



State Park Access & Connectivity

Linking the State Park at Milltown & Nearby Communities
Jacobs acquisition

Conservation Significance: The Jacobs acquisition would help fulfill the long-time goal of redeveloping the former Milltown reservoir site into a State Park with recreational and interpretive opportunities that are linked to surrounding communities.

Located just east of future State Park Lands along the Deer Creek County Road, the 64-acre Jacobs property is a possible location for access facilities and a trail corridor for the Park. The Jacobs property would allow space for a parking lot, informational kiosks and other trailhead/access facilities as necessary.



Jacobs property, photo by Jackie Corday

Most importantly, it would secure the final trail link connecting the State Park at Milltown to nearby communities and the City of Missoula along the Kim Williams Trail. Connecting the beloved Kim Williams Trail from Missoula to the Milltown area has been a community goal for over thirty years. Securing this trail link is a priority for the City of Missoula, Missoula County and the Milltown Redevelopment Working Group. We expect that the Jacobs acquisition will be supported enthusiastically by recreational and educational groups.

Urgency of Opportunity: The Jacobs family hopes to sell this property as soon as possible. Since quick action is necessary, Five Valleys Land Trust would be willing to serve as a bridge funder to purchase and hold the property until it could be transferred to the State of Montana as an addition to the State Park.

Funding The Jacobs family has generously agreed to donate a portion of the appraised fee value of the property to facilitate this transaction. Five Valleys Land Trust is confident that it could secure funding to cover the bargain-sale purchase from a variety of sources that would potentially include the City of Missoula Open Space Program and the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Recreational Trails Program. Although an appraisal has not been completed, preliminary estimates suggest that the appraised value would fall in the \$250,000 to \$320,000 range.

Jacobs Family Property -
Area Trail Connections

