

Happy August, Montana Conservation Voters!

With just 84 days until Montana's municipal elections, Team MCV is all in. We're working on three crucial fronts: stopping federal efforts to dismantle common-sense environmental protections and energy advancements, defending critical funding for conservation projects across Montana, and helping elect local leaders who will stand up for Montana's clean air, clean water, public lands, and democratic values.

These aren't abstract fights. In the recent months, we've seen powerful interests push to erase decades of bipartisan environmental safeguards and slow Montana's progress toward cleaner, more affordable energy. With your help, Team MCV is fighting back against these threats.

In light of this onslaught, 2025 is a pivotal year for Montana's future. Decisions made in city halls and town councils across the state will shape our cities and towns for years to come. Smart local conservation policy and leaders are more important than ever to ensure Montana communities grow stronger, healthier, and more resilient.

We need you with us in this fight. Your support - both financial and personal - powers our ability to push against these rollbacks, defend energy progress, and protect the Last Best Place. If you've already donated, if you've already spoken up with us - thank you. Now, please take the next step and invite your friends and family to join Team MCV. Together, we can safeguard Montana's future from the ground up.

Yours in conservation,



Renee Kelley
Interim Executive Director
Montana Conservation Voters

YOUR LEGACY CAN SHAPE MONTANA'S FUTURE

August is National Make-A-Will Month — a perfect time to reflect on the future you want to leave for our future generations. By including Montana Conservation Voters in your estate plans, you help ensure Montana's clean air, clean water, public lands, and democracy remain protected and resilient.

Legacy gifts come in many forms: a simple bequest in your will, naming MCV as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy, or even a gift of stocks or securities. No matter the size, your gift creates a lasting impact and strengthens Montana's conservation movement for decades to come.

[Learn more about how you can leave your legacy.](#)

Contact Jessica at jessica@mtvoters.org or 406-530-5105 to start the conversation.

Together, we can keep Montana's legacy strong — today and for the future.

NOW AVAILABLE: TEAM MCV'S MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE EDUCATION MEMO

We all know that Montanans love public lands. But did you know that **88% of Montanans say public lands, clean air and water, and open spaces are important when deciding who to vote for?**

If you are a candidate or know a candidate running for a municipal office this year, take special note — our **Municipal Candidate Education Memo** provides detailed information on the conservation issues that Montanans care about — and how to talk about these issues confidently with your constituents.

[View Team MCV's Municipal Candidate Education Memo](#)

While these memos are tailored to candidates, there's a lot of useful information for everyone! Read up today to be better informed about critical conservation issues in Montana when talking with constituents and neighbors alike!

GET READY, MONTANA! PUPS FOR PUBLIC LANDS IS ALMOST HERE

One of our favorite traditions is back this September: the Pups for Public Lands Photo Contest! 🐾📸

We're calling all proud pup parents to show off their four-legged friends enjoying Montana's breathtaking public lands. Your photo could land your dog a spot in our 2026 Pups for Public Lands calendar, plus some fun prizes!

We love our dogs. We love our public lands. This contest is the perfect way to celebrate both.

🌟 Keep an eye on your inbox and our socials (all @mtvoters) for more contest details coming soon!

BECOME A GALA SPONSOR TODAY



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We are deeply grateful to the first sponsors of MCV's 2025 Gala:

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These generous supporters are helping bring our annual celebration to life — an evening dedicated to protecting the Last Best Place. We can't wait to toast their support on **October 11 at the historic Livingston Depot** — and we hope to see you there too!

Sponsorships include tickets to the gala and also offer several unique opportunities to connect with more than 15,000 MCV supporters. Your sponsorship demonstrates your commitment and leadership in protecting Montana's clean air, clean water, public lands, and democracy.

Explore sponsorship levels or purchase your tickets today at mtvoters.org/gala. Have more questions? Contact Jessica at jessica@mtvoters.org for more information.

FIELD NOTES

While most folks are soaking up the last stretch of summer, Jesc Gallegos is gearing up for their third election cycle canvassing with Montana Conservation Voters. As a community organizer rooted in eastern Montana, Jesc has spent years knocking doors and talking with neighbors about what's on the ballot and what's at stake. With municipal elections coming up soon, they share why these local races matter — and what keeps them coming back to the doors.

"Most Montanans get excited for hunting season, garden season, or ski season. And don't get me wrong, I love those, too. But the season that really gets me going? Election season.

As a community organizer, canvassing during a municipal election feels like coming home to the core of our democracy. It's easy to overlook these local races. They rarely make headlines or come with national attention. But they're where some of our most important decisions are made. From land use and zoning to public access and clean water infrastructure, the folks on your local ballot have a direct say in how we care for our homes and communities.

When I knock on doors, I get to talk to my neighbors about the places we love. Our parks, trails, rivers, and open spaces. And the shared responsibility we have to protect them. These conversations aren't always easy, but they're always real. We talk about what's working, what's broken, and what needs to change. We talk about what it means to live here. Not just today, but for the long haul.

In a state where public lands are core to our identity and way of life, local leadership matters. If we want to keep Montana's landscapes public and protected, if we want our communities to remain vibrant and connected, we have to participate in every election. Not just the big ones.

This is where democracy starts. On the doorstep. With a conversation. With a vote."



Jesc Gallegos, Billings, MT

JOB OPPORTUNITY: BILLINGS CANVASSER

If you're passionate about the kind of work Jesc is doing and want to make meaningful change in your community — you're in luck! Montana Conservation Voters is seeking motivated canvassers in Billings to engage voters one-on-one about a variety of conservation issues during the ongoing municipal election cycle. Canvassers will be part of a small but mighty team — led by Jesc! — committed to protecting Montana values by electing pro-conservation candidates at the local level. Click the button below to learn more and find out how.

[APPLY HERE](#)

MEMBER of the MONTH



Reilly Neill
Livingston, MT

Why are you an MCV member?

I'm proud of being part of a conservation community with one of the very best teams of organizers on the ground in Montana. MCV understands the importance of engaging with the public about conservation issues in our communities across the state and they have the ground game to prove it.

What's your top conservation issue and why?

Building resilience into Montana's water systems is my top priority. Protecting our waterways is essential to our communities and our economies, but most importantly, it sustains the natural life that flourishes here.

Where is your favorite outdoor spot in Montana?

Although I live near Yellowstone National Park and find peace and solace in the high mountain plains of Eastern Montana, I also appreciate the deep woods of Glacier and the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Whenever I'm in Glacier, I make a pilgrimage to the spectacular Avalanche Gorge at Avalanche Creek.

SAVE THE DATES

August 23: [Billings Farmers Market](#)

September 9: [Municipal Primary Election Day](#)

October 11: 2025 Annual Gala, Livingston Depot in Livingston ([RSVP HERE](#))

November 4: [Municipal Elections](#)

STAY CONNECTED

The height of summer is coming to an end, school starts soon, but Team MCV still has so much in the works. Next month is Public Lands Month and our annual Pups for Public Lands photo contest! We're gearing up for municipal elections, and our regional organizers are still hosting events!

If you want to stay up-to-date on all things Team MCV, follow us on social media! Just click the links below to stay connected and share them with a friend.



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