



2017 MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



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*Working together
to protect Montana*



Montana Conservation Voters fights to protect clean water and air and our outdoor heritage by involving people in government. Through our affiliated political arm, MCV uniquely works to elect legislators and local and statewide officials who stand up for Montana's conservation values. MCV is a non-partisan grassroots membership organization with members throughout the state and chapters in Flathead, Missoula, Gallatin, Park, and Yellowstone counties.

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Montana Conservation Voters identifies and determines legislative priorities in collaboration with the Conservation Working Group, a diverse coalition of groups with staff working in the legislature. MCV produces educational materials for lawmakers and the public throughout the session, including the weekly Conservation Hotlist. The Hotlist summarizes priority legislation, provides contact information for the lead group working on the bill, and clearly identifies the Conservation Working Group's position on the legislation. MCV distributes the Hotlist to legislators and the public.

This scorecard draws votes from hotlisted bills that represent a portfolio of priority conservation and environmental issues, and consensus positions among the Conservation Working Group.

We deeply appreciate the members of the Conservation Working Group, and thank them for their policy expertise and continued collaboration: Clark Fork Coalition; Greater Yellowstone Coalition; Montana Audubon; Montana Environmental Information Center; Montana Public Interest Research Group; Montana Renewable Energy Association; Montana Sierra Club; Montana Smart Growth Coalition; Montana Trout Unlimited; Montana Wilderness Association; Montana Wildlife Federation; and Northern Plains Resource Council.



A letter from the Board

As a founding MCV board member and small business owner in the Gallatin Valley, I know the importance Montana's conservation values have for our way of life and economy. I got involved with MCV because I looked around and didn't see anyone focused on electing pro-conservation candidates. My

wife and I use clean, solar energy for our business and public lands to hunt and camp. Coming into the 2017 legislature, MCV made it clear that protecting clean air, water, and land would be our legislative priorities.

It's still an uphill climb to advocate for conservation issues. In Montana, we get it right most of the time; we even have a constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment. However, that doesn't stop the big industries and corporate interests who work to jeopardize our right to clean water. The bottom line is that conservation values aren't mutually exclusive with a strong economy and job creation, but a mine in the Paradise Valley or at the headwaters of the Smith River will create jobs for several years while one toxic accident can crush the tourism economy and drinking water forever.

If your legislator is voting against our public lands, clean water, and clean air, tell them. Then get involved by telling your family and friends, writing a letter to the editor, becoming an MCV member, or running for office.

Who we elect matters. Use this scorecard to ask your representative or senator why they didn't vote to support conservation issues. If your legislator is doing the right thing to support conservation values, thank them for being a conservation champ!

Dave Tyler is chair of MCV's Political Action Committee and co-chair of the Gallatin-Park Chapter. He and his wife, Becky Weed, own and operate Thirteen Mile Lamb & Wool Company in Belgrade where they have a 3.84 kW solar system and a solar thermal water heater that provides 85% of the energy for their business.

Honor Roll



Rep. Bryce Bennett
(D-Missoula)

Conservation Champ Bryce introduced HB 504, the Solar Jobs and Energy Freedom Act, to expand net metering laws in Montana. By reducing government barriers so home and business owners can make their own energy decisions, Bryce's bill would have created jobs and boosted the renewable energy economy in Montana. After intense lobbying against the bill by NorthWestern Energy and others, the bill died in committee on an 8-8 vote.

Bryce also passed HB 287, eliminating the need to re-register to vote by mail every election. Bryce's bill will run all mail ballot voters through the National Change of Address Registry and, if you haven't moved, you won't have to sign up every election to vote early. This will be a significant cost savings to county election offices and the bill was supported by the county elections offices. Thanks to Bryce, Montana now truly has permanent absentee voting!



Senator Jedediah Hinkle
(R-Bozeman)

SB 201 would allow people with net metering systems and multiple electricity meters to tie those meters together so all the meters get credit for using clean energy. This only applies to meters on the same or adjacent property. Right now, Montana only allows for a net metering system to credit a single meter but family farmers and ranchers often have separate meters for the family house, barn, machine shop, etc. Jedediah worked hard to get Republican support but the bill was tabled in the Senate Energy Committee. He attempted to "blast" the bill to the Senate floor where 10 Republicans joined 15 Democrats but the motion failed on a 25-25 vote, just one vote short.



