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

Dear Senator Daines,

The Madison River Foundation strongly supports the proposal to dedicate a currently unnamed mountain, Peak 9765 in the Madison Range, as Alex Diekmann Peak. The Madison Valley will remain an important wildlife corridor and the Madison River is ensured clean, cool water due to Alex's conservation efforts.

The impact of Alex's work here in the Madison Valley is immeasurable. He worked to ensure four miles of public access at the Madison River's Three Dollar Bridge. His easement on O'Dell Creek helped to transform a degraded landscape into a jewel of Madison County. This wetland restoration continues to serve as a model today. Alex's work has resulted in protections on 6 ranches in Madison County comprising 23,000 acres. All of this work provides open lands for wildlife, water resources, and ourselves.

There are countless other accomplishments that Alex Diekmann is directly responsible for in other areas – Devil's Canyon in Wyoming, Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains, the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and Glacier National Park. Over 100,000 acres of the Northern Rockies is secure for the future because of Alex's tireless efforts.

Alex Diekmann's life and work leaves a lasting legacy that will benefit all Montanans for generations to come. His community spirit allowed him to secure partnerships which funded essential conservation easements. These easements guarantee our spectacular scenery and wildlife resources will remain untouched for generations to come. Alex did this for the greater good, not for self-promotion.

The Madison River Foundation will honor Alex Diekmann posthumously with our 'Friend of the Madison' award this summer. Naming a peak in the Madison Range as Alex Diekmann Peak will honor Alex's legacy forever. The permanence of naming a mountain in Alex's name will be an extremely fitting tribute to a man who has made such an impact on our landscape.

Sincerely yours,



Liz Davis
Executive Director

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