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Happy June Montana Conservation Voters!



School is out and the balsamroots are popping! With the primary officially behind us, Team MCV is now kicking into high gear for November, are you with us?

We know you hear it every election year — but truly — 2024 is the year when Montana as the Last Best Place could slip through our fingers. To protect the places we've hiked, biked, hunted, fished and grown up feral, Team MCV is making big investments.

Yes, we're doubling down to reelect Senator Jon Tester, which — no pressure — will determine the outcome of who's in control of the U.S. Senate. But we're also making

smart and important investments in state races - including the Governor, the Supreme Court and legislature, where we have plans to break the anti-conservation supermajority.

With so much on the line, 2024 is THE most pivotal year in recent history. Are you starting to sweat? Our constitutional right to clean air, clean water and healthy public lands is on the line and to put wins on the board this fall, we need YOU to join us in helping elect leaders who will protect Montana for future generations.

Please consider a donation to the MCV Action Fund to fuel our fire and help support our electoral work. We can't do this work without you!

Still on the fence? Join us at a community event near you to hear all about what we've got cooking and how YOU can make a difference this election cycle.

Together, we can protect Montana, but it's time to get in the fight!

Thank you for your consideration!

Yours in conservation,

Whitney Tawney
Executive Director
Montana Conservation Voters

Help MCV Action Fund elect pro-conservation candidates up and down the ballot today!



Scan the QR code to donate and learn more about the MCV Action Fund.

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2024 Primary Election RESULTS

Montanans showed up to vote in the primary election and we're happy to report that pro-conservation, pro-Constitution candidates won big.

Team MCV extends our deep thanks to every candidate who ran for office. Running for office is no small feat, and we deeply appreciate your dedication and commitment to serving our communities.

To all the voters, THANK YOU! By exercising your right to vote, you played a key role in strengthening our democracy by making your voice heard.

Here's a quick rundown of key races:

U.S. SENATE

MCV-endorsed candidate for U.S. Senate, **Senator Jon Tester**, will face off with the anti-public lands hobby rancher, **Tim Sheehy**.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monica Tranel, who MCV endorsed for Montana's Western House District, will once again face Congressman **Ryan Zinke**. Zinke used his position as Interior Secretary to roll back protections for public lands.

MONTANA GOVERNOR

MCV-endorsed gubernatorial candidate **Ryan Busse** also won his primary and will take on incumbent **Governor Gianforte**, the most anti-public lands Governor in recent history.

STATE SUPREME COURT

Our two endorsed candidates for the Montana Supreme Court, **Judge Jerry Lynch** and **Judge Katherine Bidegaray**, are moving forward to the general election. We are excited to continue supporting these pro-Constitution judges who will protect Montanans' rights to clean air, clean water and healthy public lands.

MCV-endorsed candidate for Clerk of Supreme Court, **Erin Farris-Olsen**, also won her primary bid.

MONTANA LEGISLATURE

In legislative races, 34 of our 36 endorsed candidates advanced, which shows good momentum for this fall. The following MCV-endorsed legislative candidates will be on the ballot this November:

STATE SENATE

Mark Nicholson (SD 24)
Cora Neumann (SD 30)
Sen. Chris Pope (SD 33)
Sara Novak (SD 36)
Jacinda Morigeau (SD 46)
Sen. Ellie Boldman, lifetime MCV champion (SD 47)

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Debo Powers (HD 3)
Lindsey Jordan (HD 4)
Jennifer Allen (HD 11)
Sandor Hopkins (HD 23)
Rep. Paul Tuss (HD 27)
Rep. Denise Baum (HD 45)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (HD 46)
Anne Ross (HD 48)
Rudolf Haden (HD 49)
Rep. Ed Stafman, lifetime MCV champion (HD 59)
Alanah Griffith (HD 60)
Becky Edwards (HD 61)
Peter Strand (HD 63)
Rep. Kelly Kortum, lifetime MCV champion (HD 64)
Rep. Eric Matthews (HD 66)
Rep. Melissa Romano (HD 80)
Rep. Mary Caferro (HD 81)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (HD 83)
Rep. Mark Thane, lifetime MCV champion (HD 89)
Shelly Fyant (HD 91)
Rep. Connie Keogh, lifetime MCV champion (HD 92)
Rep. Katie Sullivan, lifetime MCV champion (HD 93)
Rep. Marilyn Marler, lifetime MCV champion (HD 94)
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (HD 95)
Rep. Bob Carter (HD 96)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (HD 98)
Rep. Tom France, lifetime MCV champion (HD 99)
Rep. SJ Howell (HD 100)

Now that the primary has wrapped, stay tuned for further endorsement announcements by visiting mtvoters.org/endorsements. Thanks again for voting and for supporting conservation values!



Elena Evans with her family.

Elena Evans is OFFICIALLY on the BALLOT!

We did it! Thanks to the hard work of many of you, MCV's endorsed Independent candidate for Public Service Commission District 4, Elena Evans, has qualified for the November ballot. With your help, we submitted DOUBLE the signatures needed for her to qualify!

Without Elena, we were left with one option in November for PSC District 4 – Jennifer Fielder. As a legislator and a now-serving Public Service Commissioner, Fielder has never been our advocate. She's bad news for clean air, corporate accountability, our pocketbooks and our public lands.

