



# MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF LAND TRUSTS

## 2016 Profiles In Montana Conservation



### MALT MEMBERS

Bitter Root  
Land Trust,  
Hamilton

Kaniksu  
Land Trust,  
Sand Point, ID

The  
Conservation  
Fund,  
Missoula

Five Valleys  
Land Trust,  
Missoula

Flathead  
Land Trust,  
Kalispell

Gallatin Valley  
Land Trust,  
Bozeman

Montana Land  
Reliance,  
Helena

The Nature  
Conservancy,  
Helena

Prickly Pear  
Land Trust,  
Helena

Rocky Mountain  
Elk Foundation,  
Missoula

The Trust  
for Public Land,  
Bozeman

Vital Ground  
Foundation,  
Missoula

### AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Missoula County  
Community and  
Planning Services

Plum Creek  
Timber Company

Ducks Unlimited

**NAME:** Rock Ringling

**TITLE:** Managing Director

**ORGANIZATION:** The Montana Land Reliance

**YEARS EMPLOYED/VOLUNTEERED WITH ORGANIZATION:** 25.5 great years and six months of, well you know not all jobs are perfect

**TOTAL YEARS EMPLOYED/VOLUNTEERED IN PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION:** 26.1

**FAVORITE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Agriculture, fly-fishing, skiing, fly-fishing, just being out in Montana, I mean does it get any better.

**FAVORITE RECREATIONAL AREAS:** The ranch, Missouri River, Tobacco Roots, Bighorn River, the ranch.

**FAVORITE MONTANA CONSERVATION PROJECT:** I guess I look at all of Montana as a conservation project, it is our generation and the generations to come to make sure the project stays intact.

**FAVORITE MONTANA BOOK:** Tough Trip through Paradise – Andrew Garcia

**FAVORITE MONTANA ROAD OR ROAD TRIP:** Fromberg to Saint Xavier

**I AM INVOLVED IN MONTANA PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION BECAUSE:** Growing up west of Ekalaka gave me an appreciation for all the conservation values provided by private land owners, and I wanted to work with them to continue the protection of those values for their families and future generations.

**SOMEONE IN PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION I ADMIRE AND WHY:** All those landowners who have done conservation easements in Montana, protecting over 2.4 million acres.

**A FINAL PERSONAL QUOTE:** Sometimes when we look across Montana, we forget all the work the generations before us did to try and f\*ck it up, but they didn't get it done. We should appreciate those individuals few in number who kept Montana the sweet place it is today.