Rep. Mike Cuffe (R-Ekalaka) &
Sen. Chas Vincent (R-Libby)

Mike and Chas took the lead on addressing a new issue threatening Montana's outdoor heritage: aquatic invasive species. Mike's HB 622 set the framework on how the State will respond to this new threat while Chas' SB 363 funds the response. Invasive mussels destroy fish habitats by consuming nutrients and spreading botulism. In addition, invasive mussels clog and block water intake pipes for water treatment facilities, hydropower dams,



and coal-fired plants that could lead to emergency shut-downs. While neither Mike's nor Chas' MCV scores reflect it, their bills started the process on an issue that will impact our outdoor way of life for years, if not decades, to come. Both bills were signed by Governor Bullock.



Rep. Kim Abbott (D-Helena)

Kim's HB 532 would have let Montanans register to vote online. So much of our lives are already done online (you can even check your ballot status online), and Kim's bill would have modernized and simplified our voter registration system. Unfortunately, the bill was tabled in committee and an effort to bring it to the House floor failed on a 44-56 vote with all Democrats and 3 Republicans supporting.



Rep. Moffie Funk (D-Helena)

Moffie's HB 525 was the first time an automatic voter registration, or Motor Voter, bill was brought to the Montana Legislature. Once a person gets their driver's license they would automatically be registered to vote. Right now Montanans are supposed to be given the chance to register to vote when getting their license but that isn't always done. The bill would have also given tribes the ability to opt-in so that when an enrolled member gets their tribal ID card they'd be automatically registered to vote. Unfortunately, this bill failed to make it out of committee.



Rep. Shane Morigeau
(D-Missoula)

Shane brought a new idea, HB 657, to the legislature to phase out the use of styrofoam in food packaging. The 5-year phaseout period would give businesses time to make the case that the phaseout would place an undue burden on them. Styrofoam doesn't decompose; it simply breaks down into smaller pieces that absorb chemicals around them. When ingested by fish and wildlife, they pose serious health risks to those animals and the people and animals that eat them. Unfortunately, this bill was tabled in committee.



Senator Jill Cohenour
(D-East Helena) & Rep. Tom
Jacobson (D-Great Falls)



Jill and Tom introduced similar bills, SB 358 & HB 295, that would have improved public access to public lands by strengthening the law for illegal road closures. Fines for gating established county roads would have increased from the current \$10/day to either \$250 or \$500/day, making even wealthy landowners think twice before blocking access. Unfortunately, both bills were tabled in committee and motions to bring them to the floor failed.

TOP PRIZE FOR VOTING AGAINST CONSTITUENT INTERESTS



Reps. Lola Sheldon-Galloway & Jeremy Trebas (R-Great Falls)



Reps. Sheldon-Galloway and Trebas both voted against HB 593, a commonsense bill to protect the Smith River and make sure Montana taxpayers won't foot the bill to clean up contaminated waters. The Smith River is a Montana treasure and this bill would protect waters from mining disasters. We guess Reps. Sheldon-Galloway and Trebas didn't feel like protecting Montana rivers and their constituents' drinking water or favorite fishing spots.

VOTING AGAINST CLEAN ENERGY & WATER, AGAINST THEIR DISTRICT



Rep. Jon Knokey (R-Bozeman)

From clean water to clean energy, Rep. Knokey repeatedly voted against the interests of his hometown. Bozeman has a booming solar energy economy and relies heavily on tourism to local rivers, streams, parks, and public lands to boost its economy. What did Knokey do this session? He voted to roll back our clean energy economy by opposing Property Assessed Clean Energy (SB 330) and supported discriminating against net metering home and business owners (SB 154). He also voted against protections for the Smith River (HB 593) and responsible water use (HB 339).

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #1



Senator Jennifer Fielder (R-Thompson Falls)

Senator Fielder is not only the CEO of the American Lands Council, the leading organization working to sell off federal public lands, but she brought her special interest bias to the legislature when she actually tried to gut Virginia Court's HB 491 to honor Montana's public lands by designating March 1st as Montana's Public Lands Day and replace it with her own anti-public lands agenda. Fielder's efforts killed the bill in committee.

