and open spaces resulted in repeated success despite many odds along the way. Alex was instrumental in the passage of two ten-million-dollar Open Space bonds passing in Gallatin County which allowed for significant conservation efforts in our valley.

In addition to the conservation of thousands of acres within the Gallatin Valley, Alex also aided in the conservation of the spectacular Devil's Canyon in Wyoming's Craig Thomas Special Management Area, crucial fish and wildlife habitat and recreation access lands in Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains, along the Salmon River, and the Canadian Border; and vitally important and diverse lands across the Crown of the Continent in Montana, including key areas like Taylor Fork within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem; critical river access and history at Glacier National Park; essential wildlife corridors in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem; recreational trails and critical drinking water supply for the City of Whitefish; and beyond.


Alex Diekmann's life and work leaves a lasting legacy that honors the traditions and the future of our state and will benefit all Americans for the generations to come. We urge you to work diligently to advance legislation to recognize that legacy through the naming of Alex Diekmann Peak.

Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION

  
Joe P. Skinner, Chairman

  
R. Stephen White, Member

  
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