

Happy Public Lands Month, Montana Conservation Voters!

As summer gives way to fall and Election Day draws nearer, Team MCV is ramping up our efforts to safeguard our public lands, clean air, clean water, and vibrant communities!

Our work is far from finished. With your support, we're talking to voters about the issues, they're plan for voting, and our endorsed candidates. The stakes are incredibly high, and we need your help to spread the word.

The upcoming elections are crucial for Montana's future and conservation. We're focused on electing pro-conservation champions to the U.S. Senate, U.S House, all statewide positions including the Governor's office, and the state Legislature, as well as fighting to ensure two fair and impartial justices are elected to the State Supreme Court.

It's time to take action, Montana! Future generations depend on us. You can protect Montana's future by supporting us now. Do this by becoming a sponsor or attending our Annual Gala on October 5, signing onto opinion pieces, participating in our #PupsForPublicLands photo contest to highlight the importance of our public lands during Public Lands Month, and ensuring that your voter registration — and that of your friends and family — is current.

Thank you for your consideration - GO, FIGHT, WIN!

Yours in conservation,



Whitney Tawney

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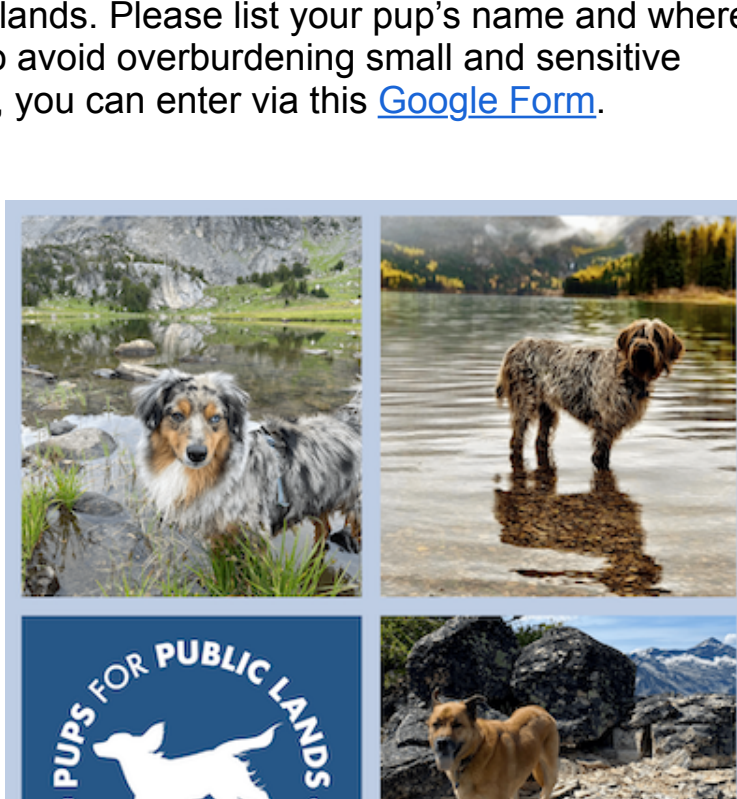
PUPS FOR PUBLIC LANDS

Public Lands Month is in full swing, and so is our third annual Pups for Public Lands photo contest. And Team MCV is so excited to get to see all of YOUR dogs on OUR public lands!

To enter, post a picture on Instagram of your pooch on Montana public lands, follow and tag @mtvoters, and use the hashtag #pupsforpubliclands. Please list your pup's name and where the photo was taken (at least the general area to avoid overburdening small and sensitive locations). Or, if you prefer not to use Instagram, you can enter via this [Google Form](#).

Photo entries will be evaluated based on a rigorous criteria of cuteness, natural setting, and doggy attitude by a panel of local celebrity canines and their humans: 2023 finalist Morgan Marks and Neili, renowned dog photographer Kim West with Enzo and Margot, and local dog trainer Kenzie Hegstad with Tiko and Doc.

The top three dogs will win grand prizes from local Montana sponsors like West Paw and Dee-O-Gee Kalspell. Nine additional winners will receive Pups for Public Lands bandanas and other goodies. The 12 winning dogs will be featured in the 2025 Pups for Public Lands Calendar and will receive a complimentary copy. The calendar will be available for sale to the public starting in November.



We love seeing you and your furry companions enjoying Montana's stunning landscapes! Be sure to get your entry submitted by September 30.