VOTING AGAINST FAMILY FARMS



Rep. Brad Hamlett (D-Cascade)

Rep. Hamlett voted for SB 235, which would have kept family farmers and ranchers out in the cold as the specter of the Otter Creek coal mine would linger over their heads. As long as the bankrupt Arch Coal company holds the lease to mine Otter Creek, farmers and ranchers will be hesitant to invest in their operations for things like pivots or fences until they have certainty that a railroad or polluted water won't affect their businesses.

VOTING FOR CORPORATE FAT CATS



Rep. Adam Hertz (R-Missoula)

Rep. Hertz switched his vote at the last minute to increase the amount that individuals and political parties can donate to a campaign (SB 368). More money in politics? Hertz thinks it's a great idea!

VOTING AGAINST YOUR OWN BILL



Rep. Adam Rosendale (R-Billings)

Rep. Rosendale voted against HB 504, the Solar Jobs and Energy Freedom Act, a bill he signed his name to! Rosendale cosponsored this legislation to make installing and using solar panels easier for home and business owners. At the end of the day, Rosendale voted against his own bill, which died in committee on a tie vote—his vote made the difference.



Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R-Billings)

Rep. Zolnikov chaired the House Energy Committee and early in the session tabled his own bipartisan HB 34 to lower government barriers for net metering systems on public buildings. For schools as well as city, county, state, federal, or tribal buildings, the current limit on net metering systems doesn't make economic sense. This bill would have raised the cap to 250 kilowatts and opened the door for more clean energy in Montana. The bill was written by the interim Energy & Telecommunications Committee before the session when Zolnikov voted for the bill before voting against it.

Lifetime Champions

We value all of our conservation allies in the legislature, but these legislators deserve special recognition for achieving perfect MCV ratings over multiple sessions. Not included are freshmen who earned 100% in their first terms, but we thank them, too!



Sen. Dick Barrett
(D-Missoula)



Sen. Mary McNally
(D-Billings)



Rep. Bryce Bennett
(D-Missoula)



Rep. Janet Ellis
(D-Helena)



Rep. Nate McConnell
(D-Missoula)



Sen. Tom Facey
(D-Missoula)



Sen. Mary Moe
(D-Great Falls)*



Rep. Virginia Court
(D-Billings)



Rep. Denise Hayman
(D-Bozeman)



Rep. Andrea Olsen
(D-Missoula)



Sen. Margie MacDonald
(D-Billings)



Sen. JP Pomnichowski
(D-Bozeman)



Rep. Willis Curdy
(D-Missoula)



Rep. Ellie Hill Smith
(D-Missoula)



Rep. Susan Webber
(D-Browning)



Sen. Sue Malek
(D-Missoula)



Sen. Cynthia Wolken
(D-Missoula)



Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell
(D-Helena)



Rep. Jessica Karjala
(D-Billings)



Rep. Tom Woods
(D-Bozeman)

*Senator Moe resigned from the Senate early in the 2017 session after the birth of triplet grandchildren.



Rep. Jenny Eck
(D-Helena)

2017 VOTE DESCRIPTIONS



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SB 190, Greenhouse gas emission monitoring & reduction plan

Sponsor: Senator Mike Phillips (D-Bozeman). As the Trump Administration abandons its responsibility to implement the Clean Power Plan or the Paris Climate Accord, this bill would have created a Montana solution for addressing climate change. By identifying major sources of greenhouse gas emissions and establishing fees for those emissions, businesses would have had an incentive to reduce emissions and lower their impact on climate change. The Department of Environmental Quality would also have reported to the Environmental Quality Council on a plan to address the causes and effects of climate change in Montana including the impacts on our "economy, environment, and public health."

Conservation Community Position: **Support**

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd Reading, Failed 18-32

Bill Status: Dead

SB 201, Aggregate net metering

Sponsor: Senator Jedediah Hinkle (R-Bozeman). Under current law, each renewable energy system must have a separate meter. This proposal would have allowed farms, universities, and multi-unit housing projects with multiple electric meters on the same or adjacent property to avoid unnecessary costs by covering the energy usage on all those meters with a net metered energy system connected to only one of the meters.

