

115TH CONGRESS
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S. 117

To designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 12, 2017

Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alex Diekmann Peak
5 Designation Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that Alex Diekmann—

8 (1) was a loving father of two and an adoring
9 husband who lived in Bozeman, Montana, where he
10 was a renowned conservationist who dedicated his

1 career to protecting some of the most outstanding
2 natural and scenic resource areas of the Northern
3 Rockies;

4 (2) was responsible during his unique conserva-
5 tion career for the protection of more than 50 dis-
6 tinct areas in the States of Montana, Wyoming, and
7 Idaho, conserving for the public over 100,000 acres
8 of iconic mountains and valleys, rivers and creeks,
9 ranches and farms, and historic sites and open
10 spaces;

11 (3) played a central role in securing the future
12 of an array of special landscapes, including—

13 (A) the spectacular Devil’s Canyon in the
14 Craig Thomas Special Management Area in the
15 State of Wyoming;

16 (B) crucial fish and wildlife habitat and
17 recreation access land in the Sawtooth Moun-
18 tains of Idaho, along the Salmon River, and
19 near the Canadian border; and

20 (C) diverse and vitally important land all
21 across the Crown of the Continent in the State
22 of Montana, from the world-famous Greater
23 Yellowstone Ecosystem to Glacier National
24 Park to the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem, to the
25 recreational trails, working forests and ranches,

1 and critical drinking water supply for White-
2 fish, and beyond;

3 (4) made a particularly profound mark on the
4 preservation of the natural wonders in and near the
5 Madison Valley and the Madison Range, Montana,
6 where more than 12 miles of the Madison River and
7 much of the world-class scenery, fish and wildlife,
8 and recreation opportunities of the area have become
9 and shall remain conserved and available to the pub-
10 lic because of his efforts;

11 (5) inspired others with his skill, passion, and
12 spirit of partnership that brought together commu-
13 nities, landowners, sportsmen, and the public at
14 large;

15 (6) lost a heroic battle with cancer on February
16 1, 2016, at the age of 52;

17 (7) is survived by his wife, Lisa, and their 2
18 sons, Logan and Liam; and

19 (8) leaves a lasting legacy across Montana and
20 the Northern Rockies that will benefit all people of
21 the United States in our time and in the generations
22 to follow.

1 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF ALEX DIEKMANN PEAK, MON-**
2 **TANA.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The unnamed 9,765-foot peak lo-
4 cated 2.2 miles west-northwest of Finger Mountain on the
5 western boundary of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, Montana
6 (UTM coordinates Zone 12, 457966 E., 4982589 N.),
7 shall be known and designated as “Alex Diekmann Peak”.

8 (b) **REFERENCES.**—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
9 ulation, document, record, or other paper of the United
10 States to the peak described in subsection (a) shall be con-
11 sidered to be a reference to “Alex Diekmann Peak”.

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