

Montana Outdoor Values Action Fund “No Access” Backup – 6.11.24

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<p>Audio: No access, no hunting.</p> <p>Visual: NO ACCESS NO HUNTING</p> <p>Audio: That’s the story of Tim Sheehy’s luxury hobby ranch.</p> <p>Visual: TIM SHEEHY’S LUXURY HOBBY RANCH</p> <p>Audio: Sheehy teamed up with out-of-state billionaires to block your access so he could charge rich tourists \$12,500 for prime elk hunting.</p> <p>Visual: TIM SHEEHY TEAMED UP WITH OUT-OF-STATE BILLIONAIRES</p> <p>TO BLOCK YOUR ACCESS</p> <p>BILLINGS GAZETTE, 3/16/23</p> <p>NBC NEWS, 5/6/24 TIM SHEEHY CHARGED \$12,500 FOR “PRIME ELK HUNTING”</p>	<div data-bbox="646 247 1511 361" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>Sheehy’s Ranch, Little Belt Cattle Company, Offered A \$12,500 Hunting Package On LandTrust.com, A Website Funded By The Texas Billionaire Wilks Brothers</i></p> </div> <p>In 2019, The Sheehy’s Purchased Lazy Daisy, Daisy Dean, And Robidou Ranch To Form Little Belt Cattle 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 5/21/24]</p> <p>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]</p> <p><i>Little Belt Only Allowed Private Hunting And Did Not Participate in Block Management Program</i></p> <p>Little Belt “Only Allows Private Hunting On Its Grounds.” “Little Belt, which raises and sells cattle and beef, encompasses land once divided among three smaller ranches in prime elk-hunting country. It only allows private hunting on its grounds.” [NBC News, 5/6/24]</p> <p>Little Belt Does Not Participate In Block Management, A Program Run By The Montana Department Of Fish, Wildlife, And Parks That Provides Free Hunting Access. “Little Belt also does not participate in Block Management, a program run by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks that works with private landowners to provide free hunting access. The ranch does not allow the public to hunt on its private property.” [NBC News, 5/6/24]</p>

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”

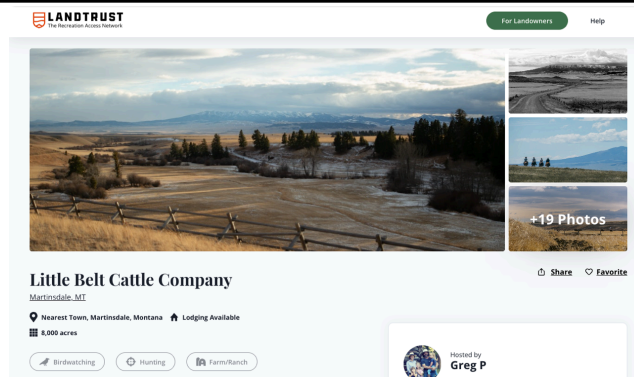
Little Belt Boasted Of Access To Over 500,000 Acres Of National Forest In A 2022 Listing For A 5-Day 5-Person Archery Hunt Costing \$12,500. “Little Belt has advertised its proximity to public land as a selling point. A 2022 listing on LandTrust boasted of ‘private access to over 500,000 acres of National Forest.’ The listing promised a ‘premier destination for hunters or folks just seeking a taste of the hard work, commitment and care that characterizes life on the ranch’ and ‘all the comforts of a first-class vacation.’ At one point in 2022, Little Belt offered LandTrust’s ‘most spendy package currently available in Montana’ — ‘a 5-day, 5-person archery hunt ... which runs \$12,500,’ according to the Montana Free Press.” [NBC News, [5/6/24](#)]

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](#)]

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 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](#)]

About this property

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

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](#)]

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](#)]

Little Belt Cattle Was Not Listed On The Block Management’s 2023 Hunting Access Guide. [Montana Block Management, 2023, Accessed [2/08/24](#)]

Little Belt Ended Its Relationship With LandTrust After It Became Too Much Of A Hassle. “Little Belt ended its relationship with LandTrust after one season, after it became too much of a hassle for a working cattle ranch, Putnam said.” [NBC News, [5/6/24](#)]

Little Belt Offered Access To “Prime Elk Hunting”

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](#)]

In 2022, Texas Billionaires The Wilks Brothers Became The Lead Investors In LandTrust, Completing Their Funding Of The Site In March 2023...

LandTrust Was Funded By Texas Billionaires Dan and Farris Wilks

December 2022: The Wilks Brothers Began A Venture Capital Investment In LandTrust. [CBInsights, Wilks Brothers Portfolio, Accessed [6/11/24](#)]

March 2023: The Wilks Brothers Completed Their Venture Capital Investment In LandTrust And Became Lead Investors In The Site. “LandTrust, the online land sharing marketplace connecting landowners with outdoor recreationists, has successfully completed its \$6 million

Series A funding. The funding round was led by the Wilks Brothers with participation from the Kevin O'Leary directed Wonder Fund ND. LandTrust currently lists over 1 million acres connecting landowners with outdoor enthusiasts, creating income for the landowners and allowing access to private lands for recreational experiences. [...] The Wilks' commitment is more than being the lead investor in LandTrust's Series A financing, they are also adding hundreds of thousands of acres of their own lands to the platform." [PR Web, [3/9/23](#)]

March 2023: 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](#)]

Dan And Farris Wilks Were Billionaire Oil Tycoons From Cisco, Texas. "A website that has been described as 'Airbnb for outdoor recreation' is back by two Texas billionaire brothers who've draw criticism in Idaho after discontinuing public access on roads that cross their properties. [...] The idea has drawn concern from outdoor recreation experts specially over its affiliation with Dan and Farris Wilks, the Cisco, Texas, oil tycoons who gated off roads across their properties. brothers who" [Idaho Statesman, [11/20/23](#)]

The Wilks 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 Same Month Little Belt Was Spotlited By LandTrust As A Listing

Little Belt Cattle Co Was Featured In LandTrust's "New Listings" Blog Post In March 2023. [Wayback Machine, [9/29/23](https://blog.landtrust.org/2023/03/29/little-belt-cattle-co/)]

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.
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[LittleBeltCattleCoElk](https://www.littlebeltcattleco.com/)

Audio: No wonder Sheehy now says he'd end protections for public lands.

