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3554 Little Fish Creek Road, Whitehall MT 59759

\$3,450,000
Acres: ± 306
MLS#: 412466

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INTRODUCTION

Perched at 5,480± feet of elevation in the heart of Jefferson Valley, Little Fish Creek Lookout is a rare offering that blends dramatic natural surroundings with a one-of-a-kind custom residence. Encompassing 306± acres in southwest Montana, this property delivers an unmatched sense of solitude and scale, bordering 450± acres of state land and 480± acres of BLM, effectively extending your backyard to nearly 1,200± acres of open country. The centerpiece of the ranch is a recently built 1,800± square foot fire tower lookout-inspired home, featuring two bedrooms, one bathroom, and high-end finishes throughout. The 2-car garage is heated and features a second bathroom, stubbed for plumbing. True to its architectural inspiration, the home commands breathtaking 360-degree views of the Highland, Ruby, Snowcrest, and Tobacco Root Mountain ranges, a panorama that changes with every season and never grows old. Power runs to the home, ensuring modern comfort and convenience without sacrificing the property's sense of remote mountain living. Beyond the existing improvements, the ranch offers several additional building sites that present exciting opportunities to further develop the property. Nature is woven into every corner of the property. Lined with aspen and cottonwood trees, Little Fish Creek meanders through large boulders and cliffs on the northern section of the property for approximately 0.5± miles, providing water, wildlife habitat, and a peaceful focal point for the land. Scattered pine, fir, spruce, and juniper trees punctuate the rolling terrain alongside native sagebrush, while elk, whitetail and mule deer, moose, various bird species, and the occasional bear or mountain lion remind you that this is Montana in its truest form. Proximity to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest further enhances the recreational and hunting opportunities available. Conveniently located just 15± minutes from Twin Bridges, 20± minutes from Whitehall, 40± minutes from Butte, and 1 hour 15± minutes from Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Little Fish Creek Lookout is as accessible as it is extraordinary, making this a true Montana retreat without compromise. MLS# 412466



FEATURES

Status:	Active
Type:	Residential
Sub Type:	SingleFamilyResidence
Acres:	± 306
View:	Farmland, Meadow, Mountains, Rural, SouthernExposure, Valley, TreesWoods
Water Features:	Creek
Listing Date:	2026-05-20
Listing Agent:	James Esperti of Fay Ranches

Year Built:	2021
Beds:	2
Baths:	1
Heating/Cooling:	Baseboard None

LOCATION



Address: 3554 Little Fish Creek Road, Whitehall MT 59759

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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