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Madison Valley **hideaway**

Madison River Valley sets stage
for Sun West Ranch development

The Madison River Valley sits high and wide, just north of Yellowstone National Park. The river has its beginnings in Yellowstone, then comes crashing out of Quake Lake before it begins its placid journey to join up with the Gallatin and Jefferson Rivers in Three Forks, about 70 miles north.

The Madison River winds through vintage Montana ranch land, wide-open spaces where the fields and gulches of this ranching country reach up into the tall peaks that jut into the Montana sky.

This sparsely populated area near Cameron, Montana, is becoming a new home to many people.

Sun West Ranch recently announced the official opening of its second phase of nine homesites along the Madison River. Priced from \$555,000 to



Horseback riding and fly fishing are among the recreational activities that homeowners at Sun West Ranch are already enjoying.

\$975,000 and ranging from five to 10 acres, the homesites are set high on a bench overlooking the Madison River, with each private, pine-treed lot offering sweeping views of the Madison Range and the Continental Divide to the south and Ennis Valley to the north.

The newly released property brings the total of currently available home sites to 12, consisting of nearly 75 acres for sale, including a spectacular mountain home designed by Van Bryan Studio Architects in Bozeman, Montana.

The new homesites of this phase represent the next level of conservation-minded development at Sun West Ranch. Each homesite has been carefully selected for spectacular views of the Madison River and surrounding landscapes, with a minimal aesthetic impact from lower in the valley.

A shared-ranch community, Sun West Ranch is designed with a conservation approach that uses smaller deeded sites and very large common land, rather than a sprawling development of parcels that have little regard for landscape and wildlife. Residents of Sun West Ranch agree to protective covenants and architectural guidelines that conserve the land and the rural character of the area. These

covenants keep the views beautiful, and wildlife habitat secure, company officials say.

Already there are 21 landowners at Sun West Ranch and 11 homes have been built. Most of these homes are set among forest surroundings,

and blend with the landscape, rather than making a mark on the landscape. While there are several full-time residents at the ranch, most owners travel to their homes here from New York City, San Francisco, Georgia and from as far away as Norway and Switzerland.

A vast 2,000 acres, the ranch offers more than three miles of private Madison River access and features phenomenal views of the Madison Valley, Beaverhead National Forest, the Madison Mountain Range and the



Sun West Ranch is a development in the Madison River Valley that uses a shared-ranching concept, where open space is maximized for the residents.

Continental Divide. Sun West Ranch is the antithesis of a "typical development," company officials say, from its active community outreach to its public stand on conservation and preservation.

On the web: www.sunwestranch.com.