



MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF LAND TRUSTS

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

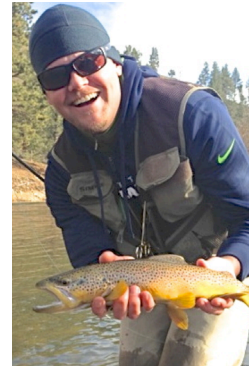
AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Missoula County Community and Planning Services

Plum Creek Timber Company

Ducks Unlimited

2016 Profiles In Montana Conservation



NAME: Gavin Ricklefs

TITLE: Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Bitter Root Land Trust

YEARS EMPLOYED/VOLUNTEERED WITH ORGANIZATION: 10

TOTAL YEARS EMPLOYED/VOLUNTEERED IN PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION: 10

FAVORITE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES: Alpine and Nordic skiing, Fly-fishing, Mountain biking, Hiking

FAVORITE RECREATIONAL AREAS: Lost Trail Powder Mountain (the best snow and most laid-back, mom and pop atmosphere of any ski area in MT); the Big Hole Valley (land of 10,000 hay stacks); the East Fork of the Bitterroot River in the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness; and Glacier National Park (where I first fell in love with Montana)

FAVORITE MONTANA CONSERVATION PROJECT: The Lazy J Cross Ranch Conservation Easement in Sula, Montana.

FAVORITE MONTANA BOOK: Young Men and Fire, Norman Maclean

FAVORITE MONTANA ROAD OR ROAD TRIP: Beartooth Highway

I AM INVOLVED IN MONTANA PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION BECAUSE: My kids are the first Montana natives in our family (yes, we're all a little jealous of them). They have the great fortune to grow up in this incredible state, catching Westslope cutthroat in the summer, finding wonder in Montana's wildlife and stunning landscapes, and eating beef and lamb grown by friends and neighbors. I am committed to Montana private land conservation because I want their children (and their children's children) to be able to have the same experiences they are enjoying, growing up under the Big Sky.

SOMEONE IN PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION I ADMIRE AND WHY: Dan Severson - Severson's Flying E Ranch, Stevensville, MT rancher, pharmacist, and pillar of the community par excellence. Dan's ranch in the Burnt Fork has been in his family for over 100 years and he protected it with a conservation easement in 2011 to honor his grandmother who, as a single mother, put herself through school and saved the ranch from being turned over to creditors nearly 80 years ago. Dan is a passionate, tireless advocate for private land conservation and his community and his decision to conserve his family's land (and his pride in doing so) has led to many neighbors doing the same in the past five years.

**A FINAL PERSONAL QUOTE: “To lead people, walk beside them ...
As for the best leaders, the people do not notice their existence.
The next best, the people honor and praise.
The next, the people fear; and the next, the people hate ...
When the best leader's work is done the people say,
We did it ourselves!” -Lao Tzu**