

ROSS CREEK GIANT CEDAR GROVE  
MONTANA



“THE CLEAREST WAY INTO THE UNIVERSE IS THROUGH A FOREST WILDERNESS.”  
- JOHN MUIR

I am grateful that a handful of politicians saw the necessity to preserve some of this country's virgin timber. One in particular who championed this vision was Theodore Roosevelt. Had it not been for his determination to save our most scenic wonders, it is likely that every area we now classify as a National Park would have been destroyed by private industry. I had never heard of The Ross Creek Giant Cedar Forest. It happened to be just a few miles from where my son and I spent a couple of weeks on Bull Lake in the upper northwest corner of Montana. The trees in this grove have been here since the days of Columbus' arrival to the New World. Much in the same way the Rocky Mountains can overpower your senses, this grove had the same effect. Trees take what we exhale and turn it back into oxygen. How can one stand in this Cathedral and not feel purified?