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Dear Montana Association of Land Trusts:

I am pleased to recognize July 2016 as “Montana Open Land Month” in the state of Montana.

This year we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Montana’s first conservation easement, created in 1976 in the Blackfoot River Valley. Since that time, Montana’s conservation values and entrepreneurial spirit have continued to ensure access to healthy, productive and unspoiled lands. These open spaces not only provide for vast scenic viewing and healthy wildlife populations but also contribute overwhelmingly to Montana’s tourism, agriculture and outdoor recreation industries. Montanans take great pride in our outdoor heritage—a legacy we are entrusted with and must safeguard for future generations. As Governor, I am proud of the efforts we have made to protect our clean air and pristine waters, and I commend the Montana Association of Land Trusts for their tireless devotion to private land conservation in the Big Sky State.

I encourage Montanans to acknowledge July 2016 as “Montana Open Land Month” and to take in the fresh air and scenic views that Montanans and the Montana Association of Land Trusts work so hard to conserve. These efforts truly do make Montana the Last Best Place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Bullock".

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor