

# DELGER

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BOZEMAN MONTANA



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## 107 Eldridge Creek Trail, Livingston MT 59047

\$9,975,000

Acres: ± 514

MLS#: 405428

# INTRODUCTION

Big 5 Ranch is in Livingston, Montana, a distinguished western town noted for its hospitality, scenic beauty, and vibrant community committed to preserving the unique character of the region. With a population of approximately 9,000, Livingston serves as the original gateway to Yellowstone National Park. Big 5 Ranch is ideal for a family, corporate or hunting retreat and is minutes from downtown Livingston. The ranch spans 514 acres of timbered hillsides and grasslands, affording significant privacy while remaining within convenient reach of both downtown Livingston and Bozeman. Big 5 Ranch sustains a resident elk herd, whose numbers fluctuate but consistently benefit from the property's high-quality habitat, refuge, and forage, supporting both elk and deer populations. In addition, moose and other large wildlife species typical of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem are routinely observed on site. An extensive trail system offers numerous opportunities to observe and appreciate the diverse wildlife present throughout Big 5 Ranch. Inspired by Montana's historic homesteads, the ranch residence was designed to look like an established cabin that was expanded. There are intimate spaces within each room, so it does not feel too grand, keeping a cozy feeling throughout. The house blends into its hillside setting and is well-suited for two as it is for 10. Its aged look is paired with contemporary touches like black steel accents, angled columns, and sleek windows that frame landscape views. Reclaimed wood logs, granary timber, Douglas fir beams, Montana moss stone, and a metal roof all evoke a historic feel. No sheetrock was used; instead, reclaimed timber, hand applied plaster, and shiplap ensure comfort and style across. Modern elements like handmade tiles, French oak hardwoods add artistic flair, while rustic finishes reinforce the home's Western appeal. Big 5 feels extremely remote yet is accessible to world class amenities throughout this part of southwestern Montana. This is an exceptional Montana lifestyle opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts with its expansive landscape, excellent location and combination of dramatic natural beauty, robust wildlife populations, and architectural brilliance. MLS# 405428



## FEATURES

<b>Status:</b>	Active
<b>Type:</b>	Farm
<b>Sub Type:</b>	SingleFamilyResidence
<b>Acres:</b>	± 514
<b>View:</b>	Lake, Meadow, Mountains, Pond, Rural, SouthernExposure, Valley, TreesWoods
<b>Water Features:</b>	Pond
<b>Listing Date:</b>	2025-09-08
<b>Listing Agent:</b>	Tracy Raich of Raich Montana Properties, LLC

<b>Style:</b>	Custom, LogHome
<b>Year Built:</b>	2019
<b>Beds:</b>	4
<b>Baths:</b>	4
<b>Appliances:</b>	Dryer, Dishwasher, Microwave, Range, Refrigerator, WaterSoftener, Washer
<b>Heating/Cooling:</b>	ForcedAir Propane Wood CentralAir

## LOCATION



Address: 107 Eldridge Creek Trail, Livingston MT 59047

# PHOTOS

















# PARK COUNTY

Park County, Montana's estimated population is 16,438 with a growth rate of 1.94% in the past year according to the most recent United States census data. Park County, Montana is the 11th largest county in Montana. Park County has a total area of 2,813 square miles (1.8 million acres or 7,290 km<sup>2</sup>), of which 2,803 square miles (7,260 km<sup>2</sup>) is land and 10.4 square miles (27 km<sup>2</sup>) (0.4%) is water. The highest natural point in Montana, Granite Peak at 12,807 feet (3,904m), is located in Park County.



Paradise Valley is a major river valley of the Yellowstone River in southwestern Montana just north of Yellowstone National Park in the southern portion of Park County, Montana. The valley is flanked by the Absaroka Range on the east and the Gallatin Range on the west. The Yellowstone River, one of Montana's Blue Ribbon Trout Rivers, flows through Paradise Valley and is noted for world-class fly fishing in the river and nearby spring creeks such as DePuy Spring Creek. The valley hosts other natural wonders such as several natural hot springs, including Chico Hot Springs near Emigrant, Montana, La Duke Hot Springs near Gardiner, and Hunter's Hot Springs near Livingston. A small part of Yellowstone National Park is located in the extreme southern part of the county.

The northern end of Park County, Montana contains the Shields River Valley. The Shields River is a tributary of the Yellowstone River. It flows west, then south, between the Bridger Range to the west and the Crazy Mountains to the east, past Wilsall and Clyde Park. It joins the Yellowstone approximately 10 mi (16 km) northeast of Livingston, MT.

# 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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