



Dear Friends of Earthfire,

I met Susan more than twenty years ago. She carried in her arms a coyote puppy named Pimpernel. The love was apparent both ways.

I've visited, photographed for their publication, brought dinners, rib eye steaks, oh and yes the favorite—dark chocolate all around. That list is for wonderful Jean Simpson and Susan Eirich who hold the reins of Earthfire. They are the real deal.

The animals of Earthfire are top priority in any shortage. I have seen this many times. Jean and Susan will do without in favor of the furry residents who live at Earthfire.

They have been forward thinkers and good stewards of the land. The ranch is on the Yellowstone to Yukon migration corridor, and they have acquired as much of that corridor as financially possible for now so that it continues in the use that nature gave it. It is so important for the genetic diversity of the ones who travel it.

I have brought pounds of blueberries, and grapes for the bears. Once I brought a salmon for Teton Totem, a big grizzly. He mostly played with it, so enough salmon for him. I have to admit that I am a lover of any bear, and here is my wish.

I have been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer (I never smoked), and I broke my leg 2 weeks ago. It has become apparent that it is time to make some good things happen here on earth. Money and possessions do not endure. So my plan is to give a big push to start the building of the bear enclosures at Earthfire.

When the current residents age out there will be a waiting list for this housing. The designs are beautiful and deserve a good look. I believe each bear is allotted a one acre lot. There will be pools, streams, and sleeping areas—the Best Bear Hotel ever.

If you are like minded, I would be so honored if you would kick in a little in order to get this accomplished. We can make it happen.

Love and joy to you and yours,
Marilyn Paine

P.S. I will keep in touch with those of you who have helped for as long as I am able.



Bramble, photo by Marilyn Paine



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