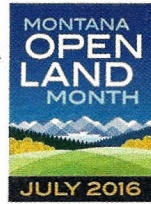


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The membership of the Montana Association of Land Trusts is united and unanimous in its full support of a proposal to name an unnamed mountain peak in the Madison Range after Alex Diekmann, a revered and respected member of our private land conservation family.

Alex passed away on Feb. 1, 2016, but his legacy will endure forever. His dedication to Montana conservation, his genius for complex conservation transactions, and his sheer determination to successfully complete those transactions enabled him to accomplish legendary conservation that will benefit Montanans for generations.

Conservation of wildlife habitat and expansion of recreational access at Taylor Fork in the Gallatin Valley, protection of a municipal water supply and support of forest health at Haskill Basin in the Flathead Valley, and restoration and enhancement of O'Dell Creek in the Madison Valley represent the best of Montana collaborative and community conservation. Alex Diekmann's poise, professionalism and passion were essential in each one.

Alex was a transactional genius. He was masterful at merging complex programs, funding sources, partnerships and projects into a seamless package that accomplished nothing short of miraculous results. He could have put that genius to work for a financial institution or business clients. Instead he put that genius to work for Montana and Montanans, for our landscape and our Montana mystique, and to inspire his contemporary peers and future conservationists to care for this special place called Montana.

The entire membership of the Montana Association of Land Trusts fully endorses – and lends its full support to – the proposal to give one of the Madison Mountain Range's majestic peaks the honorable name of Alex Diekmann Peak. It is wholly appropriate that Montana salutes the incredible work of Alex Diekmann by naming a peak in his honor that can be viewed – with awe – from the restored banks of O'Dell Creek.

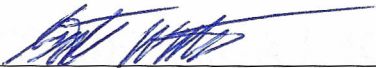
Alex was not only a special member of the land trust family, he was a treasured resource for all Montanans, and he richly deserves the incredible and respectful honor of Alex Diekmann Peak.

We, the Montana Association of Land Trusts, stand ready to assist any and all efforts in support of the congressional legislation to create Alex Diekmann Peak. We also stand ready to assist any and all Montana collaborative efforts to generate awareness for and support of this proposal.

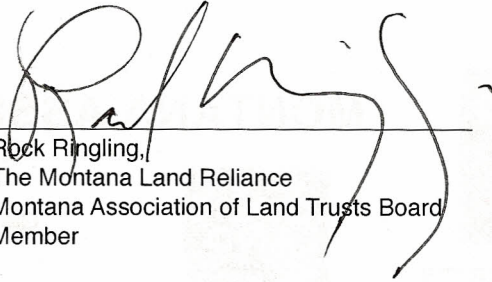
Thank you for supporting this proposed legislation and joining the broad coalition in recognizing the accomplishments of a man who literally changed the Montana map in compelling and wonderful ways that will benefit Montana as long as Montanans revere the beauty of Alex Diekmann Peak.

Sincerely,

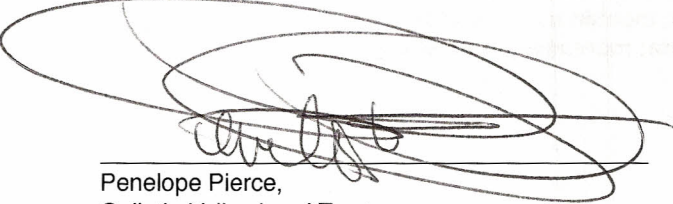
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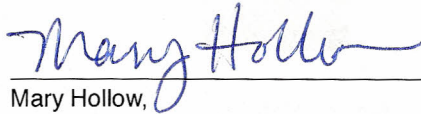
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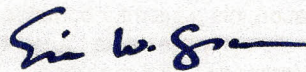
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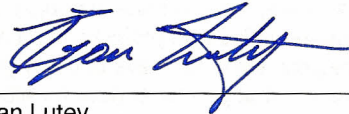
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