

who have expressed their concerns about the future, brought diverse perspectives to ensure all people are cared for, and spent time fighting for our state.

Let's keep moving forward to ensure Montana's policies - and policies around the country and world - are supportive of a healthy and prosperous future and consistent with protecting our constitutional rights."

We also reached out to another plaintiff, Lander, but he couldn't be reached because he was off the grid on a 2-day river trip. However, his father reported Lander had this to say upon hearing the news shortly before jumping in the boat: "Hell yes! We won! And I'm going fishing!"

Thanks for Getting it Done, Tester!

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Yesterday, August 16, marked the one year anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act! This once-in-a-generation law is already benefiting Montanans by driving economic growth and promoting energy freedom through increased investments in renewable energy development while also protecting our public lands. Jon Tester secured To celebrate this historic milestone and to thank Senator Tester for his work shepherding this bill over the finish line, we are thanking Senator Tester by taking out a for Montana public land full page ad in his hometown newspaper. projects with the We will list the names of Montanans and **Inflation Reduction Act** their home city on the ad. Will you add your name to our "thank you?" TesterGettingItDone.org Click <u>HERE</u> to add your name. Let's celebrate this win for Montana and thank Senator Tester for his work! Honk if You Hate Hypocrites!

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Save SB 442

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involved in the coming days. NorthWestern Energy (Montana's largest monopoly utility) has released a draft Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)--a blueprint for how they plan to meet customers' energy needs for the next

20 years.

power plants,

storage).

The IRP is SUPPOSED to:

steamroll veterans, farmers, ranchers and our public lands

If you're tooling around Helena, the Flathead, and Billings, keep a look out for this largerthan-life reminder of how Governor Greg Gianforte stuck it to thousands of Montanans. SB 442 revised the allocations of the recreational marijuana tax revenue in a manner that invested in Montana and was supported by thousands of Montanans, over 100 businesses and organizations, and 131 bipartisan lawmakers. SB 442 not only invested in Habitat Montana, but also improved and expanded the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, allowing both the expansion and enhancement of public lands and wildlife habitat. Despite the bipartisan support of 87% of the legislature, Governor Gianforte still vetoed the bill. Want one of these billboards near you or help us continue to hold the Governor accountable and save SB 442? Please visit our <u>Save SB 442 page</u> and also consider pitching in \$25, \$50, or \$100 to help Governor Gianforte, as the Bozeman Chronicle put it in this blistering editorial, "consider the possibility that the best ideas might not always be his." **Higher Costs to Consumers and More Pollution?!** Speak up to Stop Northwest Energy's Backwards 20-Year-Plan The time is now to take action and keep NorthWestern Energy from sticking Montanans with bigger bills while favoring polluters. Here is why it's critical to get

Provide transparency for customers who are likely to end up on the hook for new power plants;

Guide NorthWestern's decisions about how to affordably and reliably provide electricity to its customers;

Help the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) determine if NorthWestern's plan to build more power plants will result in affordable and reliable electric power for customers.

However, the reality is that NorthWestern's draft IRP fails to do any of the above, and would result in an electricity system that is unaffordable, unreliable, and favors polluters and shareholders over Montanans.

Specifically, NorthWestern's 2023 IRP:

Fails to justify its proposal to build wildly expensive and polluting new fossil fuel and nuclear

Fails to consider ways to reduce the need for power (particularly during times of high demand when energy prices are highest),

Fails to consider the impact of proposed regulations that limit toxic air pollutants, coal ash, and greenhouse gas pollution from the Colstrip plant and instead proposes to increase NorthWestern's share of the antiquated and super polluting power plant,

Fails to meaningfully consider less expensive options such as renewable energy plus storage, increased energy efficiency, and emerging regional energy markets, instead focusing on its misguided conclusion that it needs more methane-burning gas plants,

Fails to fairly consider how to replace the Colstrip power plant with a low-cost mix of clean energy options and instead proposes replacing it in the distant future with nuclear power,

And, mischaracterizes and fails to account for trillions of dollars in federal funding from the

Inflation Reduction Act and Build Back Better Act that is intended to accelerate the

