

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR



JOHN BOHLINGER
LT. GOVERNOR

April 24, 2009

Great Outdoors Month Coalition
1225 New York Avenue, Suite 450
Washington DC 20005

Dear friends:

Thank you for writing about "Great Outdoors Month" and promoting the healthy benefits of outdoor recreation.

I support your efforts to educate the public about the value and importance of our outdoor activities, and natural surroundings. Keeping Montana the "Last Best Place" is a top priority of mine, and I am pleased to join you in recognizing June 2009 as "Great Outdoors Month".

Montana's outdoor heritage is an important part of our cultural legacy. Each year, thousands of Montanans volunteer their time and energy to preserve and protect our natural surroundings, resulting in stronger communities and healthier citizens. As Governor, I am proud of the efforts we have made to protect our clean air and water for future generations. As a father, I am proud to have the opportunity to share my love for hunting, fishing, and camping with my children.

Thank you again for all you do to promote the "great outdoors" in our nation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer".

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor