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This morning, like many, began with a hike on one of the Mt. Jumbo trails--an extraordinary experience made possible only because Missoula had the foresight to implement its first Open Space Bond over 20 years ago. Wise and judicious use of this and comparable public funding, leveraged many times over and made available only after fair consideration and an affirmative community vote, has enabled creation of parks & trails and preservation of critical landscapes/habitat which we all covet and enjoy. From our perspective, as long-time (47 yrs.) Missoula residents, these actions, without questions represent the centerpiece of what makes Missoula a truly unique, great community.

Now is hardly the time to just sit back and savor the extensive list of past accomplishments. Much more needs and can be done. This fact is clearly established through the solid documentation you will receive from your own civic officials and concerned citizens and organizations such as Five Valleys Land Trust.

We wholeheartedly support their request that you endorse and support a further Open Space Bond. We respectfully request your concurrence. We feel absolutely comfortable assuring you that you will never be the least bit sorry!! Bob and Ellen Knight, 5800 Rattlesnake Dr., Missoula, Mt. 59802 (549-5952)

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"It's the way you ride the trail that counts" (Happy Trails To You)