

Happy September and Public Lands Month, Montana Conservation Voters!

It's starting to feel like fall and with just a little over a month before Election Day, you better believe Team MCV is working harder than ever to protect our public lands, clean air, clean water and unique communities!

Earlier this month, I was in Washington, D.C., representing you at the White House's celebration of the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The nearly two-year effort that resulted in historic investments to fight climate change is sure to make a lasting impact in Montana and it's all thanks to you! Thank you for taking time to contact our congressional delegation, supporting U.S. Senator Jon Tester's negotiating efforts by signing onto letters and putting yard signs on your lawns, writing letters to the editor and pushing back on Senator Steve Daines and Congressman Matt Rosendale's efforts to tank this important legislation.

But our work is far from over. We're connecting with voters on-the-ground about our [endorsed candidates](#) this cycle thanks to your support. You've heard it before but I'll say it again - the stakes could not be higher and we're counting on you to help get the word out to your family and friends.

2022 is critical for the future of conservation in Montana. We are laser focused on the fact that Montana is only two seats away from an anti-conservation supermajority in the state legislature and losing our independent Supreme Court, which seriously puts our constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment at risk.

It's time to show up, Montana! Future generations are counting on us. Please show your support by becoming a sponsor or attending our [upcoming Gala \(10/6\)](#), providing written comments during the redistricting process, getting the word out about the importance of our public lands through our #PupsForPublicLands photo contest and checking that your voter registration and your friends and family's registration is up-to-date.

Thanks in advance for your attention during this critical time.



Yours in conservation,

Whitney Tawney
Executive Director
Montana Conservation Voters

Photo: Whitney and her family in Beehive Basin near Big Sky, Montana



Get your tickets today for MCV's Gala in Livingston on October 6 from 5PM to 8PM!

We're 15 days away from our first in-person Gala in two years! Our final sponsor deadline is fast approaching, and Senator Jon Tester is confirmed! What are you waiting for?

Please join us October 6 at the Livingston Depot from 5 to 8PM. Get your tickets or explore our many sponsorship opportunities [HERE](#).

We are so grateful to our many generous sponsors who have already committed! Please consider joining **The Messina Group, Clearwater Credit Union, OnSite Energy** and many more to help us reach our fundraising goal for this event. Sponsorships are due on Public Lands Day (9/24), so please act fast.

Plus have you heard about our silent auction? We've got a Sage MOD fly rod, a 2-day float trip down Alberton Gorge or Lochsa River, a Remington Model 700 SPS and so much more. Want a sneak peek at all the goods? **We're launching our silent auction online on Tuesday, September 27!** Stay tuned for more information.

This is a can't-miss event with politicians and conservationists from across the state. We hope to see you next month!

#PupsForPublicLands



The MCV Education Fund has been celebrating National Public Lands Month with a photo contest – *Pups for Public Lands!* All month, the MCV Education Fund has been asking for pictures of your furry friend out enjoying Montana's incredible public lands. With our partner, [West Paw](#), we are offering the top three submissions a West Paw prize pack, valued at \$100! Plus our top 12 dogs will be featured in a 2023 MCV calendar and receive a *Pups for Public Lands* dog bandana.

We're taking submissions until THIS Friday, September 23 and we'll announce our winners on **Saturday, September 24 – Public Lands Day!** Submit your photos [HERE](#) or on social media using the hashtag #PupsForPublicLands.

Plus all donations of \$50 or more to the MCV Education Fund during the month of September will receive a dog bandana. Did we mention donations are tax deductible?

MAKE SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE!