Visual: TIM SHEEHY
END FEDERAL PROTECTIONS
FOR PUBLIC LANDS
HUFFINGTON POST, 10/18/23

Audio: So if you're for hunting, and for access to public lands: you can't be for Shady Sheehy.

Visual: IF YOU'RE FOR HUNTING
IF YOU'RE FOR ACCESS TO
PUBLIC LANDS

YOU CAN'T BE FOR SHADY
SHEEHY

Audio: Montana Outdoor Values
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Sheehy Suggested Public Lands Be Turned Over To The State Which Could Cause Public Lands To Be Sold Off And Privatized

Huffington Post HEADLINE: Montana GOP Senate Candidate Embraces A Toxic Position On Public Lands
[Huffington Post, [10/18/23](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/montana-gop-senate-candidate-embraces-a-toxic-position-on-public-lands)]

Huffington Post Reported That Sheehy Suggested Public Lands Should Be "Turned Over To State Agencies."

"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 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](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/montana-gop-senate-candidate-embraces-a-toxic-position-on-public-lands)]

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Sheehy “Condemned” The Bureau Of Land Management And The Department of Agriculture For Supporting Efforts To Put Additional Federal Lands Into Conservation.

“In that same radio interview, Sheehy condemned federal agencies, specifically the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Agriculture, accusing them of being hijacked, in many cases, by bureaucrats who are carrying out a political agenda.’ And he railed against efforts to put additional federal lands into conservation. In May, the BLM unveiled a draft rule that would place conservation ‘on equal footing’ with energy development and other traditional uses, including by granting the agency the authority to issue ‘conservation leases to promote land protection and ecosystem restoration. Cattle ranchers have pushed back against the proposal, saying it would ‘upend’ land management in the West.” [Huffington Post, [10/18/23](#)]

Huffington Post Noted That Sheehy Was “Digging In” On His Position On Transferring Public Land Noting That His Campaign Website Says “They Need To Let Montana Start Managing Our Federal Lands.

“Sheehy is digging in on a position he outlined early in his bid to flip Tester’s seat. On his campaign website, Sheehy writes that he has ‘a unique perspective on what the federal government is failing to address when it comes to tackling wildfires—they need to let Montana start managing our federal lands.’” [Huffington Post, [10/18/23](#)]

Aaron Weiss, Deputy Director At The Center For Western Priorities, Said The Inevitable Outcome Of Transferring Public Land Was “Selling Off And Privatizing Public 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. ‘States and counties have to run balanced budgets, and we know the amount of money that the federal government spends just on firefighting alone on national public lands would bankrupt just about every Western state,’ he said. ‘That’s not even getting into the other land management costs that go into managing large swaths of public land in keeping them public.’ The inevitable outcome of any of these land transfer proposals, as much as folks try to frame them as, ‘Oh, this is just going to be a state issue,’ inevitably it leads to selling off and privatizing public lands because there is no way for states to handle the

management costs,' he added. 'Full stop.'" [Huffington Post, [10/18/23](#)]

According To The HuffPost, Conservation Groups Oppose The Idea Of Transferring Public Lands Or "Selling Them Off To Private Individuals Of Companies."

"People gather at the State Capitol for a rally in support of federal public lands on Jan. 30, 2017, in Helena, Montana. Various conservation groups protested the idea of the federal government transferring public lands to the states or selling them off to private individuals or companies." [Huffington Post, [10/18/23](#)]

Sheehy Expressed Support For Transferring Public Lands To The State. Sheehy: "It's pretty clear what it says, but we're seeing battles take place all over the country from Nevada to Washington, Montana, about what that really means. So local control has to be returned and whether that means some of these public lands get turned over to the state agencies or even counties, or whether those decisions are made by a local land board instead of by federal fiat two thousand miles away, local control will almost always produce better results than a federal mandate from bureaucrats who were unaccountable to the people that are ultimately subject to these regulations." [Working Ranch Radio, [10/07/23](#)] (AUDIO) 231007_EGJ_144

Sheehy's Campaign Website States That Montana Should Manage Federal Lands: "They Need To Let Montana Start Managing Our Federal Lands. "...they need to let Montana start managing our federal lands." [timformt.com, On the Issues, Accessed [5/21/24](#)]

Wild Montana: "Sheehy's Position On Land Transfer Brings Him Firmly In Line With Some Of The Most Extreme Anti-Public Lands Ideologues In The West." "Tim Sheehy's position on land transfer brings him firmly in line with some of the most extreme anti-public lands ideologues in the West, from Cliven and Ammon Bundy to the American Lands Council, led by former Montana state legislator and transfer advocate Jennifer Fielder." [Wild Montana Action Fund, [10/25/23](#)]

Sheehy Said That Forrest Management Was "Held Back By Bureaucracy." "As CEO of veteran-founded Bridger Aerospace, a Montana-based company that builds aerial firefighting aircraft, Sheehy touched on how forest management and wildfire suppression in the U.S. is currently 'held back by bureaucracy.'" [Fox News, [6/27/23](#)]

	HEADLINE: “Tim Sheehy Embraces Land Transfer.” [Wild Montana Action Fund, 10/25/23]
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