



Sample Bequests Provisions

The provisions in your Will for making a gift to The Vital Ground Foundation will depend upon the type of gift and your own circumstances. The following example provisions may be helpful to your attorney.

UNRESTRICTED GIFT

I give to The Vital Ground Foundation, a non-profit corporation headquartered in Missoula, Montana, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____% of my estate; or the property described herein) for its general purposes.

GIFT FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE

I give to The Vital Ground Foundation a non-profit corporation located in Missoula, Montana, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____% of my estate; or the property described herein) to be used for _____ (specific purpose).

SPECIFIC LEGACY

I bequeath my home, farm, livestock, car, truck, etc., to The Vital Ground Foundation, a non-profit corporation located in Missoula, Montana.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

I give to The Vital Ground Foundation a non-profit corporation located in Missoula, Montana, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____% of my estate; or the property described herein) the same to be invested in the organization's "Permanent Endowment Fund." The fund will be held in perpetuity and invested in a manner that protects the principal while the investment income provides ongoing support for projects as approved by the board of trustees.

MEMORIAL FUND

I give to The Vital Ground Foundation, a non-profit corporation located in Missoula, Montana, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____% of my estate; or the property described herein) the same to be known as "The _____ Memorial Fund." The income there from shall be used for its general purposes (or describe the specific purpose, if desired.)

RESIDUARY LEGATEE

All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to The Vital Ground Foundation, a non-profit corporation located in Missoula, Montana, for its general purposes.

CONTINGENCY GIFT

I devise and bequeath the residue of the property owned by me at my death, real and personal, and wherever situated, to my wife/husband, _____, if she/he survives me.

If my spouse does not survive me, I devise and bequeath my residuary estate to The Vital Ground Foundation, a non-profit corporation located in Missoula, Montana, for its general purposes.

FINAL CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY

I give and bequeath the residue of the property owned by me at my death, real and personal and wherever situated, in equal shares to my above named beneficiaries, if they survive me. If my above named beneficiaries do not survive me, I give and bequeath my residuary estate to The Vital Ground Foundation, a non-profit corporation located in Missoula, Montana, for its general purposes.

TESTAMENTARY CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

A Testamentary Charitable Remainder Trust may be set up to provide life income to a survivor, with the principal going to The Vital Ground Foundation, a non-profit corporation located in Missoula, Montana, on the survivor's death.

TESTAMENTARY CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST

A Testamentary Charitable Lead Trust may be established in your Will to eliminate estate and inheritance taxes, and thus increase your estate for your children, grandchildren, or other heirs while continuing your important support for The Vital Ground Foundation for a specific number of years.

LEGAL LANGUAGE

For members and supporters who wish to name The Vital Ground Foundation in their will or estate plan, we should be named as:

The Vital Ground Foundation, a nonprofit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Utah, having a principal business address at Building T-2 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, Montana 59804.

TAX ID:

Our tax identification number is: 87-0483446. Vital Ground is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Vital Ground will use all unrestricted charitable gifts to strategically support its conservation priorities. If you have a more specific purpose in mind, please communicate with Vital Ground staff to ensure that we can meet your wishes. Whether you choose to restrict a gift or not, your support will help conserve critical grizzly bear habitat throughout North America.

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