

Happy November, Montana Conservation Voters!

Last week, Team MCV scored major victories that will have a lasting impact on Montana's future. We knocked on nearly 45,000 doors, and two-thirds of our endorsed legislative candidates won — flipping 11 seats and breaking the anti-conservation supermajority in the process. One of our biggest wins came from Alanah Griffith of Big Sky, who triumphed by just over 200 votes, thanks to the tireless work of our team.

We also saw a key judicial win with Judge Katherine Bidegaray moving on to the Montana Supreme Court, where she'll continue defending our Constitution and safeguarding the moderate majority.

None of this would have been possible without your unwavering support. Your generous contributions, commitment, and engagement are the reason we were able to achieve these victories. These wins are yours, too.

Of course, it's hard not to feel disappointed by the broader results of the election. Last week, Montanans elected a full anti-conservation delegation at the federal level, and anti-conservation candidates swept all five seats on the Montana Land Board — Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, and Superintendent of Public Instruction. But while these outcomes are challenging, they are part of the democratic process, and we must accept them.

What's more important now is our shared responsibility to protect what makes Montana special — our public lands, waters, air, and communities. The work ahead is critical, and we're not backing down.

At Team MCV, we are more determined than ever. We believe in the power of our government institutions and know how to leverage them — along with the power of our collective voice — to fight for the values that matter most to us.

We're moving forward, building the Montana and America we want for future generations. And we're stronger with you by our side.



Yours in conservation,

Whitney Tawney
Executive Director
Montana Conservation Voters

2024 MCV Endorsed Candidate Winners

Montana Supreme Court

Katherine Bidegaray

Montana Senate

Rep. Dave Fern SD 2
Cora Neumann SD 30
Sen. Chris Pope SD 33
Sara Novak SD 36
Rep. Laura Smith SD 40
Jacinda Morigeau SD 46
Sen. Ellie Boldman SD 47

Montana House of Representatives

Debo Powers HD 3
Jane Weber HD 19
Rep. Paul Tuss HD 27
Rep. Denise Baum HD 45
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter HD 46
James Reavis HD 47
Jamie Isaly HD 58
Rep. Ed Slatman HD 59
Alanah Griffith HD 60
Becky Edwards HD 61
Josh Seckinger HD 62

Montana House of Representatives cont.

Peter Strand HD 63
Rep. Kelly Kortum HD 64
Brian Close HD 65
Rep. Eric Matthews HD 66
Luke Muszkiewicz HD 79
Rep. Melissa Romano HD 80
Rep. Mary Caferro HD 81
Pete Elverum HD 82
Rep. Jill Cohenour HD 83
Rep. Mark Thane HD 89
Shelly Fyant HD 91
Rep. Connie Keogh HD 92
Rep. Katie Sullivan HD 93
Rep. Marilyn Marler HD 94
Rep. Zoey Zephyr HD 95
Rep. Bob Carter HD 96
Melody Cunningham HD 97
Rep. Jonathan Karlen HD 98
Rep. Tom France HD 99
Rep. S.J. Howell HD 100

County Seats

Josh Slotnick - Missoula County Commission

To all candidates - THANK YOU! We know it's a sacrifice and we appreciate your willingness to step into the arena for your communities. And a special thank you for those endorsed candidates who did not prevail. The time and resources you each contributed through your campaigns helps all of us by keeping conservation in the conversation.

JOIN US IN HELENA TOMORROW!

Team MCV is excited to be in Helena on **Wednesday (11/13) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Brothers Tapworks** for our post-election pint night and soapbox! The panel discussion will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. Can't make it to Helena? [RSVP](#) and we'll email you a link to the livestream before the event!

RSVP HERE

We're proud to present Sen. Pat Flowers, Helena-based lawyer Niki Zupanec, and writer/journalist Arren Kimbel-Sannit for an important conversation about what the election results mean for Montana's clean air, clean water, public lands, and democracy.

This is your chance to hear from knowledgeable speakers, share your thoughts, and enjoy community with fellow Montanans. PLUS, for every pint sold on Wednesday, Brothers Tapworks is graciously donating \$1 to Team MCV. You won't want to miss this!

