

A WINDOW ON WILDERNESS

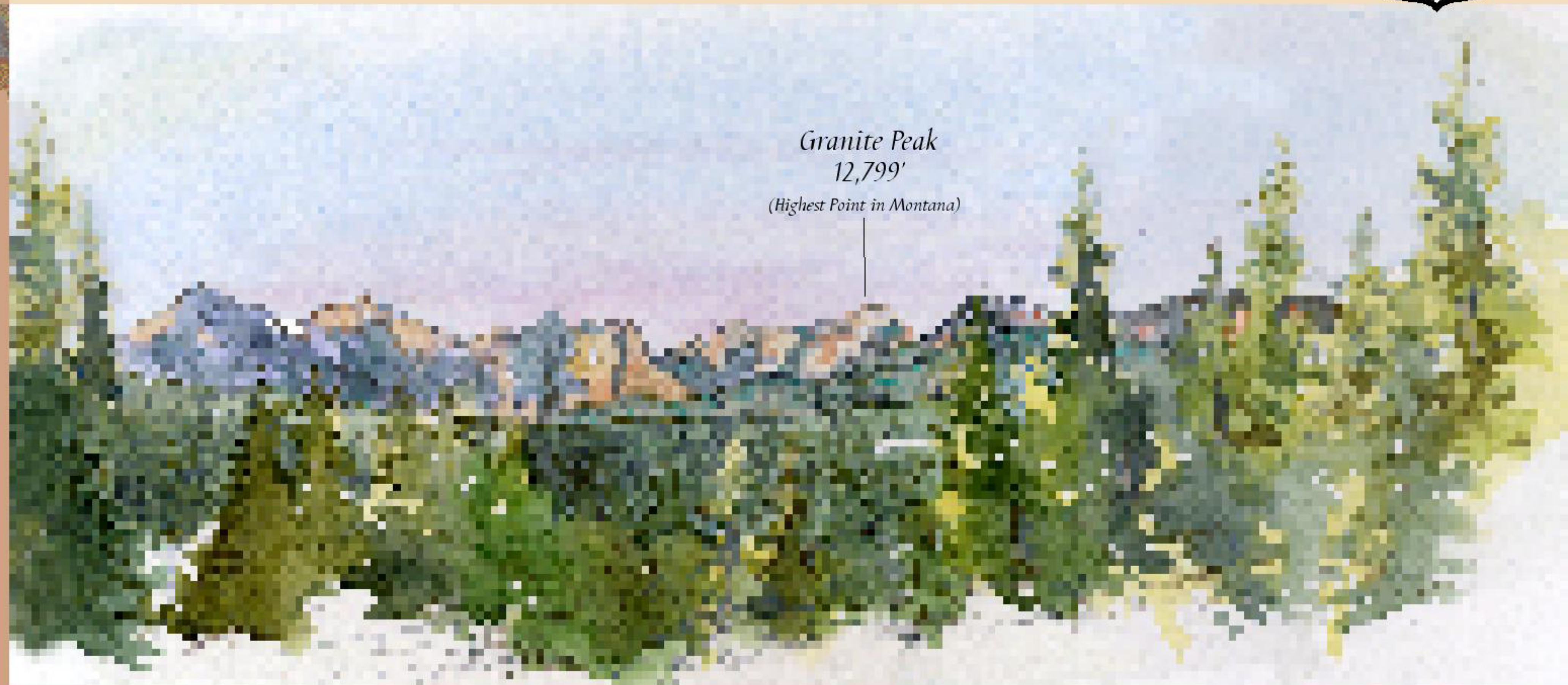


Glacier Lily

*"In Wildness is the
Preservation of the World."
~ Elliott Porter*

*"I am glad I shall never be young
without wild country to be young in."
~ Aldo Leopold 1887-1948*

GALLATIN National Forest



From this site, you are looking into the 920,377-acre, Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness. It was designated by Congress in 1978 and contains some of the West's most rugged mountains. The area derives its name from the Absaroka and Beartooth mountain ranges. The Absaroka Mountains were named after the Crow Indians who inhabited much of south-central Montana prior to European settlement. Absaroka is a Crow Indian word for crow. The Beartooth Mountains were named after a craggy spire, located in the heart of the range, that resembles a bear's tooth.

Granite Peak is considered one of the most difficult peaks in the lower 48 states to climb. This is due not only to the loose rock, and a steep, exposed, and strenuous route, but also the quickly changing weather that can hammer the mountain.

***"Where the earth and its
community of life are untrammelled
by man, where man himself is a
visitor who does not remain."
~ Wilderness Act, September 1964***