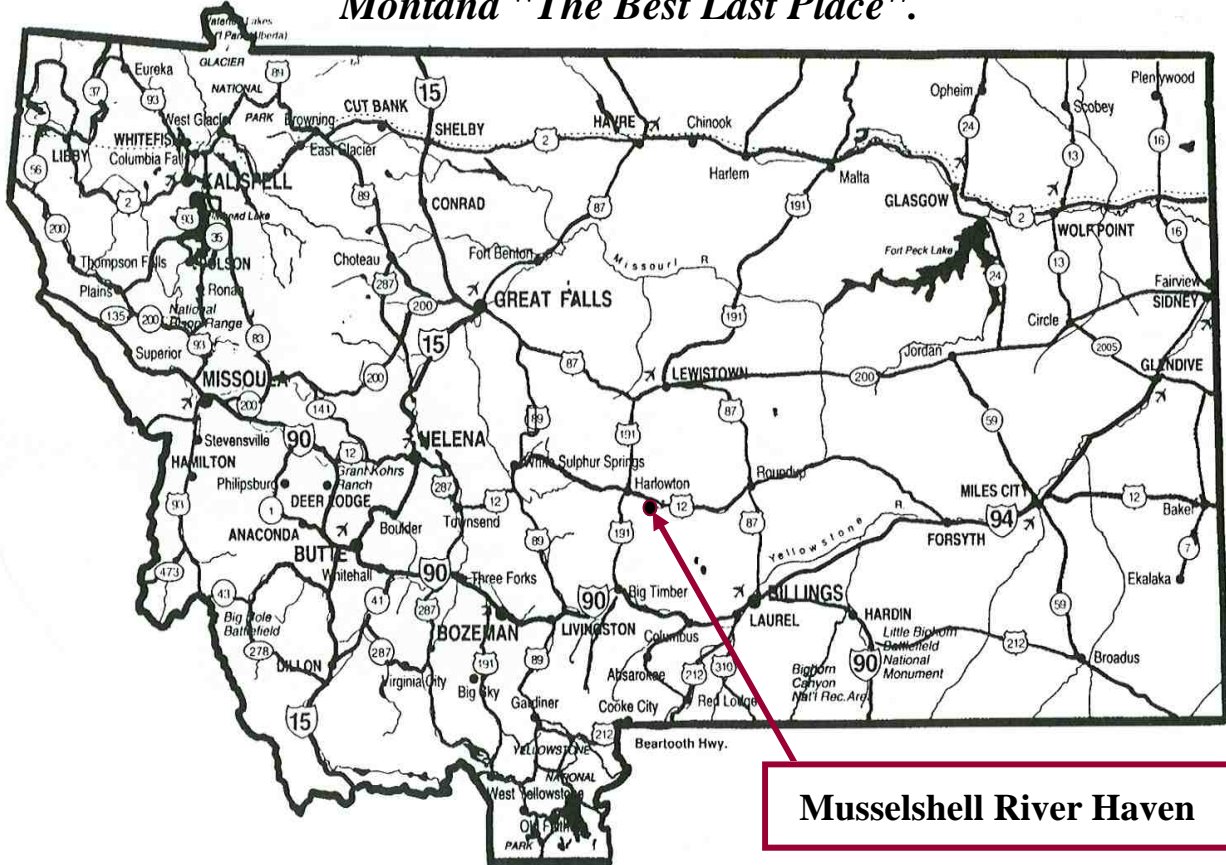


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Sonny Todd Editorial

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I believe Montana is the "Best Last Place". Montana plays in our minds that mythological West that all Americans love. It is the home of real legends, with real places and real people. It was a horn of plenty for the Native Americans, with prairies full of fat buffalo and clear mountain streams overflowing with trout and beaver. Montana evolved from the wilderness through the efforts of mountain men, gold miners, sturdy pioneers, as well as through a bloody struggle between competing cultures. Law and order came to the Montana Territory by the gun and hanging tree. It was Vigilante verses Outlaw, and often it was a fine line that separated the two. Montana is the West, home of the Cowboy and Cowponies, and endless horizons.

Montana is the land of snow-capped mountains, pristine wilderness areas, sparkling rivers and streams, and golden wheat fields all under 'The Big Sky.'

