



YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY PROTECTION ACT WILL PROTECT JOBS, OUR WAY OF LIFE

Yellowstone Gateway Business Coalition members are proud to support a bill announced this week by Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) that will prevent new public land gold mining at the gateway to Yellowstone National Park, and protect Montanans' jobs, property rights and way of life.

When passed by Congress, the "[Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act](#)" will permanently protect the 30,370 acres proposed for temporary withdrawal last November by then-Secretary Jewell. The bill is a major step that protects our economic drivers as well as private property rights for all.

YGBC founder and owner of Chico Hot Springs Resort, Colin Davis said, "Sen. Tester is making a decision based on the support and overwhelming will of the community, that public lands in the corridor to Yellowstone National Park and the Yellowstone River are worthy of protection, for future generations and for the local economy."

The bill blocks new gold mining on public lands only in Emigrant Gulch and Crevice Mountain. It does not impact private patented claims nor valid existing rights. Management and access to public lands will remain open to outdoor recreation and currently allowed forms of travel.

"As private land and business owners in Emigrant Gulch, my family really appreciates how Sen. Tester, along with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Montana House member Alan Redfield, County Commissioner Marty Malone, and US House candidate Greg Gianforte, all did their own research, looked at the issue thoughtfully, and came out against these gold mines instead of bowing their necks and taking a political stand. That's the way democracy is supposed to work," said Bryan Wells, owner of Emigrant Creek Cabins.



NOW WHAT?

Let Senator Steve Daines know you'd like him to stand with the Yellowstone Gateway Business Coalition

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