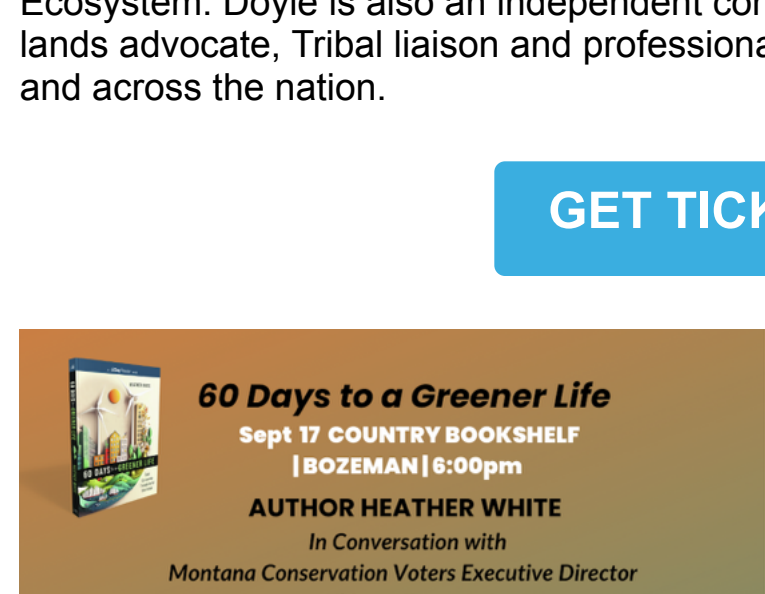
MEET HEATHER WHITE, MCV'S OWN WHITNEY TAWNEY, AND DR. SHANE DOYLE

MCV and the Country Bookshelf are thrilled to host a special conversation between nationally acclaimed conservation expert Heather White, our Executive Director Whitney Tawney, and Dr. Shane Doyle on September 17 in Bozeman.

Heather is a nationally acclaimed expert in conservation and environmental policy, frequently featured in national media to discuss climate, energy, and conservation issues. With over 20 years of experience, Heather has excelled in leading and advising non-profit organizations, enhancing organizational performance, managing change, guiding strategic planning, and spearheading innovative fundraising and advocacy campaigns.

Dr. Shane Doyle (Apsáalooke) is the director of Yellowstone Peoples, a Tribally led nonprofit organization that does work in the Yellowstone National Park and Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Doyle is also an independent contractor who acts as a cultural consultant, public lands advocate, Tribal liaison and professional scholar and researcher throughout Montana and across the nation.

GET TICKETS HERE



Tickets are \$10 and that admission fee can be applied toward a preorder copy of Heather's upcoming book *Eco-Anxiety: Saving Our Sanity, Our Kids & the Future*. To preorder, customers can purchase a copy during the add-on section of the checkout process or directly from the Country Bookshelf in person, online, or by phone at 408-587-0160. This offer is valid until September 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

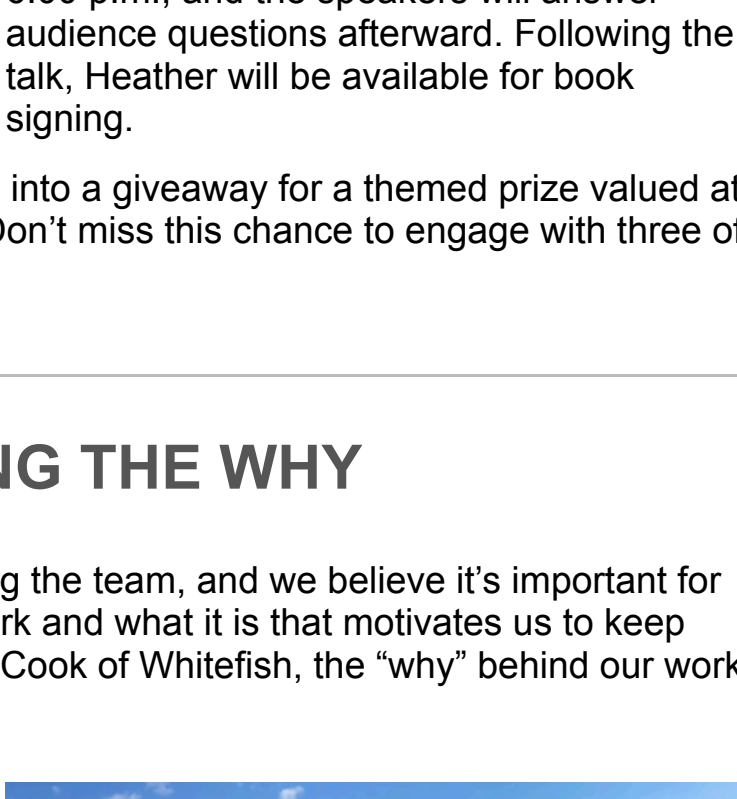
Please arrive early on September 17 to secure your seat, as seating is first come, first serve. The event program will start at 6:00 p.m., and the speakers will answer audience questions afterward. Following the talk, Heather will be available for book signing.

Those who preorder *Eco-Anxiety* will be entered into a giveaway for a themed prize valued at \$150, with the winner announced at the event. Don't miss this chance to engage with three of today's leading voices in conservation!

REMEMBERING THE WHY

Every MCV staff member has a reason for joining the team, and we believe it's important for us to remember why we've chosen to do this work and what it is that motivates us to keep moving forward. For Program Director Kearstyn Cook of Whitesfish, the "why" behind our work is public lands access.

"A few weekends ago, I finally climbed a mountain in Glacier National Park that I've been eyeing for years. It's definitely not the hardest peak I've done — it was actually quite enjoyable — but it just seems like weekly, bear activity, or some other circumstance had always gotten in the way of me getting up there. Finally making it to the top was a HUGE win for me.



I'm beyond privileged to be able to spend my weekends recreating in a place like Glacier. Our public lands are a big part of what makes Montana so special, and my work with MCV is guided by my dedication to making sure that these remarkable places remain in public hands for generations to come."

HELP US PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS RULE

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s recently finalized "Public Lands Rule" is one of several recently finalized by the BLM that improves public lands management. Specifically, this rule clarifies that managing BLM land for conservation fits squarely within the agency's legal mandate, and that conservation sits on equal footing to other uses such as extraction and other commodity-driven development.

Yet, U.S. Representative Ryan Zinke has co-sponsored a bill aimed at overturning the Public Lands Rule, which was supported by 92% of the 150,000 comments made during the 90-day public comment period. It is important that Rep. Zinke hears from Montanans that support the Public Lands Rule. Click the button below to tell Rep. Zinke to protect our public lands today!

TELL REP. ZINKE TO PROTECT OUR PUBLIC LANDS

JOIN US FOR MCV'S 2024 ANNUAL GALA

Mark your calendars for the Montana Conservation Voters 2024 Gala and Silent Auction — a night of celebration, community, and conservation. This annual event brings together our most passionate supporters to honor the progress we've made and fuel the work ahead.

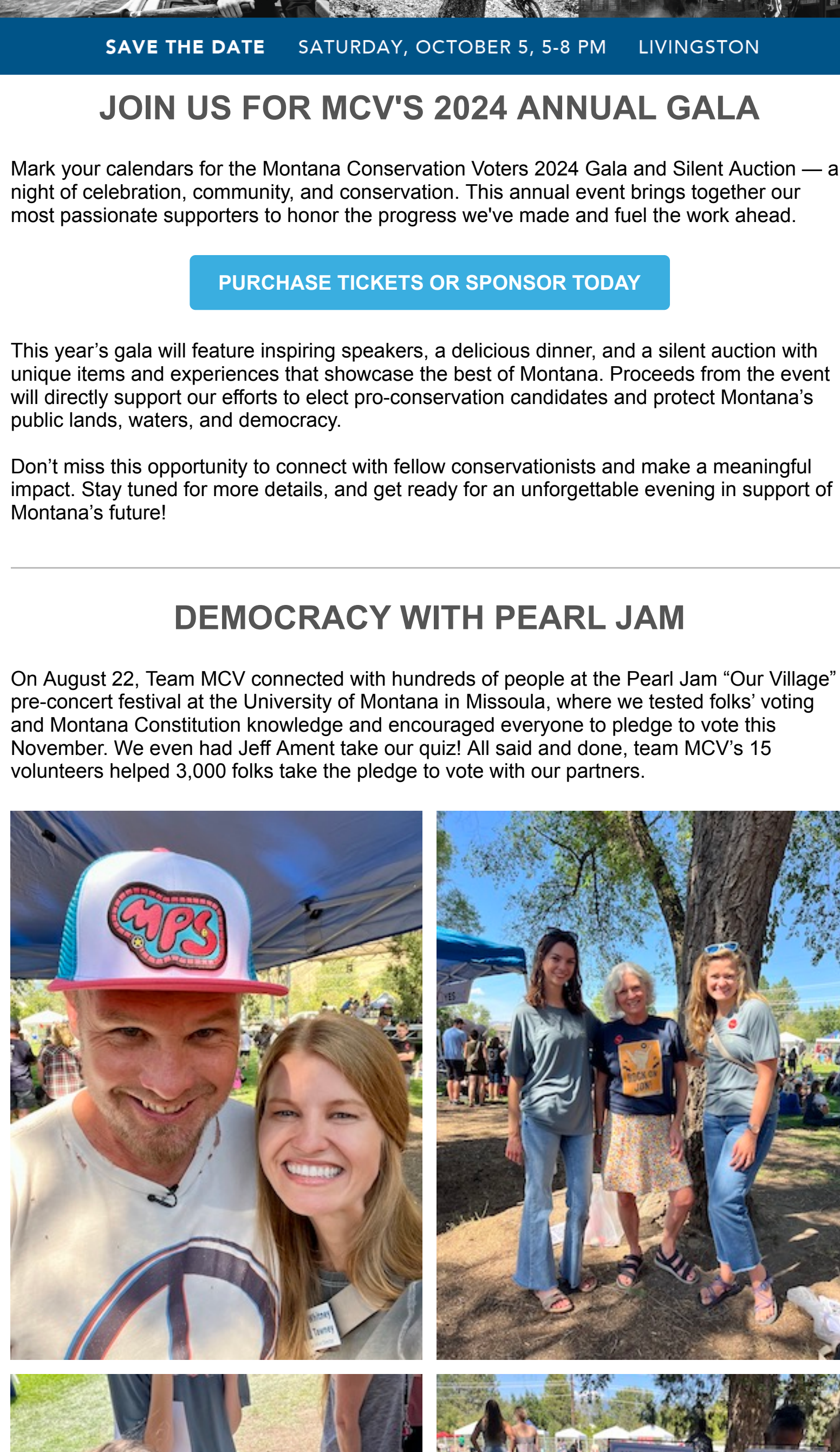
PURCHASE TICKETS OR SPONSOR TODAY

This year's gala will feature inspiring speakers, a delicious dinner, and a silent auction with unique items and experiences that showcase the best of Montana. Proceeds from the event will directly support our efforts to elect pro-conservation candidates and protect Montana's public lands, waters, and democracy.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow conservationists and make a meaningful impact. Stay tuned for more details, and get ready for an unforgettable evening in support of Montana's future!

DEMOCRACY WITH PEARL JAM

On August 22, Team MCV connected with hundreds of people at the Pearl Jam "Our Village" pre-concert festival at the University of Montana in Missoula, where we tested folks' voting and Montana Constitution knowledge and encouraged everyone to pledge to vote this November. We even had Jeff Ament take our quiz! All said and done, team MCV's 15 volunteers helped 3,000 folks take the pledge to vote with our partners.



Couldn't make it to the festival? You can still pledge to vote with MCV by filling out [THIS FORM](#). Remember that YOUR VOTE, especially when combined with others in your local area, can directly influence electoral results — especially in local and state elections. For more information, please visit [mtvotersfund.org/voting](#).

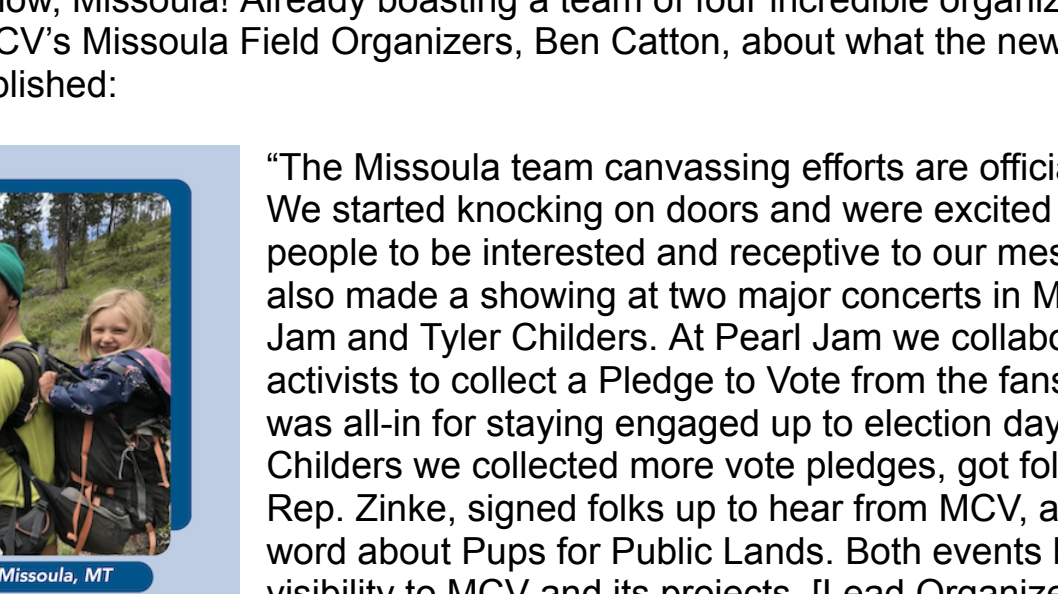
FIELD NOTES

Through knocking doors and hosting events, our Field Organizers are making an impact. Since last November, Team MCV has had Field Organizers on the ground in Billings, Bozeman, the Flathead, and now, Missoula! Already boasting a team of four incredible organizers, hear from one of Team MCV's Missoula Field Organizers, Ben Catton, about what the new team has already accomplished.



"The Missoula team canvassing efforts are officially underway! We started knocking on doors and were excited to find most people to be interested and receptive to our messaging. MCV also made a showing at two major concerts in Missoula — Pearl Jam and Tyler Childers. At Pearl Jam we collaborated with other activists to collect a Pledge to Vote from the fans. The crowd was all-in for staying engaged up to election day. At Tyler Childers we collected more vote pledges, got folks to write to Rep. Zinke, signed folks up to hear from MCV, and spread the word about Pups for Public Lands. Both events brought a lot of visibility to MCV and its projects. [Lead Organizer] Lindsay was even in an NBC news clip about the activism at the Pearl Jam concert!"

Member of the Month



Denise Juneau
Missoula, MT

Why are you an MCV member?

I love MCV and the work that it does. Their advocacy and action to protect our state's great outdoors, public land access, and democracy all at the same time is so unique and important. I appreciate their political advocacy and their fight to elect those candidates whose values align with mine, and most Montanans. MCV builds political power by not only getting conservation champions elected, they follow up with pushing for the right policy at the local, state, and federal levels.

What's your top conservation issue and why?

Ensuring that we maintain access to our public lands is always a top priority for most Montanans. We love recreating outside. And our state is so beautiful. No matter where you are enjoying our great outdoors, we know our public spaces deserve protection. When I want to go fishing and I find that I am locked out of our streams and rivers, it's both sad and infuriating. MCV keeps this issue top of mind and never stops fighting for our public access.

Where is your favorite outdoor spot in Montana?

I love taking the back roads and discovering new spots. Although I have traveled nearly every road in this state when campaigning and serving as Montana's Superintendent of Public Instruction (and a bid for the At-Large congressional seat), there are still so many places to stop and take a walk or hike, have a picnic, or throw a line in the water. Growing up in Browning with Glacier National Park as my backyard, I would have to say GNP is my favorite — east side. There's a sacredness to the sights and sounds that can't be found anywhere else.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A BLOCK PARTY IN BOZEMAN

BOZEMAN! Join us on Saturday, September 14 from 4-7 p.m. at the [Mission Cultural Center Lawn](#) for a Get Out The Vote Block Party!

This fun-filled event will feature live music from Montana's own Reggie Watts alongside The Love Darts, a cash bar, BYO Sidewall pizza, and a chance to register to vote and connect with local nonprofits.

It will also be a great opportunity to get out and meet your local MCV endorsed candidates. This event is free, so please mark your calendars and spread the word!



SAVE THE DATES

SEPTEMBER

September 1-30: STATEWIDE Paint 'n' Sip at Sleep Mountain Teahouse (5-8 p.m.) [RSVP HERE](#)

September 12: BOZEMAN MCV Action Fund Party [RSVP HERE](#)

September 14: BOZEMAN Get Out The Vote Block Party (4-7 p.m.)

September 14: DILLON Pint Night at Beaverhead Brewing Co. (6-8 p.m.)

September 16: WHITEFISH MCV Action Fund Party [RSVP HERE](#)

September 17: BOZEMAN Heather White in conversation with Whitney Tawney, Country Bookshelf (6-8 p.m.) [RSVP HERE](#)

September 18: WHITEFISH Native Seed Bomb Workshop at Bonsai Brewing Project (5-8 p.m.) [RSVP HERE](#)

September 28: MISSOULA Climate & Clean Energy Expo at Caras Park (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

OCTOBER

October 5: MCV's Annual Gala in LIVINGSTON (5-8 p.m.) [RSVP HERE](#)

Social media is a great way to stay connected with Team MCV and keep up-to-date on everything going on. This month we're featuring our Pups for Public Lands photo contest, endorsed candidates, educational resources and so much more! It's the best way to hear about our latest news and be a part of the conversation about election efforts across the state. Follow us today to join the movement to protect Montana for future generations!



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