MEET 2024'S TOP DOGS AND GET YOUR CALENDAR

Team MCV is thrilled to announce the winners of its 2024 Pups for Public Lands photo contest!

Photo entries were evaluated based on a rigorous criteria of cuteness, natural setting, and doggy attitude by a panel of Montana canines and their humans: Morgan Marks and Nelli, Kim West with Enzo and Margold, and Kenzie Hegstad with Tiko and Doc.

The top three dogs (who will receive grand prizes from local Montana sponsors West Paw and Dee-O-Gee Kalispell) are:

Harley taking a quick break in Big Sky

Sweet Potato enjoying fall in the Whitefish Range

Fergi posing majestically in Custer Gallatin National Forest



To view all 12 winning dogs, visit mtvotersedfund.org/pups. All winners will be featured in the 2025 Pups for Public Lands Calendar, which is available for sale to the public and will be sent out in December (what a fun gift idea...hint, hint! 🐾). [Donate \\$50 or more to the MCV Education Fund by December 31, 2024](#) to receive a copy while supplies last — did we mention it's tax deductible?

Huge thanks to our human-and-canine judging panel, our sponsors West Paw and Dee-O-Gee Kalispell, and to everyone who entered our 2024 photo contest. We already can't wait for next year's contest!

JOIN OUR NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND HELP PROTECT MONTANA'S OUTDOORS

Did someone say "Novembership?" As we enter the final months of the year, we're excited to kick off our November membership drive with the goal of gaining **50 new members by the end of the month and 100 new members before the upcoming legislative session starting in January**.

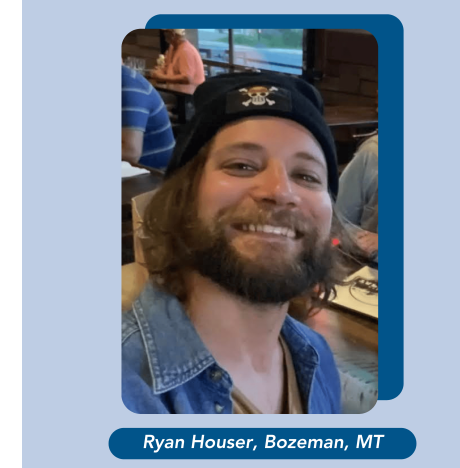
For 25 years, Montana Conservation Voters has been at the forefront of the fight to defend our state's natural beauty and democracy. Our work is driven by members like you, who are passionate about safeguarding the places we all cherish. As we prepare for a critical year ahead, we know that strength lies in numbers. The more of us who stand together, the louder our voices will be in protecting Montana's natural legacy and strong democracy. That's why it's essential to keep growing our community — every new member strengthens our ability to influence change.

[By becoming a member or renewing your membership](#), you'll be directly supporting our advocacy efforts to hold elected officials accountable, promote pro-conservation policies, and ensure that Montana's outdoor legacy remains intact. Membership starts at just \$35, and it comes with exclusive benefits, including our monthly newsletters, action alerts, candidate endorsement guides and exclusive updates during the upcoming legislative session.

This year, we're also offering a unique way to support MCV's mission: donating appreciated stock. Donating stock is a tax-efficient option that allows you to give more than if you sold the stock and donated the proceeds. By donating stock held for over a year, you can avoid capital gains taxes while making a significant impact on protecting Montana's natural resources. To learn more about this option, email Jessica Lillie at jessica@mtvoters.org.

FIELD NOTES

Through knocking doors and hosting events, our Field Organizers made a huge impact this election. Since last November, Team MCV had Field Organizers on the ground in Billings, Bozeman, and the Flathead. In August, MCV built up an additional field team in Missoula. Whether they were with Team MCV from the start, or joined two weeks before Election Day, each one of our organizers played a critical role in advancing pro-conservation candidates up and down the ballot. We truly could not have done it without them, and hope they continue the fight for conservation in their futures!



Here's what one of Bozeman's Field Organizers, Ryan, had to say about jumping on Team MCV this election cycle:

"My first week canvassing with the Bozeman team was a smooth and welcoming transition. The staff's friendliness and support have made me feel right at home, even while tackling the new challenges of door-to-door outreach. The transition into this role has been flawless, and the team has provided excellent support every step of the way, which has made the door-knocking process feel effortless. I'm grateful for such a strong start and look forward to continuing this important work."

