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2584 MT Highway 284, Townsend MT 59644

\$1,695,000

Acres: ± 60.92

MLS#: 404548

INTRODUCTION

Price Adjustment! Where Big Sky Dreams Take Flight- Set on 60± acres of wide-open Montana ground, this one-of-a-kind property just outside Townsend is where freedom, functionality, and frontier living all come together. With a private FAA-licensed airstrip, horse facilities, and the ability to run completely off-grid with solar, this ranch is more than a home—it's a self-sufficient basecamp for adventure. The main residence features 2 bedrooms and 2.5 baths, with an unfinished basement offering room to expand—whether you're adding a third bedroom, home office, or rec room. A large shop with an overhead crane and attached living quarters provides flexibility for equipment, guest stays, or workspace. Equipped for livestock and ranch life, the land boasts 3.5 miles of perimeter fencing, corrals, a tack room, and open pasture for grazing. But it doesn't stop there—homesteaders will appreciate the raised garden beds, chicken coop, and even a private shooting range, offering everything you need for a truly independent lifestyle. And when the work is done, the recreation begins. Enjoy close proximity to Canyon Ferry Lake—known for its exceptional fishing and boating. This property also offers convenient access to thousands of acres of public land, ideal for big game hunting and outdoor exploration. Whether you're flying in for the weekend, working the land, or simply escaping to peace and privacy, this property delivers the Montana dream—with fresh air, open skies, and opportunity in every direction. MLS# 404548



FEATURES

Status:	Contingent	Style:	Ranch
Type:	Farm	Year Built:	2009
Sub Type:	Single Family	Beds:	2
Acres:	± 60.92	Baths:	3
View:	Mountains, Rural	Appliances:	Dryer, Dishwasher, Microwave, Range, Refrigerator, Washer
Listing Date:	2025-07-29	Heating/Cooling:	Baseboard ForcedAir Propane Wood CeilingFans
Listing Agent:	Riley Ogden of Engel & Volkers - Butte		

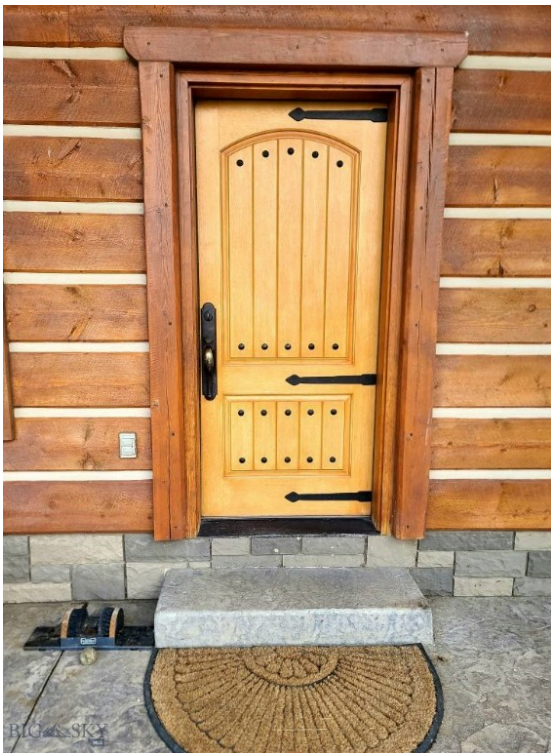
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INVESTING IN MONTANA RANCH LAND



Interest in Montana ranch land as an investment has been strong over the last several years. Throughout Montana, but particularly in Southwest Montana we have seen increased demand for ranches as a safe investment. Making the decision to pursue investing in ranch land can be incredibly rewarding (both personally and financially) but there are a lot of factors that go into investing and owning ranch land. "Ranch" is a general term that can describe a wide range of property from large income producing cattle ranches, smaller recreational properties, fly fishing properties, hunting ranches, or horse properties with just a few acres. All of these definitions of ranch property are in demand in Montana, and are appreciating in value over the long term. However, income producing ranch land is the most stable, and is in the highest demand by investors.

Before buying property in Montana it is important to understand Montana Water Rights. All water in Montana is owned by the State. A Montana Water Right allows you to legally use water in a prescribed manner, but not to own the water itself. Montana's water law is based in the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation – First in Time, First in Right. Water rights are ranked according to the date on which the water was first put to beneficial use. Priority dates dictate the volume and distribution of water from wells, rivers, and streams. Landowners must put the water to beneficial use without waste to retain their right to use Montana's water. Without diversion and beneficial use, there is no water right.





A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust that limits the uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. The landowner retains title to the property. The creation of the conservation easement can qualify as a one-time donation that has tax benefits. The conservation easement runs with the title, meaning that if the property is purchased by a new owner, the conservation easement remains. Land ownership carries with it a bundle of rights—the right to occupy, lease, sell, develop, construct buildings, farm, restrict access or

harvest timber, among others. A landowner can give up one or more of those rights for a purpose such as conservation while retaining ownership of the remainder of the rights. In ceding a right, the landowner “eases” it to another entity, such as a land trust. For example, a landowner may give up the right to build additional structures while retaining the right to grow crops.

Landowners looking to sell their property can use conservation easements to protect what future owners are able to do with the property. This typically reduces the marketable value of the property. If the conservation is setup properly, the landowners are able to take advantage of tax benefits associated with the creation and “donation” of the conservation easement. The potential tax benefits of a donated conservation easement are two-fold. First, income tax benefits may exist at the federal level. There may be benefits at the state level as well. However, state property taxes can not be reduced by a donation of a conservation easement in Montana. Second, the conservation easement works as an estate planning tool to reduce estate tax liability. To qualify for a tax deduction, the donation of a conservation easement must be considered a charitable gift by the IRS(Internal Revenue Service). It is strongly recommended that a qualified tax professional review the conservation easement donation to ensure it meets IRS requirements. A tax deductible, charitable donation can only be made to an IRS qualified tax-exempt organization. The donation of a conservation easement must be complete and irrevocable in perpetuity. In order to claim a tax deduction on the donation of a conservation easement the landowner must obtain a qualified appraisal by a state certified appraiser.

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