

Swan Lands Coordinating Committee

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Flathead National Forest
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Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
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Montana Wilderness Association
Montana Wildlife Federation
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Pyramid Mountain Lumber
Swan Ecosystem Center
Swan View Coalition
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Vital Ground Foundation

“Only two generations ago, European ancestors had barely discovered the Swan Valley. At that time the valley formed a great natural land occupied by Native Americans and evolving in geological time without intervention by European man. Since then, this land and its bounty of natural resources has provided the basis for settlement and homesteading. It has provided a robust living for local people working in the woods and a source of inspiration for those who come from afar for recreation in Montana’s Swan country.

Like it was to the Native Americans and pioneers, our land is to us more than a commodity to be bought and sold. The wholeness of the land seems greater than the sum of all of its individual values.

We have come a long way towards protecting the Swan Valley’s remarkable spirit of place. There remains a long ways to go. We are all in this together – locals and newcomers, government agencies, businesses and devoted visitors. We can have a diverse economy that is sustained by the land for the long haul without degrading our environment. Now is the time for bold collective action.”

Bud Moore

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