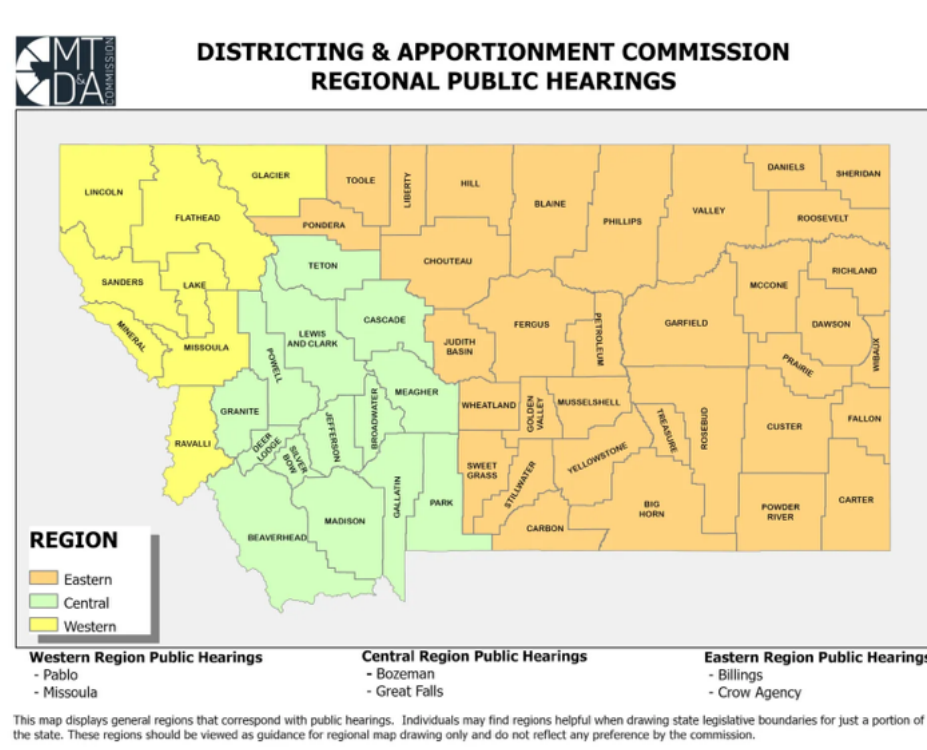
Montana, we're only a few weeks out from Election Day on November 8 which means you should start making your plan to vote today! Need to register to vote? Visit [mtr.org](#) today! Need to check your voter registration? Visit [Montana's My Voter Page](#).

And don't forget to check out the [2022 MCV Endorsed candidates](#) before casting your ballot. See you at the polls!

STATE LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

The Montana Redistricting Commission hit the road in August and September, touring across the state to take public comment on their four proposed legislative maps. The six in-person hearings (and three virtual hearings) were met with robust response from Montanans urging the Commission to adopt fair maps that reflect Montanans and don't violate the Voting Rights Act. The Commission will now break until December where they will likely adjust the maps based on public input and send the final two maps to the legislature for feedback.

You can view all four maps and provide written comments at the [Commission's website](#). To learn more about the redistricting process, [watch a video](#) on the four maps and how to comment, visit [RepresentMT.com](#) – the MCV Education Fund's redistricting hub in partnership with Montana Women Vote and the Forward Montana Foundation.



Member of the Month!

Noreen A Breeding

Bozeman, MT

Why are you an MCV member?

I am an MCV member because MCV is effective and it supports the conservation issues important to me.

What's your top conservation issue and why?

My top conservation issue is reducing greenhouse gasses by convincing everyone to get involved - individual citizens, governments, and industry. Global warming is an existential threat to nature, wildlife and humans, plants, insects, birds, everything alive. And it is wreaking havoc now.

Where is your favorite outdoor spot in Montana?

Yellowstone National Park, especially the northwest corner that I have visited often since 1974.

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendar with these important upcoming dates!

SEPTEMBER

Sept 23 - Dillon Pint Night with Patagonia at Beaverhead Brewing Company, 6-8PM (The MCV Education Fund receives \$1 for every pint sold at this event!)
Sept 23 - Last day to submit your #PupsforPublicLands photos [HERE!](#)
Sept 24 - National Public Lands Day

OCTOBER

Oct 6 - [MCV's Annual Gala](#) at the Livingston Depot Center, 5 to 8PM
Oct 14 - General Election Ballots mailed

NOVEMBER

November 8 - Make a plan to vote in the general election!

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