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**Congressman Daines** has been in office just 90 days and he's already taking a stand for sensible public land legislation with his announcement today in support of the North Fork Watershed Protection Act. Daines will introduce a House version of the bill.



**The Belton Chalet** was the backdrop for Congressman Daines' Friday press conference announcing his House bill withdrawing federal lands near Glacier Park from energy development.



**Montana's Congressional Delegation** Like the restored Belton, Daines' action point to the possibility that Montana's congressional delegation will once again work together for public land legislation that benefits all Montanans.

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## ***Congressman Daines Steps Up Public Land Gridlock Among Montana's Congressional Delegation Crumbling?***

March 29, 2013

Dear Friend:

Something different, something almost *amazing* happened today in the beautifully restored [Belton Chalet](#) in West Glacier, Montana. [Congressman Steve Daines](#) - just 90 days in office as Montana's new congressman - announced his introduction of a House version of the [North Fork Watershed Protection Act](#), legislation that would withdraw mineral, oil and gas resources from leasing on public lands in the North Fork Flathead River valley.

Daines said, "As a fifth-generation Montanan, I know the importance of our state's rivers and mountains to Montanans' outdoors heritage – because they're part of my way of life too."

He then said, "The North Fork watershed is of critical value to our state's outdoors heritage and the tourism economy in the Flathead Valley, and it's important that we work together to protect this valuable resource."

Beyond providing a House version of legislation important to many of us in western Montana, Congressman Daines' action speak strongly of a new era of cooperation amongst Montana's congressional delegation. More than 20 years have passed since Montana's delegation has worked together on public land legislation in a bi-partisan, bicameral way.

Senator Baucus responded very favorably to Congressman Daines' announcement, stating, "Working together to protect places like the North Fork is good policy and good business."

Senator Tester echoed that statement with his own. "It's about setting aside places where we can pass on our Montana values to our kids and our grandkids. I'm glad that Congressman Daines will be spearheading this in the House."

Congressman Daines' actions today could well lead to significant benefits to Montanans as a whole as the arguments over natural resource use and conservation on federal public lands give way to more productive dialogue and considered action.

As former state Secretary of State Bob Brown remarked at the Belton Chalet press conference, "I tip my hat to you Congressman



**What It's All About**

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**Please Take Action!**

*Please [write Congressman Daines](#) and thank him for breaking the deadlock on federal public land legislation. Thank him for introducing the House version of the North Fork Watershed Projection Act.*



**Headwaters Montana**

*has been working for years for such a day as this when Montanans work together to protect irreplaceable public land resources.  
~Thank you for your support! ~*

Daines" for his bridging the partisan gap in leadership and working in a constructive way on public land issues for all Montanans.

We at *Headwaters Montana* do the same!

**What You Can Do!**

Please take one or both of the following actions:

- Thank [Congressman Daines](#) for his bi-partisan, open-minded leadership on this public land legislation. Congressman Daines need to know he has your support.
- Please log onto the [Missoulian](#) and [Flathead Beacon](#) websites and post a positive comment supporting Congressman Daines' bill. This is a BIG DAY in Big Sky Country: The first bi-partisan, by-cameral piece of public land legislation in more than two decades. ***Please take a moment to post your comment in support of Congressman Daines.***

~ Thank You!

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