

Making a Difference for Wildlife

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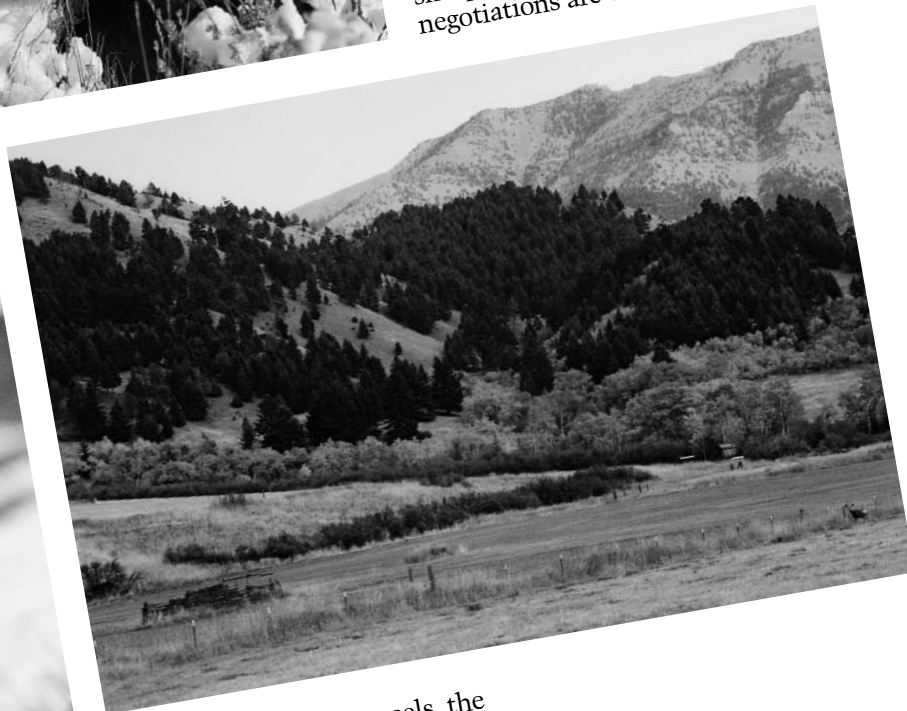


Gallatin Valley Land Trust
Southwest Montana, USA
Total Funds: \$3,000



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The Gallatin Valley Land Trust is pursuing negotiations with funding from the SCI Southwest Montana Chapter and the Mule Deer Foundation. The Southwest Montana Chapter also will help with fund raising to purchase easements and facilitate bighorn sheep reintroduction once the negotiations are completed.



HABITAT LOSS is probably the most important cause of declining wildlife numbers throughout the world. America's intermountain West is no exception. Across Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, summer homes and subdivisions are springing up where mule deer, elk and bighorn sheep formerly wintered. Through direct loss of winter range and fragmentation

of habitat into small parcels, the land's large-mammal carrying capacity is reduced.

SCI's Southwest Montana Chapter is doing its part to protect mule deer habitat and reintroduce bighorn sheep in the Middle Cottonwood area of the Bridger Range, near Bozeman in southwest Montana. The goal is to purchase developer rights and conservation easements and secure land donations from willing landowners that would permanently conserve 1,000 acres of crucial winter range. The Montana Department of Fish,