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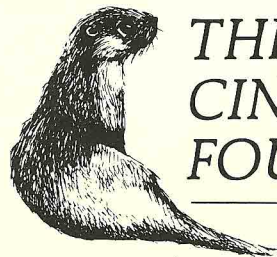
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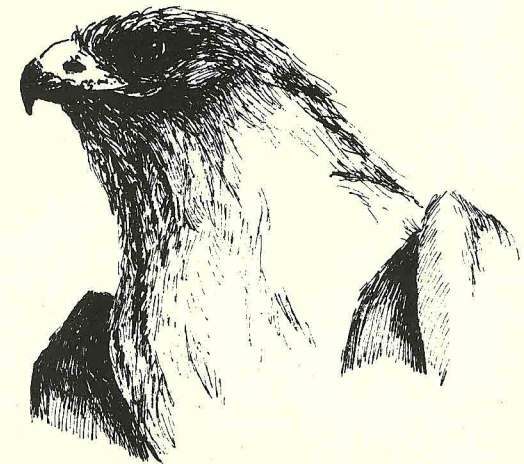
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**W**e live in a world struggling under the stress of mankind, its demands, its strife, its longing to satisfy unfulfilled aspirations. It is a time when over much of the earth individuality is sacrificed to satisfy mass demand, and environmental quality yields to accommodate perceived necessity or special privilege. Our country is the earth's most generously endowed; yet even here, people are slipping into resignation of unfulfilled dreams and unmet goals.

Amid this tragedy of dying dreams, fading torches and withering hopes, Montana stands apart. The evidence is obvious across the breadth of its plains, mountains and rivers. The proof is woven through its social fabric.

In the past 20 years, the people of Montana have forged a remarkable natural and human oasis destined to be either the last stand of the American dream or the spore from which what is best of this nation can regenerate.



The Montana record is enlightening and is reflected most clearly and indisputably on the landscape. To the east, the once mighty Missouri is a chain of federal reservoirs. The great river's only free-flowing stretch is classified wild and scenic and is in Montana. To the west, some Columbia River salmon are becoming endangered species, while in Montana, the eagles gather at McDonald Creek and the grizzly roams the Rocky Mountain foothills, swamps and stream bottoms. To the south, the Colorado River goes dry, and Wyoming writhes in energy boom-bust cycles. Montana's Yellowstone River flows free from start to finish, and a demanding state coal tax and reclamation laws produce financial and human stability.

These are but examples of the achievements of people participating in events affecting their lives—each preserved river or wilderness a prize awarded to the victors of environmental contests. Each program that tempers resource exploitation and invests in the state's renewable future is a medal on the chest of those who insisted on reason and temperance when the opportunity to go for the "boom side" of growth tempted. Each state statute dictating the terms of Montana's future is a laurel belonging to those who prevailed in repeated public debate.

In total, these places and events attest to the effectiveness of individual commitment and a populist tradition in Montana people. The root of the people's power in state public affairs undoubtedly originated in the strength of the union movement born amid the historic abuses of Butte. It generated from an environment where people, land and resources were exploited ruthlessly. It grew strong on the backs of immigrant miners. In time, it broadened to include coalitions with small farmers, ranchers, wildlife conservationists and eventually, environmentalists, women and minorities.

Human events are never static. Inevitably, the mines depleted and with them the ranks of the men who worked them. Agriculture is evolving from families to corporations. With these changes, the burden of carrying the populist tradition must be assumed by new groups and interests.

The resources of Montana, many relatively unexploited, are substantial and taunt exploitive

power like the Sirens calling to Ulysses. The struggle for dominance in Montana will never rest. The purpose of the Cinnabar Foundation is to ensure that those who would take up the cause and replenish the people's ranks can carry on with the support and encouragement essential to any movement.

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Cinnabar Creek is a headwater tributary to the Yellowstone River. The Yellowstone River in many ways symbolizes the Montana dream and dilemma. As a wild and free river, it is a shared treasure of immeasurable value. If dammed, developed and exploited, it could generate and concentrate enormous wealth and advantage. Just as Cinnabar Creek contributes to the life and strength of this great river, the Cinnabar Foundation is being designed to give life and strength to Montana's conservation traditions and the people who will carry them into the future.

Cinnabar Creek is also the home place of Leonard and Sandy Sargent, a couple whose contributions in time, talent and financial support helped propel the environmental cause through its most productive years. Their ranch, nestled in the headwater basin, stands in testimony to a personal commitment to Montana's wildness. It is home to deer, elk, bighorn sheep and grizzly. Already protected by a conservation easement, it is now also dedicated to the future of an entire movement.

The Sargents have willed that the assets from the eventual sale of their ranch will endow the Cinnabar Foundation. The foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

The Cinnabar Foundation adopts five major goals laid down in its articles of incorporation:

1. To promote environmental protection and conservation in the state of Montana.
2. To promote optimum wildlife populations and habitat.
3. To promote appropriate recreational use of lands and water compatible with the capabilities of the basic resource.
4. To promote ecologically sound management of lands and water.
5. To solicit, collect...hold and invest money and property...and to use the funds...and the proceeds...in furtherance of the specific and primary purposes set forth above.

The earnings from these assets are dedicated to assist organizations in Montana which are devoted to the protection and preservation of the environment.

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