Next step: electing Elena Evans this November!

Field Notes: Trey Webster



Since last November, Team MCV has had Field Organizers on the ground in Billings, Bozeman, and the Flathead. Our Field Teams are the face of MCV in our communities. Through knocking doors and hosting events, they are making an impact. Here's a snippet of their experience from Field Organizer Trey Webster.

// Last week, we were canvassing in Whitefish, and I had a wonderful conversation with a younger voter. After getting through the survey about Montana's Constitution, we talked about the importance of voting to protect our environment, staying informed, and being active throughout the community. It was definitely one of the most amicable interactions I've had canvassing thus far. The interaction has required me to reflect upon some of my preconceived notions and beliefs regarding the political inactivity of younger people in the valley and how we reach them."

— TREY WEBSTER

Join the Fight for Montana's Conservation Future



As we now gear up for the general election this November, please consider supporting the Montana Conservation Voters Action Fund.

This election is critical to our state's conservation priorities. With a strategic plan to re-elect Senator Jon Tester, elect a pro-conservation Governor, elect Supreme Court justices who uphold the Montana Constitution and break the anti-conservation supermajority in the state legislature — we need your support.

Next month, our field teams are kicking into high gear, knocking doors, creating localized mail and digital ads, producing opinion pieces for local papers, holding community events and mobilizing volunteers.

83% of Montanans say that conservation issues are important in deciding whether to support an elected official.



photo credit: MCV Member Aaron Agosto

But our folks won't be able to be on-the-ground without your support. So please join us in fighting for Montana. Your hard earned dollars will support electing pro-conservation candidates up and down the ballot so please make a contribution to the MCV Action Fund today using the QR code here.



Scan the QR code to donate and learn more about the MCV Action Fund.

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SAVE THE DATES!



JUNE 17 | 5-8 PM

MISSOULA - Pint Night
(MCV's 2024 Summer Road Tour with Protect Our Winters: GILD)

JUNE 17 | 5-8 PM

BOZEMAN - Wildflower Hike up Drinking Horse Trail

JUNE 25 | 5-8 PM

BOZEMAN - Trivia with Last Best Place Brewing

JUNE 26 | 6-8 PM

WHITEFISH - Board Game Night
with Forward Montana at Bonsai Brewing

JUNE 29 | 10 AM-1 PM

KALISPELL - Volunteer Day at Lone Pine State Park

JUNE 30 | 10 AM-1 PM

KALISPELL - Nature Walk at Lone Pine State Park

JULY 22 | 5-8 PM

HELENA - Pint Night
(MCV's 2024 Summer Road Tour: Brothers Tapworks)

AUGUST 5 AND 12 | 5-8 PM

BOZEMAN - Pint Nights
(MCV's 2024 Summer Road Tour: Bridger Brewing)

AUGUST 15 | 5-8 PM

BILLINGS - Pint Night
(MCV's 2024 Summer Road Tour: Thirsty Street Brewing)

Mark Your Calendars for MCV'S 2024 ANNUAL GALA

Please join us for our annual Gala!

Saturday, October 5

5:00-8:00 PM

Livingston, MT

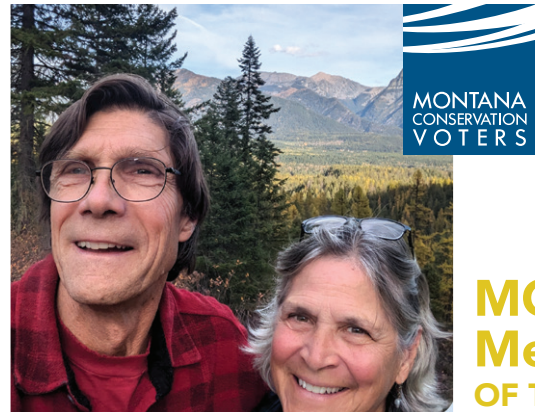


Our largest fundraising event of the year, this party to protect the Last Best Place is our opportunity to celebrate and support MCV's mission with our staff, board, and 200+ conservationists from all across Montana. At the historic Livingston Depot Center, you'll be treated to a hearty Montana meal from Sadie Morales and refreshing local brews.

As our 25th anniversary and in the midst of a critical election for the Big Sky State, we are especially excited to gather to celebrate our successes and, together, meet the challenges of the upcoming election and legislative session.

Become a sponsor or get your ticket soon to join us for this lively evening! Go to mtvoters.org/gala or use the QR code at right.

We can't wait to see you in Livingston!



Doug & Mindy Ferrell

Trout Creek, MT

MCV Members OF THE Month

Why are you MCV members?

We appreciate your effective action in support of Montana's environment and public lands, and taking that action into legislative action.

What's your top conservation issue and why?

Wildland protection, because it's inspiring and valuable. We believe that MCV goes beyond on-the-ground protection and makes sure that our laws mirror the will of the people.

Where is your favorite outdoor spot in Montana?

The Cabinet Mountains and the Clark Fork River, because it is our home and our big backyard.

RSVP to Team MCV's Upcoming Events!



Scan the QR code to RSVP to any of our pint nights, trivia nights, volunteer days, walks, or hikes!

mtvoters.org/events

Scan the QR code to learn more about our annual Gala!

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