

Happy April, Montana Conservation Voters!

With spring underway, it also means we're only a little over 200 days out from Election Day. Whether you've been researching the candidates since the moment they announced or are just starting to get to know who's who, know that you can count on Team MCV to find the pro-conservation candidates up and down the ballot.

Candidate questionnaires are already in circulation and in early May, we'll begin making additional formal endorsement announcements (see our candidates for the U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and governor [HERE](#)).

Wanting to be more involved this election cycle? Sign up to join a member endorsement panel by clicking [HERE](#). Team MCV, alongside our member endorsement panel, will interview candidates with competitive races. These panels then provide recommendations to the MCV Action Fund Board, who ultimately makes a final decision. This is an essential part of our endorsement process, especially in such a critical election cycle.

Not an MCV member yet? April is a great time to [join](#)! Not only are you eligible to join a member endorsement panel and have access to all the latest news on the happenings in the state... but you'll also have a chance to win your very own Yeti Loadout GoBox! Read below to learn more.

It's time to become part of the team and help Montana stay the Last Best Place.

Thanks again for your continued support – go, fight, WIN!

Whitney Tawney  
Executive Director  
Montana Conservation Voters

## CANDIDATES, REQUEST YOUR MCV ENDORSEMENT TODAY

Last month, Team MCV announced the beginning of our 2024 endorsement process. If you have already requested an endorsement, you can stop reading now! Otherwise, read on for more info.

We are proud to endorse conservation champions who move the needle toward a better Montana. But our deadline to ask for an MCV endorsement is just three weeks away so act now! You can find all of the information you need by reading our memo [online](#), but here are the key takeaways:

The **deadline to ask for an MCV endorsement is April 23 at 5 p.m.**

Candidates seeking an MCV endorsement must fill out the applicable questionnaire — candidate questionnaires can be found on our website [HERE](#).

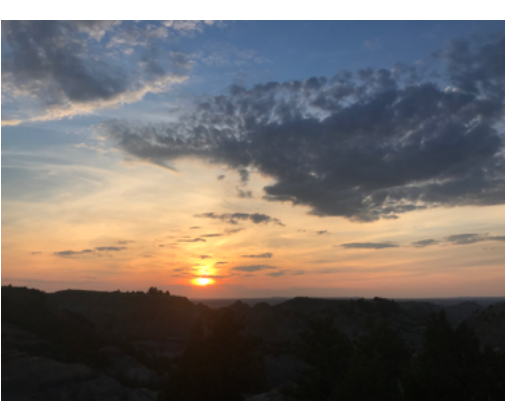
If a candidate has been previously endorsed by MCV for the same office they are seeking in 2024, they do not need to fill out a questionnaire, *but candidates must let us know by emailing Jocelyn at [Jocelyn@mtvoters.org](mailto:Jocelyn@mtvoters.org)*

All primary endorsements will be announced no later than May 6, and all general election endorsements will be announced by August 1.

As a reminder, *all endorsement decisions are made by the MCV Action Fund Board.*

We are so grateful to have so many conservation champions running for public office!

## HELP SECURE A VICTORY FOR OUR PUBLIC LANDS



Legislators have until 5 p.m. on April 18 to get their [Senate Bill 442](#) veto override vote back to the Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen.

In March, Jacobsen released the veto override to legislators — nearly one year after 130 out of 150 of them passed the bill to begin with. Many of you have already reached out to your legislators and for that we are so grateful! It's going to take all of us to get this bill passed. If you haven't yet contacted your legislator, there is still time!

[CLICK HERE](#) to ask your legislator to override the veto of SB 442

As a reminder, SB 442 is bipartisan legislation that would:

1. Provide permanent property tax relief for disabled veterans and their widowed spouses.
2. Maintain funding for wildlife management and critical recreation infrastructure, like state parks and trails.
3. Enhance Montana's conservation tools by allowing for increased work on water infrastructure and noxious weed management, as well as habitat improvements on public land.
4. Ensure that our county roads have the funding to keep us headed to the forests, prairies, rivers, and lakes, while rural Montanans get the kind of roads they need to deliver crops and cattle and get to the hospital.

SB 442 is common-sense legislation that helps all Montanans, and our legislators now have a chance to make it law. So please, [contact your legislator today](#) and share with your networks to help spread the word!

## WANT TO WIN A YETI?

It is with immense gratitude that we extend our heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication to driving positive change for Montana over the past 25 years. As we stand on the brink of another pivotal election year, we are reminded of the significance of your continued support.



That's why our April membership drive presents an opportunity for us to unite in our shared mission to safeguard and protect Montana as the Last Best Place.

