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Land trust earns accreditation□□

The Gallatin Valley Land Trust has received accredited status from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance.□□

“Accredited land trusts meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever,” commission Executive Director Tammara Van Ryn said in a written news statement announcing the decision. “The accreditation seal lets the public know that the accredited land trust has undergone an extensive, external review of the governance and management of its organization and the systems and policies it uses to protect land.”□□

Gallatin Valley Land Trust Executive Director Stephen Johnson said the accredited status demonstrates the organization’s commitment to permanent land conservation.□□

“We are proud of our tradition of providing the highest quality service to landowners and our community,” Johnson said in the written statement. “The board, staff and donors are diligently working to ensure that GVLT will be a sustainable and thriving organization forever. This rigorous accreditation program provides independent validation of our work.”□□

Founded in 1990, the Gallatin Valley Land Trust has partnered with 70 families to conserve 50 square miles of working family farms and ranches, critical wildlife habitat and scenic open space in Southwest Montana.