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I purchased over 500 acres from Carola's parents, Verne and Maria Woolsey. That was 30 years ago and I immediately set about placing the land in a conservation easement as wintering ground for elk and deer as well as open space for other animals.

I came out of Colorado and witnessed the development of the high country. That was not to happen with these acres as it is a perfect mix of grass, range land and forest. It took several years but in 1998 the easement was completed with Montana Land Reliance with no backing out, no mining, no development, no roads/utilities!

Over the last 20 years or so several of my other neighbors have put their land in easements. I would like to think I played a part in their thinking and motivation for an easement.

So, yes I am very much in favor of this easement as it will provide a corridor for migration as well as provide open land for future generations.

Respectfully,

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