



AMERICAN FLY FISHING TRADE ASSOCIATION

June 22, 2016

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

Dear Senator Daines,

This past February, the conservation world lost a true champion to a long and heroic battle with cancer. Alex Diekmann's life was unfortunately shortened by cancer, but his legacy of protecting and preserving some of Montana's iconic and pristine landscapes will go on, forever. Alex worked tirelessly to guarantee permanent conservation and public access to an array of landscapes across the west, but Montana was his home and without a doubt some of his most successful efforts were realized in the Madison Valley. As such, it would only be fitting that an unnamed peak in the Madison Range be designated as Alex Diekmann Peak. Alex's conservation and public-benefit achievements are directly tied to the currently unnamed peak, which shadows the Sun Ranch and the Madison River. I strongly urge you to support any efforts to honor Alex with the naming of Alex Diekmann Peak.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Bulis".

Benjamin Bulis
AFFTA President and CEO