This summer the MCV Education Fund is launching an intensive effort to bring Montanans up to speed about the threat to our public lands. We want all Montanans to understand that when politicians say they support "transfer of management" of federal public lands to states like Montana, it's actually the first step toward selling off those lands.

This threat is especially real with President Trump's recent nomination of William Perry Pendley to lead the BLM. Mr. Pendley has a long and clear record of advocating the selloff of our public lands. It is our job to make sure our elected decision makers hear from all of us about how dangerous this nomination is for Montana and our way of life.

We also just launched Season 2 of our weekly podcast, MCVcast. One of our latest episodes includes a critical conversation with members of the Ft. Peck Nation about the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. All of our episodes are on our new website, mtvoters.org/podcast.

And we recently decided to make MCV's annual gala, originally planned to be held in Livingston, a virtual event on October 1. Though we're sorry not to celebrate in person, our first responsibility is to public health and safety. And we look forward to the opportunity to expand our reach.

Thank you for your support! And stay in touch,

Aaron Murphy, Executive Director

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Fellow MCV Members,

Thank you for your being the most important part of Montana Conservation Voters. The second most important part, our scrappy and hard-working staff, has figured out how to do strong work efficiently. The economic downturn has taken its toll on not-for-profit organizations, however, and MCV is no exception. Your financial support gives muscle to our mission in a pivotally important election year.

To our members and supporters: thank you. If you can, please consider contributing again to the work of MCV. If you’re not a member, we invite you to join us at mtvoters.org/join.
In the Field

MCV has been out knocking on doors every summer for the past 10 years, and while COVID-19 prevents us from actually being out on the doors, we're excited to announce that we'll be transitioning our traditional summer canvass into a remote canvass that will keep our staff and members safe. We're going to be talking to MCV members and voters about the very real dangers of a federal public lands transfer, and what that would mean for the public lands that we all know and love. Stay tuned, because we'll be calling you soon!

Meet Deputy Director Whitney Tawney

I am a millennial mom and wife who enjoys anything outside, but I especially love to hunt and fish. I grew up with an over 30-acre backyard in Montana where I explored outside with family, friends and on my own. I sat in the duck blind with my dad alongside our family dog—me in training just as much as our beloved black lab Duff. And now with my father gone, I've

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The Trump Administration has formally nominated public lands foe William Perry Pendley as director of the Bureau of Land Management, after nearly a year serving as acting director.

In June, MCV urged Montana's congressional delegation for an up or down vote on Pendley's position at the BLM. Only Senator Jon Tester responded in agreement. Senator Daines has called MCV's concerns about Pendley's support for selling off public lands "overblown" and said he's "not found a reason to be against him."

In 2016, Pendley told National Review that "the Founding Fathers intended all lands owned by the federal government to be sold." He has represented energy companies looking to drill the Badger-Two Medicine, told a Montana radio show that he's part of a push "committed to developing all the lands" and sued the State of Montana seeking to overturn our beloved stream access law.

Needless to say, William Perry Pendley has no business running the BLM.

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determined my career to conservation and politics to protect this outdoor way of life. I came back to Montana to work for MCV after a decade working in DC to make sure I can share these experiences with my husband, son, nieces, nephews and friends.

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We're Going VIRTUAL!
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 now be virtual due to public health concerns, but that’s not slowing us down. This year’s featured guest speaker is Top Chef finalist Doug Adams.

MCV’s virtual gala is free to attend, but we still need to reach our goals as this is our biggest fundraising event of the year.

Look for additional details soon on our website at mtvoters.org/events.

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