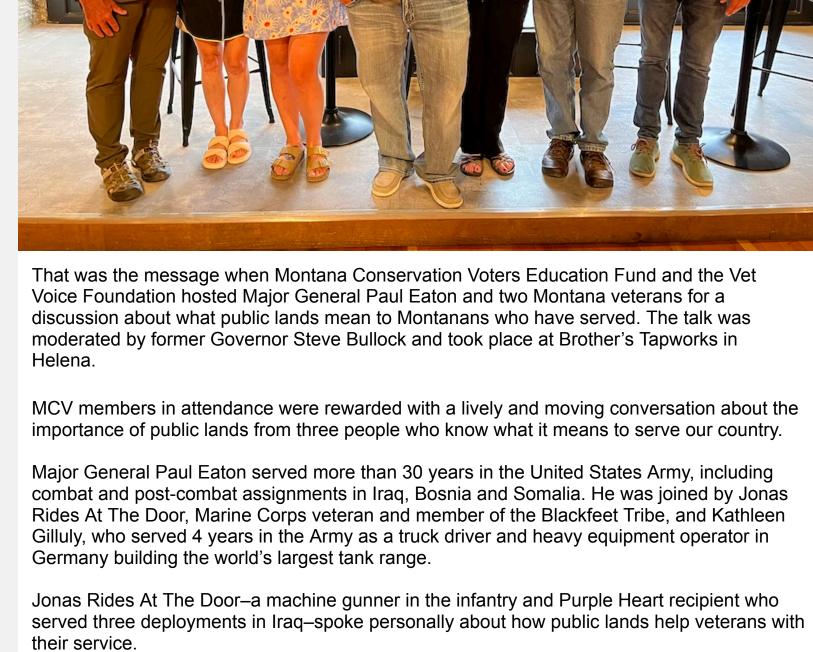
deployment of cost-effective clean energy (energy efficiency, renewables, transmission, and

We need you to tell the PSC that this is unacceptable! There are THREE ways that you can make your voice heard on behalf of Montana ratepayers, clean air, and clean water.

Submit a public comment by August 28 by sending your comments to pschelp@mt.gov. Be sure to include "Regarding docket 2022.11.102" in the subject line.
 Share a short statement at your local hearing in person.
 Or join a hearing via zoom. To join via Zoom, contact the PSC at 1-800-646-6150 or pschelp@mt.gov by 5:00 p.m. on the day before you intend to provide comment.
 Remaining PSC public hearings:

 Butte (TONIGHT): August 17, 6:00 p.m., Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, 17 W.Quartz.
 Missoula: August 22, 6:00 p.m., Missoula College Learning Center (river campus), 1205 E. Broadway Ave., Room 304.

 The general plan can be found HERE and the appendices with the specifics can be found HERE.
 Veterans: "The cheapest, easiest treatment for PTSD is our public lands."



and why it's so important to protect these special places." Among the issues the panel discussed with Governor Bullock and the crowd were how public lands and outdoor recreation help vets heal, the need to pass the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act, and how calls and letters to your elected leaders really can make a difference. "It's my belief that pretty much everyone who serves in the military in a combat situation deals with some level of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome," said General Eaton. "And I also believe that the easiest, cheapest treatment for PTSD is our public lands." The entire panel stressed that if you speak up, you will be heard. They stressed that calls from constituents matter, and when an elected official makes a promise, we must hold them accountable for it. Along with connecting with other folks who want to support our veterans and public lands, those in attendance helped by raising their glass, as Brother's Tapworks donated \$1 from every pint pulled to the MCV Education Fund and the Vet Voice Foundation. Field Trip! Celebrating Montana's National Monuments with a field trip, pint night, and new visitor's guide!

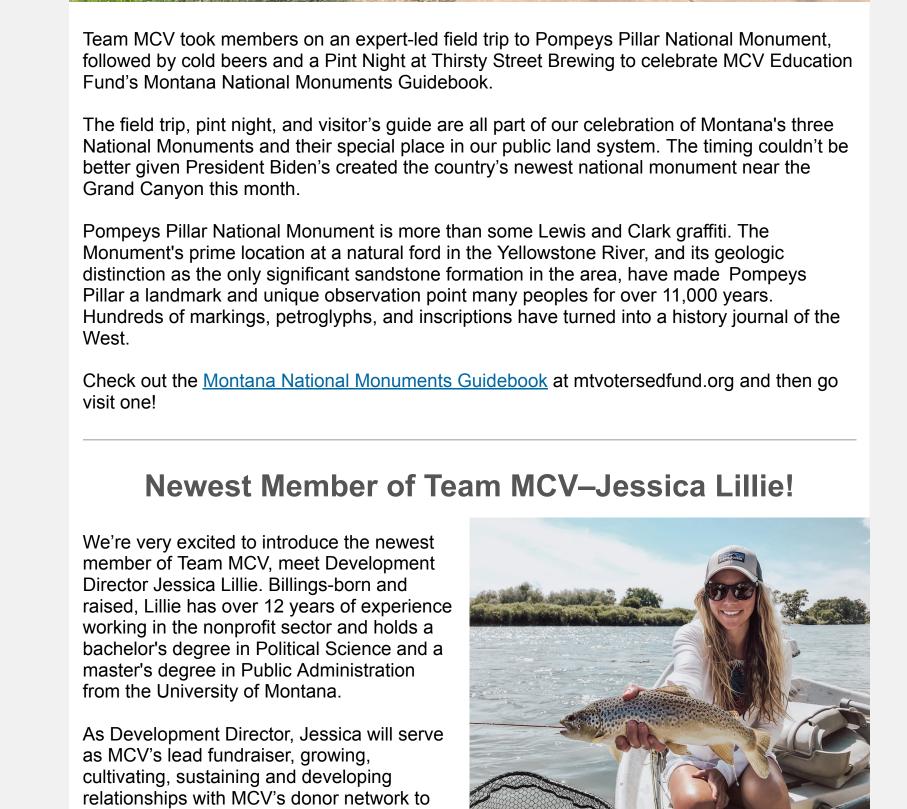
"It was very tough. War is tough. But I found a level of peace on our public lands, in the

