NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

**Bills Under Consideration:**

- **House Bill 462**
  - This new bill under consideration by Montana lawmakers would permanently restrict the State’s ability to place bonds in the Montana Land Conservation Program to fund new and expanded habitat initiatives.

  - Team MCV is working hard to oppose HB 462, and we need your help!

  - **Call to Action:** Contact your legislators and urge them to oppose this bill. Give public comment at the legislative hearing scheduled for the next two years.

  - **Reasons to Oppose:**
    - HB 462 would strip voter-approved revenue from the Land Conservation Program and prevent Montana from meeting its conservation goals.
    - Montana communities and economic vitality depend on the protection of our wildlife and natural lands.

  - **What to Say:**
    - “As a Montanan, I urge you to oppose HB 462. Montana needs conservation funding now more than ever to protect wildlife and keep rural economies strong.”

**Cultural Resource Displacement Legislation**

- **Senate Bill 151**
  - This bill would require the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department to consider cultural resources, including archaeological sites and cultural significance of the landscape, when making decisions on wildlife habitat projects.

  - Team MCV supports this legislation as it aligns with our conservation agenda and focuses on protecting Montana’s cultural heritage.

**Habitat Montana and the Future of Federal Lands**

- **A WIN FOR THE TREASURE STATE**
  - Montana communities will have more fair legislative representation for the next two years thanks to efforts by Team MCV to expand Montana’s congressional delegation.

  - The language providing for a nonpartisan primary was successfully included in the new legislative map (TCP-3) that is fair and does not unduly favor one party over another. This is a win for Montana voters and the incoming delegation.

**Voter Information**

- **Constitution Day + Lobby Day at the Capitol**
  - Montana voters were right to broaden the funding base of Habitat Montana. It’s time to expand the Montana Land Conservation Program to meet the state’s needs.

  - Thanks to the Montana Conservation Voters for your calls and public comment – you made a difference.

  - Call your legislators and the Governor to support the Montana Land Conservation Program.

**A Call to Action**

- We need your help to protect Montana’s future.

- **Contact your legislators and urge them to support the Montana Land Conservation Program.**

- **What to Say:**
  - “As a Montanan, I urge you to support the Montana Land Conservation Program and ensure that Montana’s wildlife and natural lands are protected.”

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**MCV MATTERS**

- MCV’s dedication to protecting Montana’s wildlife and natural lands.

- Montana Conservation Voters encourages Montanans to get involved and make a difference.

- **Call to Action:**
  - **Donate Today**
  - Support MCV’s work to protect Montana’s wildlife and natural lands.

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**Team MCV**

- **Jocelyn Leroux**
  - Team MCV is thrilled to welcome our new Program Director, Jocelyn Leroux, and our first intern, Jock Conyngham.

  - Jocelyn will be based in Helena for the session and permanently in Great Falls.

  - Team MCV is also hiring! Join Team MCV as our next Communications Intern.

**Voters!**

- **Happy Valentine’s Day Montana Conservation Voters!**

  - Thanks to all our members, contributors, and volunteers who make our work possible.

  - We simply cannot achieve wins for the Big Sky State without supporters like you and a well-informed electorate.

  - Montana needs a strong voice for conservation, and we are proud to stand with you.

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**MCV’s Year-Round Work**

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