Member of the Month



Lori Borth
Billings, MT

Why are you an MCV member?

I was raised in a very politically engaged family, so I have always paid attention to politicians and their stands on issues important to me. We live in a beautiful state with clean air and water and lots of wild places to explore, but they won't remain pristine and accessible by magic. The public lands we enjoy are a gift that really exist only in the west, and MCV fights for them every day by supporting conservation leaders committed to protecting them and by bringing attention to efforts to chip away at that legacy. What a great partner to have in the fight to keep the Montana we love!

What's your top conservation issue and why?

I have two main conservation issues: protection of public lands and combating climate change. I have always felt lucky to have been born and raised in Montana and, with my husband Mitch, to raise our daughters here. I grew up in Kalispell and spent summers swimming, camping and hiking in and around the Flathead valley. Access to public lands was taken for granted, and it was easy to find uncrowded places to explore. I understand why people move here, and they are welcome, but as more and more of our beautiful spaces are purchased and closed off to the public, protecting our wild places and ensuring the public's access to them become increasingly vital. I love Montana and want my children and grandchildren to have the same opportunities to explore this state as I did growing up.

Anyone who has spent much time in Montana must admit that the climate has changed. Summers are drier and hotter. Fire season starts earlier and lasts longer. Snowpack may be normal but spring rains melt it faster. We need to elect leaders who acknowledge that climate change is happening and support ways to address it now.

Where is your favorite outdoor spot in Montana?

As much as I love a sunny, blue sky winter day in Billings, western Montana is my favorite part of the state, and I have always loved the Seeley-Swan area. It sounds odd to say that we would go camping there in the 60s and 70s to escape the "crowds" in the Flathead. The beauty of the lakes, the mountains, the forests in any season is why Montana will always be home.

SAVE THE DATES

NOVEMBER

November 13: Post-election panel and Pint Night in Helena (5-8 p.m.) [RSVP HERE](#)

DECEMBER

December 3: Giving Tuesday

JANUARY

January 6: Montana's 69th Legislature begins

FEBRUARY

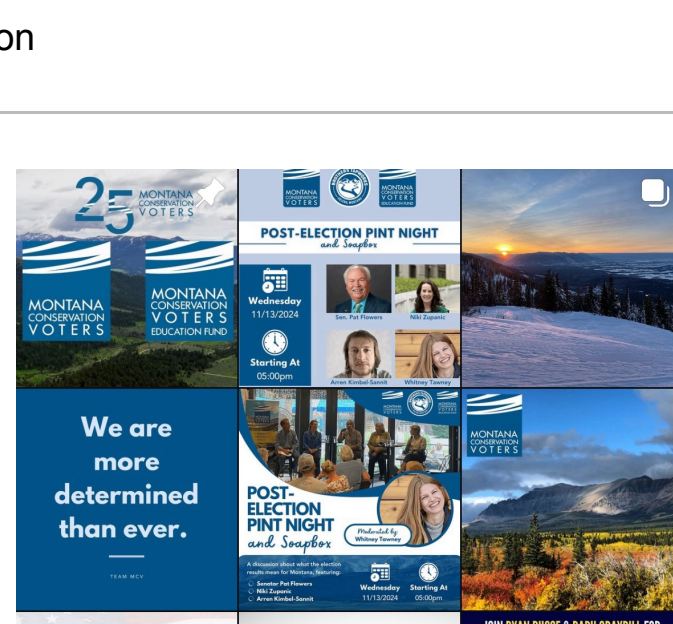
February 13: Scheduled Public Lands Rally

February 19: Scheduled Constitution Rally

February 28: MCV Annual Member Celebration

We're less than two months from the start of the legislative session, and social media is a great way to stay connected with Team MCV and keep up-to-date on everything going on.

Be sure to drop us a follow to stay in the know about upcoming events, educational resources and so much more! It's the best way to hear about our latest updates and be a part of the conversation about conservation efforts across the state. Follow us today to join the movement to protect Montana for future generations.



We'll also be relaunching our MontanaPushback.org legislative action hub soon - so watch your inboxes!



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