mountains and waters," said Rides At The Door. "And that's why I got involved with Vet Voice

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PUBLIC LANDS

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Lowis and Clark National Historic Trail



with plentiful access to healthy public lands. It's one of the things that makes Montana so special."

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"Montana is where I'm from but it's also where my husband and I have chosen to make a home and raise a family. I'm thrilled to join an organization that works so hard to protect

Montana for future generations. I want our two sons to have the same experience that I had,

increase MCV's impact for all Montanans.

left until our <u>2023 Gala</u> at the Livingston Depot is Friday, October 13! This annual party to protect the Last Best Place brings

conservationists for an evening of local

We are so excited for the performance by special guest <u>Supaman!</u> An innovative,

award-winning Native American dancer and hip hop artist, <u>Supaman</u> is a member of the Apsáalooke Nation who grew up in Crow Agency, Montana. His work combines

Native, comedic, and urban hip hop cultures,

This month, watch for a sneak peek at our silent auction. Our silent auction will go live next month, and it's getting jam packed with unique Montana gear and experiences like a guided family climbing experience up Mount

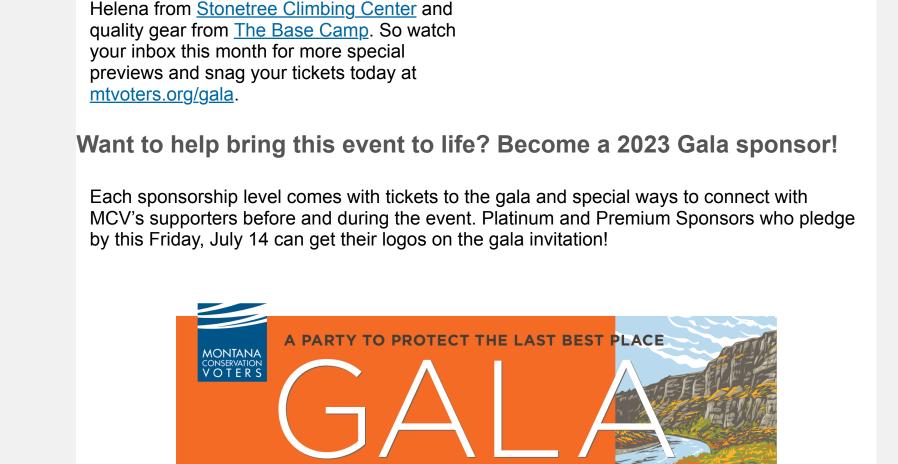
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flavors and entertainment.

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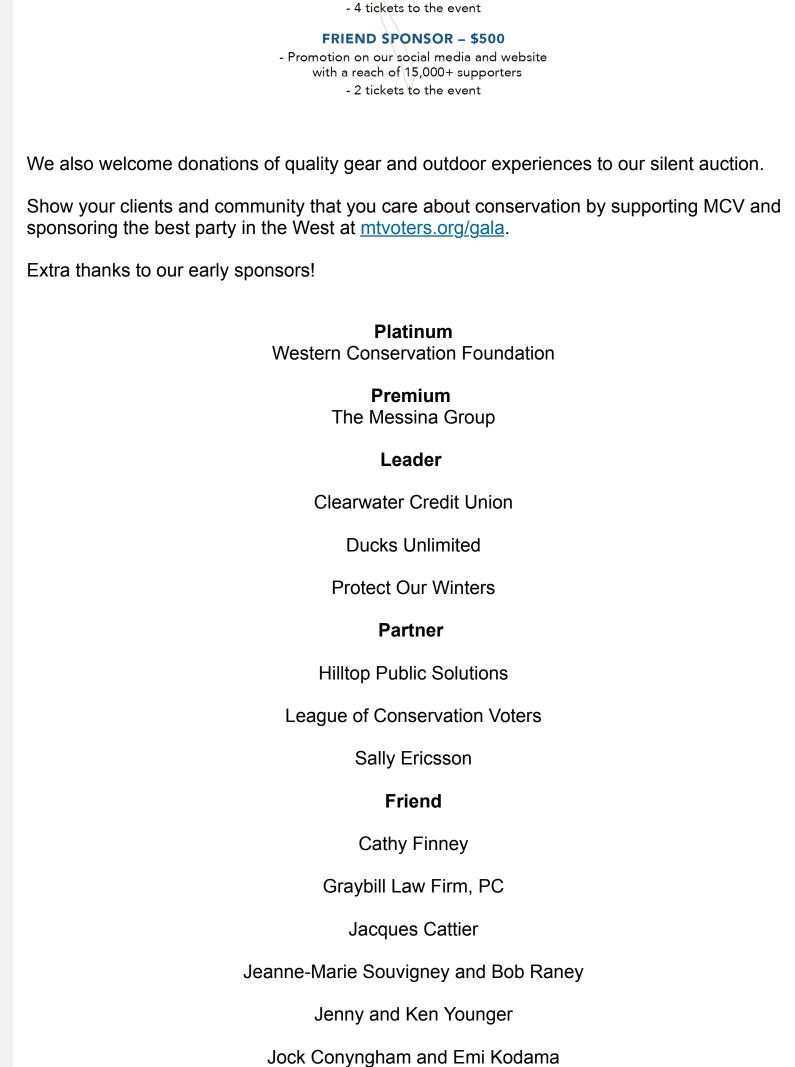
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- Feature in one MCV MATTERS newsletter
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Kathryn and Terry Meyers

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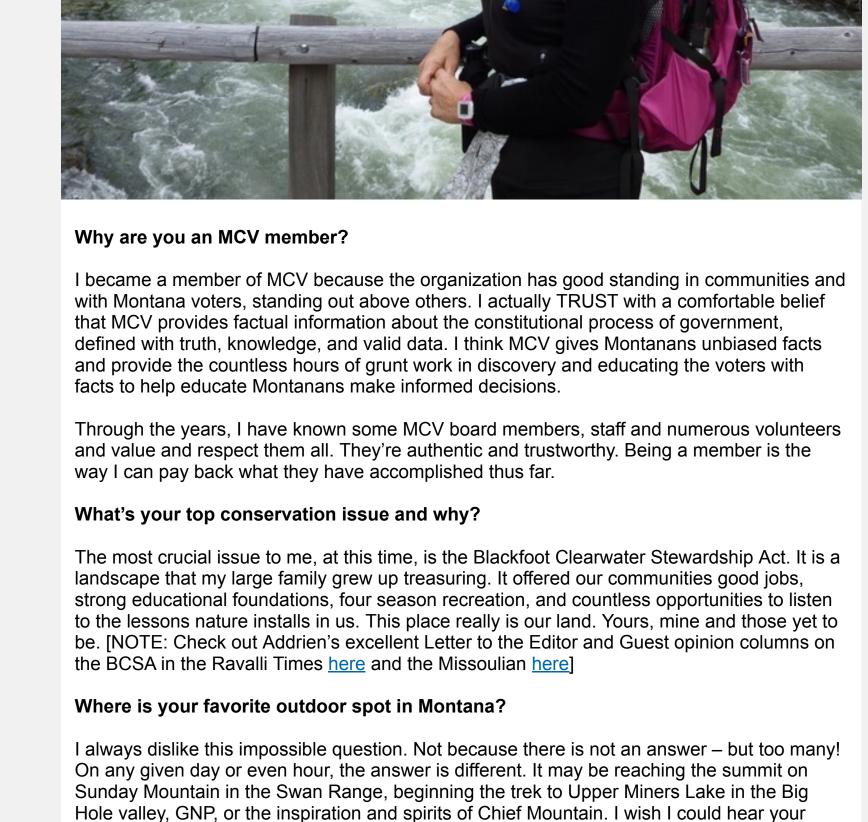
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Questions about sponsorships, our silent auction, or tickets? Contact Jessica at jessica@mtvoters.org.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH!

Addrien Marx, from Butte, lives in Seeley Lake and

Missoula



Jon Tester is bringing money to Montana to invest in clean energy and create jobs?

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