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Dear Emily:

I am pleased to recognize September 24, 2016 as “National Public Lands Day” in the state of Montana.

I commend the efforts of the National Environmental Education Foundation for raising awareness about the importance of the United States’ public lands. Thanks to their efforts and the collaborative efforts of communities across the U.S. “National Public Lands Day” is now the nation’s largest, single day volunteer effort for public lands.

Montana’s public lands are vital to the strength and prosperity of Montana’s economy and tourism industry. These lands provide a great opportunity for Montanans, to recreate outdoors all across our state regardless of income. I declared July 2016 as Open Land Month to recognize the 40th anniversary of Montana’s first conservation easement, which has protected our clean air and pristine water for future generations. Thanks to our public lands, Montana’s outdoor heritage has remained an important part of our state’s identity.

I encourage Montanans to acknowledge September 24, 2016 as “National Public Lands Day” and to take in the fresh air and scenic views that Montanans worked so hard to conserve. These efforts truly do make Montana the Last Best Place.

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor