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43615 MT Highway 278, Jackson MT 59736

\$180,000

Acres: ± 1.32

MLS#: 409519

INTRODUCTION

Searching for the perfect cabin site in the celebrated Big Hole Valley? This 1.32-acre parcel offers an exceptional opportunity, complete with a well, fiber optics, and approved septic for a three-bedroom home. The property is uniquely positioned with a creek along one boundary and Minor Lake Road along another, while Highway 278 runs across the front—providing convenient, year-round access. Located just half a mile from the charming rural community of Jackson, Montana, and the Jackson Hot Springs Lodge, this lot delivers both seclusion and accessibility. Take in sweeping views of the Beaverhead Mountains, with the surrounding landscape framed by historic, multi-generational ranches. Renowned as one of Montana's most scenic valleys, the Big Hole offers a peaceful, sparsely populated setting rich in natural beauty and heritage. Nearby, the stunning lower and upper Minor Lakes lie just 10 miles up Minor Lake Road, with additional alpine lakes scattered throughout the region. Anglers will appreciate the legendary Big Hole River, known for its trophy-sized brown, brook, and rainbow trout, as well as Arctic grayling. Outdoor recreation abounds in every season. Multiple ski destinations—including Maverick Mountain, Lost Trail Powder Mountain, and Discovery Ski Area—are all within reach. The area is also steeped in history, from the preserved mining ghost town of Bannack to the Nez Perce Big Hole Battlefield. Whether you enjoy hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, or simply taking in Montana's wide-open spaces, this property offers endless possibilities. Schedule your showing today! MLS# 409519



FEATURES

Status:	Active
Type:	Land
Sub Type:	UnimprovedLand
Acres:	± 1.32
View:	Meadow, Mountains, River, CreekStream
Water Features:	Creek
Listing Date:	2026-03-20
Listing Agent:	Pam Neumeyer of Venture West Realty

LOCATION



Address: 43615 MT Highway 278, Jackson MT 59736

PHOTOS





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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