What's even more exciting is that by enrolling as a new member this month, you automatically are entered for a chance to win a coveted **Yeti Loadout GoBox!**

Why does your membership matter? 2024 marks a pivotal moment in Montana. Are you ready to stand up for Montana? Join Team MCV to defend the Montana Constitution, advocate for clean air and water and our public lands, and elect pro-conservation leaders at every level. Your membership directly fuels this work.

By joining Team MCV, you not only stand to win an incredible prize but also become an integral part of a movement working to protect our state. **A contribution of \$35 or more is all it takes to join, and the process couldn't be simpler — just [click here to become a member now!](#)**

## FIELD NOTES



**MCV has field organizers in Billings, Bozeman, and the Flathead who are responsible for canvassing, outreach & engagement, and being the face of MCV in their own communities.**

What's it like being a Field Organizer?

Here's a note from Janie in Billings: "Yesterday we really busted out some canvassing- we had some mixed experiences. I was brought some cheer at one of the last houses I knocked on for the day, which had, hands-down, one of the most hilarious doormats I have ever seen! At that moment I had a revelation that this was 100% the vibe of canvassing in Billings. I like to think that in Billings we are all equal parts hilarious, straightforward and chill."

## BECOME AN MCV SUPER VOLUNTEER

We've already started building our army of volunteers, but we also want YOU! We are looking for dedicated and active MCV members to become the face of the conservation movement in their communities.



Learn more about our Super Volunteer program [HERE](#).

## SAVE THE DATES

Interested in attending our events? Please [RSVP HERE](#).

### April 11:

Paint n' Sip in BOZEMAN (5-8 p.m. @ Steep Mountain Teahouse)

[Northwest Montana Student Career Fair](#) in KALISPELL (9-11:30 a.m. @ Flathead County Fairgrounds)

### April 19

[Earth Day Celebration](#) in PABLO (9 a.m. - 4 p.m. @ Salish-Kootenai College)

### April 20

[SustainaBillings Earth Day](#) in BILLINGS (10 a.m. - 4 p.m. @ The Loft)

[Earth Day Expo](#) in KALISPELL (9 a.m. - 4p.m. @ Flathead Valley Community College)

[Gallatin Valley Earth Day](#) in BOZEMAN (10 a.m. - 3 p.m. @ Gallatin Valley Fairgrounds)

### April 22

Tabling at MSU Climate Week in BOZEMAN (12 p.m. @ MSU Library; 6:30 p.m. @Norm Abjesson Hall Room 165)

The American Buffalo Screening in KALISPELL (6-8:30 p.m. @ FVCC Arts & Technology 144A)

### April 23

Tabling at MSU Climate Week in BOZEMAN (12 p.m. @ MSU Library; 6:30 p.m. @Norm Abjesson Hall Room 165)

[UM Earth Week Sustainability Fair](#) in MISSOULA (11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ The UM Oval)

### April 24

Tabling at MSU Climate Week in BOZEMAN (12 p.m. @ MSU Library)

Protect our Smith Event in BOZEMAN (5-8 p.m. @ Valhalla Meadery)

### April 25

Tabling at RockFish in WHITEFISH (11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ RockFish Climbing & Fitness)

## Member of the Month!



**Bill Dakin**  
Bigfork, MT

### Why are you an MCV member?

*I was in college when Montana adopted its new Constitution. Ever since, helping extractive interests, profiteers, and short-sighted politicians have tried to weaken it. Only by helping motivated, forward-looking candidates succeed in electoral politics can we protect our Constitution, our rights and our heritage, and repair a century and a half of degradation. I rely on MCV to help find and support those candidates.*

### What's your top conservation issue and why?

*A clean and healthy environment, which requires energy innovation. It is the pathway to mitigate the global climate calamity cascading toward life on Earth, which if not confronted, will worsen exponentially. Millennia of humanity's adaptation to the world we've taken for granted may be undone. Mankind has never seen the kinds of dislocations that may come. Yet politically, despite decades of forewarning, under the pressing thumbs of greed and denial, we struggle to see, confront, and mitigate. This needs leaders acting with courage and vision so that hundreds more generations can inherit this glorious home.*

### Where is your favorite outdoor spot in Montana?

*I've spent my full life in and around Glacier Park. Its majesty and solace have sustained me and molded my children. Like dying canaries, Glacier's vanishing snowfields demand our attention.*

## STAY CONNECTED WITH TEAM MCV! FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We sat down with Montana veterans to talk about SB 442 and what it means for them. Head over to our social media linked below to check out those interviews and more.

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[LinkedIn](#):

[X](#) (formerly Twitter)

[YouTube](#)



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