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Dear Friends, Outdoors Enthusiasts, and Montanans:

I am pleased to recognize June 2016 as "Great Outdoors Month" and June 11th as "National Get Outdoors Day" in the state of Montana.

I support efforts to educate the public about the value and importance of outdoor recreation and the continued preservation of our natural surroundings. Montana's outdoor heritage is an important part of our cultural legacy and plays a significant role in our way of life. Access to public lands is critical to a quality Montana lifestyle and that access supports a strong tourism industry, attracts new recreational businesses, and provides good-paying jobs in the natural resource industry.

Many Montanans volunteer their time and energy to the preservation and protection of our public lands. Through the continued education and protection of our great outdoors, we as a community and as a nation can ensure that outdoor recreational opportunities and access to wild, quiet places are available for all future generations. I am honored to support conservation efforts that further protect the great outdoors and keep public access open to our lands, rivers, and streams.

I encourage all Montanans to acknowledge June 2016 as "Great Outdoors Month" and plan a trip to our local, state, and national forests, parks, world class rivers, or create your own adventure on June 11th in honor of "National Get Outdoors Day."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bullock".

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor