

MONTANA OUTDOOR VALUES ACTION FUND: “Signs” 5-30-2024

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<p>Audio: You’re seeing more and more of these signs in Montana. Places we’ve hunted and fished for years are being closed off.</p> <p>Visual: Andrew Posewitz CLANCY</p> <p>Audio: And you want to know what? Tim Sheehy would make it worse. He’s out there saying he would end protections for public lands.</p> <p>Visual: TIM SHEEHY End Protections for Public Lands -HUFFINGTON POST, 10/28/23</p> <p>Audio: That means we could lose access to all of these incredible places.</p> <p>And more of these places could get sold off to rich out of staters like him.</p> <p>More Land Sold to Rich Out-of-Staters -POLITICO, 3/22/23, MONTANA FREE PRESS, 12/5/23</p> <p>Audio: It’s great if you’re Tim Sheehy. Terrible for the rest of us.</p> <p>Montana Outdoor Values Action Fund is responsible for the content of this ad.</p> <p>Visual: Tim Sheehy Not One Of Us</p> <p>PAID FOR BY MONTANA OUTDOOR VALUES ACTION</p>	<div data-bbox="607 254 1511 300" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><i>Sheehy Was A Multi-Millionaire</i></div> <p>Politico HEADLINE: “Republicans Are Looking For Senate Candidates Who Are Filthy Rich.” [Politico, 3/22/23]</p> <p>Sheehy’s Company Was Valued At \$869 Million. “In Montana, the home of Democratic Sen. Jon Tester, a top GOP target, Republican recruiters are eagerly courting Sheehy, a Navy SEAL-turned-aerial firefighting pilot. He is the founder of Bridger Aerospace, which was valued at \$869 million last year.” [Politico, 3/22/23]</p> <p>In 2022, Sheehy Earned \$5 Million In Salary And Bonuses As CEO Of Bridger Aerospace. “In the decade since moving to Montana, Sheehy went from reportedly living in a tent on a 60-acre farm outside of Belgrade to building several successful, lucrative businesses and owning multimillion-dollar mansions and vast swaths of land. Last year, he earned nearly \$5 million in salary and bonuses as the CEO of Bridger Aerospace, according to a company filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.” [Huffington Post, 6/1/23]</p> <div data-bbox="607 1073 1511 1119" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><i>Sheehy Was Born And Raised In Minnesota</i></div> <p>Sheehy Was Born In The Twin Cities Area And Grew Up In Shoreview, Minnesota. “‘Where was Sheehy born?’ has become a persistent question in the in-boxes of Montana Free Press reporters. The answer: Sheehy ‘was born in the Twin Cities area and grew up in Shoreview, Minnesota,’ Sheehy’s campaign told MTFP last week.” [Montana Free Press, 12/5/23]</p> <div data-bbox="607 1413 1511 1564" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><i>October 2023: Sheehy, Who Sat On The Board Of An Organization That Called For The Privatization Of Public Lands, Called For Public Lands To Be Transferred To “A Local Landlord”</i></div> <p>Huffington Post HEADLINE: “Montana GOP Senate Candidate Embraces A Toxic Position On Public Lands.” [Huffington Post, 10/18/23]</p> <p>Huffington Post Reported That Sheehy Suggested Public Lands Should Be Turned Over To “A Local Landlord.” “None of this has kept Sheehy, a decorated military veteran and millionaire businessman, from making the same mistake as Rosendale. ‘Local control has to be returned,’ Sheehy told the Working Ranch Radio Show earlier this month. ‘Whether that</p>

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means, you know, some of these public lands get turned over to state agencies, or even counties, or whether those decisions are made by a local landlord instead of by, you know, federal fiat a few thousand miles away. Local control will almost always produce better results than a federal mandate from bureaucrats who are unaccountable to the people that are ultimately subject to these regulations.' While federal agencies are headquartered in Washington, D.C., most land management decisions are made by local field offices." [Huffington Post, [10/18/23](#)]

Huffington Post Noted That Sheehy's "Attempt To Walk The Line" On His Comments Supporting Transferring Public Lands To The State Mirrored The Pro-Transfer Movement's Attempt To "Abandon Brazen Calls For Outright Transfer."

"Sheehy's attempt to walk the line here mirrors a yearslong shift within the pro-transfer movement. As HuffPost previously reported, conservatives have largely been forced to abandon brazen calls for outright transfer and sale — at least publicly — instead embracing savvier tactics aimed at achieving many of the same industry-friendly goals that would come with stripping lands from federal control. That has included supporting federal-state agreements that would give states a greater role in public land management and pushing permitting reform legislation aimed at giving states the authority to manage oil, gas and other energy development across the federal estate — a de facto transfer of control that would establish federal lands in name only." [Huffington Post, [10/18/23](#)]

Aaron Weiss, Deputy Director At The Center For Western Priorities Described Transferring Public Lands As A "Third Rail" And Said Montanans Were "Clearly Against" Transferring Lands.

"Aaron Weiss, deputy director at the Center for Western Priorities, told HuffPost that the issue became 'such a third rail that candidates across the West generally stopped going there' — and pollsters largely quit posing such direct questions. 'It's incredibly consistent over the years and not even close,' he said of public opposition. 'This is not like an issue that is on the margin for Montana voters. They are very clearly against transferring or selling off public lands.'" [Huffington Post, [10/18/23](#)]

In 2020, Sheehy Purchased Roughly 20,000 Ranch Acres In Montana To Form The Little Belt Cattle Company

In 2019, The Sheehy's Consolidated Lazy Daisy, Daisy Dean, And Robidou Properties Into A Single Conversation Easement In An Attempt To Reconsolidate The Historic Cameron Ranch. "In 2019, Tim and Carmen Sheehy and Matt

Sheehy purchased the Lazy Daisy, Daisy Dean, and Robidou ranches in an attempt to reconsolidate the historic Cameron Ranch in Meagher County. At over 7,000 deeded and 10,000 federal and private leased acres, the newly formed Little Belt Ranch is approaching 20,000 contiguous acres along the Little Belt Mountains. [MT Land Reliance, 2021 Annual Report, Accessed [2/06/24](#)]

In 2020, The Sheehy's Launched Little Belt Cattle Company.

"In the case of Little Belt, the Putnams nor any of the other company's principals, Tim and Carmen Sheehy, and Tim's brother, Matt Sheehy, had any land management or agricultural experience before launching the ranch in 2020." [Land.com, [10/18/22](#)]

Sheehy Joined The Montana Farm Bureau In December

2020. "Welcome new members Montana Farm Bureau gives a hearty welcome to new members who realize the importance of belonging to the state's largest ag organization.

Carbon-Stillwater County – James and Charlotte Horton, Dan and Janice Sayer; Cascade County – Timothy and Charla Bunker, Warren and Diane Kottke, Michael and Linda Moran, Justin and Kristin Okes; Chouteau County - John Bold, Turk and Megan Lords, Kenneth and Jennifer Ritland; Custer-Fallon County - Eugene and Diane Smith; Fergus County - Daniel and Michelle Hartman; Front Range County - Katelynn Emerson; Gallatin County - Andrew Dana, Jackson Lake and Grace Tyson, Timothy Sheehy." [Montana Farm Bureau, December 2020, Accessed [2/08/24](#)]

Sheehy Co-Owned Little Belt Cattle Company With Fellow

Navy Seal Greg Putnam. "Sheehy and his fellow Navy SEAL teammate Greg Putnam own the Little Belt Cattle Company. Sheehy: 'We really wanted to achieve the vision of direct to market beef- backgrounding, commercial feeding, processing, packaging, and delivery in the state. Never having the cow leave the State of Montana- from the time that calf hits the grass, through the feedlot, through the processor, to when it's consumed by Montanans and our customers.'" [AM 1450 KMMS, [4/21/23](#)]

Sheehy's Little Belt Cattle Company Offered The Most Expensive Private Hunting Package In Montana On LandTrust, An Airbnb-Like Platform For Hunters

Little Belt Company Offered A \$12,500 Archery Hunt On LandTrust.com, An Airbnb-Like Platform Which Allowed Landowners To "Capitalize On The Recreation Value Of Their Land"

LandTrust.com, A Platform Similar To Airbnb, Allowed Landowners To “Capitalize On The Recreation Value Of Their Land.” “Last December, the O’Connors listed their 50,000 acres on LandTrust.com, a platform similar to Airbnb, but designed for landowners who want to capitalize on the recreation value of their land.” [Montana Free Press, [7/20/22](#)]

Little Belt Cattle Company Was The Most Expensive Package Available In Montana, They Offered A 5-Day, 5-Person Archery Hunt For \$12,500. “Non-consumptive activities like hiking and birding are typically priced at \$25 to \$50 per day. Packages that include lodging cost more. The most spendy package currently available in Montana is a 5-day, 5-person archery hunt at the Little Belt Cattle Company, which runs \$12,500.” [Montana Free Press, [7/20/22](#)]

[The Little Belt Cattle Company Listing Is No Longer Available On LandTrust’s Website, But It Was Featured In A March 2023 Blog Post](#)

Little Belt Cattle Co Was Featured In LandTrust’s “New Listings” Blog Post In March 2023. [Wayback Machine, [blog.landtrust, 9/29/23](#)]

Little Belt Cattle Company: Martinsdale, MT - 8,000 acres.

- Hunting (Elk, Mule Deer, Antelope, Coyote) / Fishing / Birdwatching / Farm & Ranch
- The Little Belt Cattle Company is a first-generation, family-owned ranch proudly founded and operated by combat veterans.
- Located just minutes from Martinsdale, Montana, **Little Belt Cattle Company** stands in the foothills of the Little Belt Mountains and has private access to over 500,000 acres of National Forest, with access to over 5,000 acres of State Land directly south of the property.
- Lodging available - features all the comforts of a first-class vacation. Guest will enjoy access to the main house, which features three spacious bedrooms, a full gourmet kitchen, fireplace, grill, and laundry facilities.



[LittleBeltCattleCoElk](#)

Little Belt Cattle Co Offered Visitors An “Authentic Montana” Experience And “A Taste” Of “Hard Work” With “The Comforts Of A First-Class Vacation”

Little Belt Cattle Company Offered A Package On LandTrust Hosted By Greg P, Sheehy’s Partner At Little Belt. [Wayback Machine, [Landtrust.com, 5/26/22](#)]



Little Belt Cattle Company

[Martinsdale, MT](#)

📍 Nearest Town, Martinsdale, Montana 🏠 Lodging Available

🏡 8,000 acres

🦅 Birdwatching

🏹 Hunting

🏡 Farm/Ranch



Hosted by
Greg P

Little Belt Described Themselves As A “Premier Destination For Hunters Or Folks Just Seeking A Taste Of The Hard Work, Commitment, And Care, That Characterizes Life On The Ranch” With “The Comforts Of A First-Class Vacation.” “The Little Belt Cattle Company is a first-generation, family-owned ranch proudly founded and operated by combat veterans. The ranch is also the proud recipient of the 2021 Conservation Award from Montana Land Reliance. The ranch spans nearly 8,000 acres and provides a premier destination for hunters or folks just seeking a taste of the hard work, commitment, and care, that characterizes life on the ranch. Located just minutes from Martinsdale, Montana, Little Belt Cattle Company stands in the foothills of the Little Belt Mountains and has private access to over 500,000 acres of National Forest, with access to over 5,000 acres of State Land directly south of the property. Our lodging features all the comforts of a first-class vacation. Guest will enjoy access to our main house, which features three spacious bedrooms, a full gourmet kitchen, fireplace, grill, and laundry facilities. We look forward to hosting you! Little Belt Cattle Co.” [Wayback Machine, Landtrust.com, [5/26/22](#)]

Contact Greg

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[Little Belt Cattle Co](#)

Little Belt Cattle Co's Available Activities Included Hunting, Birding, And "Farm/Ranch." [Wayback Machine, Landtrust.com, [5/26/22](#)]

Available Activities



Hunting



Birding






Farm/Ranch

Little Belt Cattle Company Said They Offered "An Authentic Montana Ranch Experience, World Class Hunting, With All The Comforts Of A Vacation." "Little Belt Cattle Company offers an authentic Montana ranch experience, world class hunting, with all the comforts of a vacation." [Wayback Machine,

Landtrust.com, [5/26/22](#)]

House Details

 5 Guests	 3 Bedrooms 3 King	 3 Bathrooms Shower Hot Water
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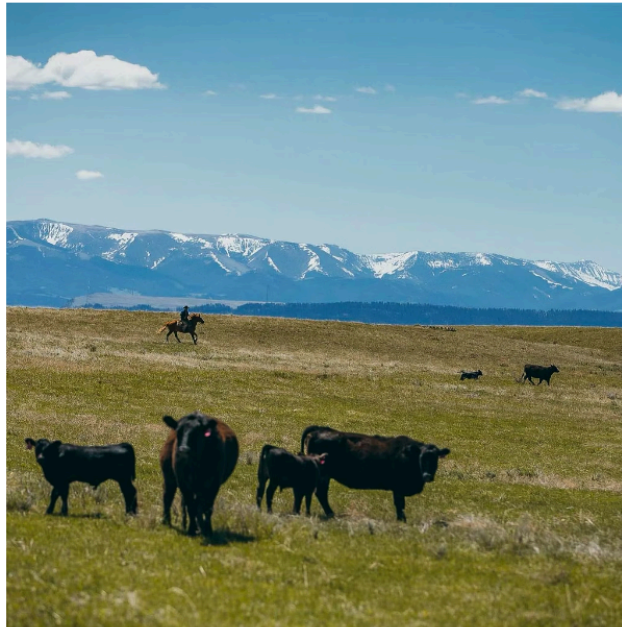
House Amenities

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| Towels | Bed sheets | Bath soap |
| Toilet paper | Air conditioning | Fireplace |
| Coffee | Pillows | Oven |
| Stove | Fridge | Outdoor grill |
| Dishwasher | Freezer | Game processing area |
| Wifi | Hot Water | Shower |
| Garbage Area ⓘ | Cell Service ⓘ | |

House Description

Little Belt Cattle Company offers an authentic Montana ranch experience, world class hunting, with all the comforts of a vacation.

LandTrust’s Blog Advertised Learning “How To Ride Like A Cowboy At Little Belt Cattle Company.” [Blog.landtrust.com, Accessed [2/06/24](#)]



Learn how to ride like a cowboy at [Little Belt Cattle Company](#).

According To LandTrust’s Blog, Little Belt Cattle Co Was Located In “Prime Elk Hunting Unit 3: South Little Belt Mountains – District 540.” “Prime Elk Hunting Unit 3: South Little Belt Mountains – District 540” [blog.landtrust.com, Accessed [2/06/24](#)]

LandTrust Advertised Little Belt Cattle Co As Having “Unique Access To Incredible Hunts.” “Back toward the middle of the state, just south of the Little Belt Mountains, the Little Belt Cattle Company occupies 8,000 acres of prime elk country. This ranch has unique access to incredible hunts, but it’s for the archery hunter out there.” [blog.landtrust.com, Accessed [2/06/24](#)]

According To Fox News, LandTrust Gave Fans Of Yellowstone A Chance To “Rent Access To Land” In Montana

Fox & Friend Aired A Segment About LandTrust Describing It As A Chance For Ranchers To ‘Give Visitors The “Yellowstone’ Experience.” “For nature lovers, outdoor enthusiasts or even fans of the hit television show ‘Yellowstone,’ Montana ranchers are giving visitors a chance to rent access to land in Big Sky country. LandTrust founder Nic de Castro described his land-sharing platform which gives travelers the option to rent access to land for outdoor recreation.” [Fox News, [9/24/23](#)] (VIDEO)



Montana Residents Were Concerned That LandTrust Would Hurt Publicly Accessible Hunting And Weaken The State’s Block Management Program

Miles City Resident Matt Rinella Who Helped Form Montana Hunters For Access To Promote The Block Management Program, Said LandTrust Was “Not A Good Sign For Publicly Accessible, Nonpaying Hunting.” “Last year, Kuntz joined with fellow Miles City residents Matt Rinella and Miles Muscha to form the group Montana Hunters for Access. The goal was to create a way to thank landowners involved in the state’s Block Management Program. [...] Rinella said LandTrust and other private leases of land by outfitters is ‘not a good sign for publicly accessible, nonpaying hunting.’ He pointed to other

western states where leased private lands are the rule, not the exception.” [Billings Gazette, [3/16/23](#)]

LandTrust Was Backed The Billionaire, Far-Right Wilks Brothers Who Were Known For Their Anti Public-Lands Agenda

The Wilks Brothers Provided A Large Part Of LandTrust’s \$6 Million First Round Venture Funding. “So far, LandTrust lists more than 1 million acres of lands in Montana, with more soon to come, according to a recent press release. That’s because the Wilks brothers, one of the largest landowners in the state, plan to enroll ‘hundreds of thousands of acres.’ The brothers have also provided a large part of the \$6 million for the first round in venture funding. The investment will allow LandTrust to expand into five more states this year, the company said.’ [...] ‘We invested in LandTrust and are adding some of our lands to the platform because it allows us to provide the general public access to our private land in a safe, secure and simple way to create a more equitable and accessible outdoor experience for all,’ said Justin Wilks, executive vice president at Wilks Brothers. The Wilkses’ property in central Montana houses one of the largest elk herds in the state.” [Billings Gazette, [3/16/23](#)]

The Wilks Brothers Are Far-Right Extremists And Republican Mega-Donors Who Gave \$15 Million To Ted Cruz’s Super PAC. “They burst on the national political scene in 2015, when they gave \$15 million to a super PAC network supporting Ted Cruz’s presidential campaign.” [Texas Tribune, [10/12/23](#)]

The Wilkses Owned Roughly 700,000 Acres Across Several State And Had “Become A Symbol Of The Out-Of-Touch Owner” “The Wilkses, who now own some 700,000 acres across several states, have become a symbol of the out-of-touch owner. In Idaho, as their property has expanded, the brothers have shuttered trails and hired armed guards to patrol their acres, blocking and stymying access not only to their private property, but also to some publicly owned areas. This has drawn ire from everyday Idahoans who have hiked and hunted in those hills for generations.” [New York Times, [6/22/19](#)]

The Wilks Brothers Came Under Fire In Idaho For Cutting Off Access To Land For The Snowmobile Industry, Shutting Down Hunting Access, And Kicking Out Timber Companies Causing 100 People To Lose Their Jobs. “In Idaho, the Wilks brothers did more than gate a few roads. They also revoked road-use contracts that propped up the region’s multimillion-dollar snowmobile industry, shut down hunting on their land and told timber companies to pull crews from the area. About 100 people lost their jobs. No one claimed that

those actions were illegal, but they heightened fears that local residents were losing control of the region. A 2017 video of a roadside argument between an armed Wilks guard and a local ATV rider traveled quickly around the state. Afterward, the Wilks family hired a lobbyist to push for a law that would stiffen penalties for trespass. The bill passed.” [New York Times, [6/22/19](#)]

When Residents Asked Permission To Cross The Wilks Property, They Were Asked To First Share Their Opinion Of The Content On A Popular Right-Wing Website PragerU.

“Amid the dispute, some residents emailed the Wilkses, asking permission to cross their property. They were surprised to receive a response suggesting they first visit a popular right-wing website and share their opinions of its content. The site, PragerU, features videos supporting the hard-lined conservative views of personalities like Ben Shapiro and Dinesh D’Souza. The portal has been heavily financed by the Wilkses.” [New York Times, [6/22/19](#)]

[Montana Politicians Have Previously Been Hit For Their Ties To The Wilks Brothers Because Of Their Well-Known Anti-Public Lands Agenda](#)

In 2019, Rosendale Was Hit For His Financial Ties To The Wilks Brothers And His “Radical Anti-Public-Lands Agenda.” “Montana congressional candidate Matt Rosendale earns income from two oil wells he leases to Dan and Farris Wilks. That should not only be of interest for voters because the Texan billionaires are pushing a radical anti-public-lands agenda across the Rocky Mountain West, but also because Rosendale voted for anti-public-access legislation backed by the Wilks brothers while being paid by them.” [Outsideonline.com, [7/16/19](#)]

In 2020, Daines Was Hit For Being A Senator For The Wilks Brothers And Helping Push “A Radical Anti-Public-Lands Agenda.” “Today, EDF Action Votes and LCV Victory Fund will launch a \$3 million television ad campaign spotlighting Steve Daines’ record of putting special interests and out-of-state billionaires ahead of Montana families and their public lands, including threatening access for hunters and anglers. The ad hits Daines for his ties to Texas billionaires Dan and Farris Wilks who are “pushing a radical anti-public-lands agenda across the Rocky Mountain West.” [...] The ad says, “The Texas billionaires Wilks Brothers have it all. They’re the largest individual landowners in Montana. They even have their own Senator — Steve Daines. Daines took over eight hundred thousand from real estate interests and the Wilks family. No wonder Daines voted to open the door for out of state developers, threatening access for Montana’s hunters and

	anglers. Steve Daines is for them. Not us.” [Press Release, EDF Action, 9/08/20]
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