With only weeks until Election Day, we’re keeping our eye on the prize of MCV's mission: To protect our climate, our clean air and water, our public lands, our communities and future generations by supporting leaders who fight for conservation and by holding accountable leaders who do not.

Our mission is coming into sharp focus as we await the Senate confirmation of President Trump's controversial Bureau of Land Management nominee, William Perry Pendley—who has a long record of supporting the sale of public lands and denying climate change. Sadly, Senator Steve Daines refuses to stand up to Mr. Pendley.

That's why we've launched an intensive campaign to educate all Montanans about the dangers of confirming Mr. Pendley in the U.S. Senate, and how his leadership is harmful to our way of life. We invite you to learn more by visiting StopPendley.org. This website is a clearinghouse of information about Mr. Pendley where you can see our new TV ad and even sign a petition to tell Senator Daines to "STOP PENDLEY".

And, with a current MCV membership or a contribution of $25 or more, you will also receive an "I Love Public Lands" sticker. Your donation will be used to amplify our message—including placing a billboard near Steve Daines' home. Visit StopPendley.org to make your gift to help us reach our $10,000 fundraising goal by September 10th.

As always, thanks for your support and investment. And please subscribe to our podcast, MCVcast, wherever you listen to podcasts. All of our back episodes are online at mtvoters.org/podcast.

Enjoy the summer, and stay safe!

Aaron Murphy, Executive Director

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**Political Update**

The MCV Action Fund, the affiliated state political action committee of MCV, released a new television ad taking issue with Congressman Greg Gianforte’s record of “protecting himself, not public lands,” as the

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On August 4, President Donald Trump signed the Great American Outdoors Act into law. This is a significant win for conservation as it provides $900 million per year in perpetuity for our public lands through the Land and Water Conservation
Congressman vies to become Montana’s next Governor. Click [here](https://email.everyaction.com/EmailMessage/PreviewMessage/c1007859-f4db-ea11-8b03-00155d0394bb) to view the ad.

The 30-second spot, titled “Land,” features John, a Montana small business owner who depends on access to public lands. Gianforte introduced a bill that would have stripped protections for nearly 700,000 acres of public land, something that would have directly impacted people like John. This television ad is running statewide.

**Meet Office Manager, Christy McNeish**

As a native Montanan from Billings, I feel blessed to live in a state with access to so many public lands. My husband of 17 years, our two daughters and I enjoy exploring the outdoors as a family, including fishing, hunting, camping and floating the rivers. I just celebrated my one year anniversary with MCV and look forward to many more as I truly believe in our mission. John Steinbeck’s quote sums up my love for Montana: "I'm in love with Montana. For other states I have admiration, respect, recognition, even some affection. But with Montana, it is love. And it's difficult to analyze love when you're in it."

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**Get Your Free I Love Public Lands Sticker!**

Proudly show your support for Montana public lands and our campaign to "STOP PENDLEY". Join or renew your annual MCV membership with a gift of $9.5 billion to address the national parks maintenance backlog. The legislation was co-sponsored by both Senator Jon Tester and Senator Steve Daines.

This month, MCV launched a robust campaign - [StopPendley](https://email.everyaction.com/EmailMessage/PreviewMessage/c1007859-f4db-ea11-8b03-00155d0394bb) - warning Montanans about William Perry Pendley, President Trump’s controversial anti-public lands nominee to lead the Bureau of Land Management.

William Perry Pendley is an advocate for selling off our public lands, an opponent to Montana’s stream access law, an advocate for developing “all the lands,” a climate change denier and a nominee ridden with over 17-pages of conflicts of interest.

Our StopPendley campaign includes a website ([StopPendley.org](https://email.everyaction.com/EmailMessage/PreviewMessage/c1007859-f4db-ea11-8b03-00155d0394bb)), a 30-second TV ad on both broadcast and cable statewide, an education memo, a petition to Senator Steve Daines to stop Pendley’s nomination and an effort to crowdfund a billboard near Senator Daines’ home so he can’t avoid Montanans and our mission to protect our public lands, our clean water and our clean air.

StopPendley is especially timely as the key documents needed to advance a confirmation hearing were filed with the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, of which Senator Daines is a member.

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$35 or more and receive this free "I Love Public Lands" sticker. Please help us reach our $10,000 fundraising goal by September 10th at StopPendley.org today!

If you're already an MCV member, thank you for your support! You'll receive your sticker in the mail in the upcoming weeks as our way of saying thank you for your ongoing support.

MCV members are our most loyal supporters, and we are asking you to consider making an additional gift, above and beyond your annual membership dues, to support this important campaign to protect our cherished public lands.

Click here to make a donation.

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Our Featured Public Land: Bob Marshall Wilderness

The United States Congress designated the Bob Marshall Wilderness in 1964 and it now has a total of 1,009,352 acres. The entire wilderness is managed by the Spotted Bear and Rocky Mountain Ranger Districts. The Bob Marshall Wilderness was named after Bob Marshall, an early forester and wilderness preservation pioneer as well as the co-founder of The Wilderness Society.

Register Now and Buy Raffle Tickets!

Thursday, October 1, 2020
5-6 p.m.

Join us to celebrate all that we've accomplished TOGETHER to protect Montana’s clean air, clean water, public lands and communities while fighting climate breakdown.

This year’s event will be virtual due to public health concerns, but that’s not slowing us down. The featured guest speaker is Top Chef finalist Doug Adams and Portland restaurateur who found his passion for cooking in Montana.

Our annual Gala is FREE to attend, but we still need to reach our critical $40,000 event fundraising goal!

We'd like to suggest a donation of $75 even if you're unable to attend the Gala. Your generosity enables us to sustain our important work in this important election year.

As always, a donation of any amount is greatly appreciated!

Visit mtvoters.org/gala to register!

WIN GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES!

Don’t miss out as this year’s Gala also features amazing raffle prizes including:

Lunch with Senator Jon Tester and MCV Executive Director Aaron Murphy, online
The Bob Marshall Wilderness was originally conserved as the South Fork, Pentagon, and Sun River Primitive Areas in 1941 and finally designated as wilderness in 1964. The wilderness includes one of the most complete preserved mountain ecosystems in the world and includes rugged peaks, alpine lakes, cascading waterfalls, grassy meadows embellished with shimmering streams, a towering coniferous forest and big river valleys.

Source: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/attmain/flathead/specialplaces](https://www.fs.usda.gov/attmain/flathead/specialplaces)

cooking class with Doug Adams-Bravo TV's Top Chef season 12 top three finalist, three fine art photography prints by Livingston photographer and naturalist Tom Murphy, a full-day guided fly-fishing trip, Kimber Hunter rifle, and more!

**Raffle tickets can be purchased, one for $20 or six for $100.** Raffle winners will be announced during the Gala. You do not need to attend the gala to purchase tickets or win a raffle item.

Visit [mtvoters.org/gala](http://mtvoters.org/gala) to register for the event, make a donation, and learn how to purchase raffle tickets.

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