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A critical part of MCV's mission is to hold accountable all elected leaders who fail to "protect our climate, our clean air and water, our public lands, our communities and future generations." What does that mean after November 3? It means MCV's mission is more important than ever. And we appreciate your partnership as members.

This organization isn't going anywhere as a new governor takes over, as our junior senator prepares for another term in Washington, and as a new Legislature gears up for another session in Helena. We'll be watching everything they do closely, and we certainly won't be afraid to sound alarms, speak up and to engage all Montanans.

It's no secret Election Day was a gamechanger for conservation voters. It always hurts to lose races. But we certainly didn't lose our voice as conservationists. We didn't lose the drive that keeps us motivated every day.

With lots of uncertainty on the horizon, we will be playing a key role as lawmakers debate new energy and environmental policies, as developers set their sights on public lands, and as special interests try to undermine our voting rights.

Montana Conservation Voters congratulates all candidates who won the high privilege of public service. We genuinely welcome them to help us find solutions to reverse climate breakdown and to protect our public lands. If they don't, they will keep hearing from us. We're also eager to work with the 26 MCV-endorsed legislative candidates, and two county commission candidates, who won their elections.

In the months ahead, MCV will be revamping its efforts to communicate with our members and with all Montanans. If you haven't already, we invite you to check out our podcast, *MCVcast*, available on [iTunes](#), [Stitcher](#), [Soundcloud](#), or wherever you get your podcasts. If you can, please consider contributing to our work, or renewing your membership.

We've got a lot of work to do, and we can't do it without you. Thank you for being part of this movement. And thank you for being part of this family!

Respectfully,



Aaron Murphy
Executive Director

Political Update

First of all, thank you. Thank you for supporting our work to elect conservation champions who will defend our air, water, and public lands. Because of your generosity, we were able to run the biggest MCV political program in our organization's history. This year's election was a game changer for conservation in Montana. We endorsed candidates up and down the ballot who all cared deeply about protecting clean air and water, and public lands.

Despite losing some of our races at the top of the ballot, we were still fortunate in getting I-190 and CI-118 passed, which will fund our public lands and wildlife. We also had some important endorsed local candidates win, like former MCV chair Juanita Vero, who won her race for Missoula County Commission, and Zach Brown, who won a seat on the Gallatin County Commission. Twenty-six of our endorsed candidates won seats in the State Legislature. With the 67th Montana Legislature starting in the new year, MCV will make sure to leverage all of these wins to make sure that we get policy outcomes that our climate and public lands deserve.



Save the Date: Giving Tuesday, December 1

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In the coming months, the MCV team will focus our work on the 67th session of the Montana legislature set to begin January 4, 2021. With COVID-19 still changing the way we work, the upcoming legislative session in Helena will be one of the most challenging sessions in Montana history. Governor-elect Greg Gianforte recently earned a spot on the League of Conservation Voters' "Dirty Dozen List" for his dismal record on public lands, stream access and his close ties to the oil and gas industry. Well over 800 bills have already been filed for the 90-day session but rest assured MCV will be there every step of the way fighting for our climate, our clean air and water, our public lands and our communities for future generations. We will need YOUR HELP to hold Governor-elect Gianforte and others in the legislature accountable if they set our movement backward.

Stay Connected and Share!

Stay connected with the MCV team and our work by following us on social media via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. Your support helps us expand our message and our community of conservation warriors. Plus, you may have a chance to win like Aleysha D., who won an Oboz Footwear gift certificate just for sharing MCV's mission on Instagram!



Established in 2012, Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement that has inspired hundreds of millions of people to give. Giving Tuesday kicks off the year-end season of giving, and we'd be honored to have your support on this special day. You can donate through our MCV Education Fund Facebook page or visit us at mtvotersedfund.org/donate to make a tax-deductible donation.

You can also make a year-end donation to MCV at mtvoters.org/donate. Your support directly funds the important work of protecting our clean air, clean water, public lands and communities for future generations. **All donations, up to \$20,000 through December 31, 2020, will be matched by an anonymous, generous donor.** The holidays are also a perfect time to make a gift in honor or memory of someone special or join our most sustainable membership, Big Sky Circle, with a monthly recurring donation of \$10 or more. Visit mtvoters.org/BigSkyCircle for more information.

And, if you make a gift of \$25 or more before December 31, you'll be entered in a drawing to win our cool "I Love Public Lands" giveaway package which includes a Patagonia Black Hole bag, a Patagonia trucker hat, a face mask, and an Oboz Footwear gift certificate for footwear of your choice (total retail value \$500).

MCV's Annual Gala is Online!

To everyone who attended and contributed in October for our first-ever virtual gala, thank you! If you weren't able to join us live, it's not too late to check out a recording of our virtual gala online at bit.ly/mcv2020gala.

Visit us at mtvoters.org/news-events for an upcoming list of 2021 events.

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