Conservation Community Position: **Support**

Senate Vote Scored: Blast Motion, Failed 25-25

Bill Status: Dead

SB 330, Property Assessed Clean Energy

Sponsor: Senator Chas Vincent (R-Libby). PACE makes private capital (from banks and investors) available for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation upgrades to existing buildings. Financing is repaid as an assessment on the property's regular tax bill over a term of up to 20 years. PACE would have been an important solution to help Montanans save money on utility bills, expand local businesses, create jobs, and increase the economic vitality of Main Street Montana.

Conservation Community Position: **Support**

Senate Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 31-19

House Vote Scored: Blast Motion, Failed 42-55

Bill Status: Dead

HB 205, Electric vehicle registration fees and alternative fuel tax increases

Sponsor: Rep. Alan Redfield (R-Livingston). This bill would have imposed new registration fees of \$95 per year on electric vehicles. In addition, the bill would have increased taxes for selling propane or compressed natural gas and created a new tax on liquefied natural gas, which currently isn't used anywhere in Montana. Senator Terry Gauthier (R-Helena) helped strip out a new fee on hybrids but the bill still would have imposed barriers for Montanans who want the freedom to choose the best transportation alternative. In his veto letter, Governor Bullock noted the bill "sends the wrong message about Montana's interest in new technologies and creates a dis-incentive for adoption of advanced technology and alternative fuel vehicles" and that the bill would "further slow that adoption."

Conservation Community Position: **Oppose**

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd Reading, Passed 31-19

House Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 55-45

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

SB 7, Discrimination against net metering

Sponsor: Senator Pat Connell (R-Hamilton). This bill would have established in statute that net metering should not be subsidized by other customers. This bill used cost shifting, which is inherent in the utility grid system, to discriminate against net metered customers, creating increased costs for net metered customers.

Conservation Community Position: **Oppose**

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd Reading, Passed 31-19

House Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 56-42

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

SB 154, Discrimination against net metering

Sponsor: Senator Tom Richmond (R-Billings). This bill would have discriminated against net metered systems in the Montana tax code. By targeting net metering—but not other clean energy projects—in current tax law, the bill would have created a level of uncertainty for Montanans making energy decisions. Such uncertainty benefits public utilities like NorthWestern Energy while leaving Montana home and business owners out in the cold.

Conservation Community Position: **Oppose**

Senate Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 33-17

House Vote Scored: 2nd Reading, Passed 57-43

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

HB 593, Protecting Montana waters from mine pollution

Sponsor: Rep. Nate McConnell (D-Missoula). This bill would have required that mines proposed in sulfide ore bodies post a bond that is 50% greater than the normally calculated bond amount. Sulfide ore, when exposed to air and water, can cause a chemical process that leads to acid mine drainage, which has damaged the water quality and aquatic life of several Montana rivers and streams. This bill would also have required that operating mines conduct an independent audit every three years to assure that the mining company is complying with all existing laws and their permit, and that the bond amount is adequate for reclamation.

Conservation Community Position: **Support**

House Vote Scored: Blast Motion, Failed 38-60

Bill Status: Dead

SB 337, Eliminating the Board of Environmental Review

Sponsor: Senator Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip). The Board of Environmental Review (BER) has oversight authority over the Department of Environmental Quality for rule-making as well as deciding challenges to DEQ permit decisions and enforcement actions. It acts as an independent body that determines whether DEQ is following the law and whether rules need to be changed to help DEQ accomplish its mission to protect public health and the environment. Eliminating the BER would have been a blow to the public's and industry's right to hold DEQ accountable.

Conservation Community Position: **Oppose**

Senate Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 33-17

House Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 57-43

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

HB 339, Exempt wells

Sponsor: Rep. Carl Glimm (R-Kila). This bill would have re-opened the exempt well loophole that the Montana Supreme Court wisely closed in the Fall of 2016, once again giving developers the right to use water before anyone else. It's bad policy based on bad science and would have depleted stream flows, undermined senior water rights, and sparked conflict among water users. We already stopped this train wreck once but this bad bill would have had state water law headed off the rails again.

Conservation Community Position: **Oppose**

Senate Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 32-18

House Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 62-38

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

HJ 11 & SJ 17, Supporting federal public lands

Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Court (D-Billings) & Senator Diane Sands (D-Missoula). These resolutions would have drawn a clear line in the sand of Montanans' opposition to the transfer or sell-off of our public lands. The value our public lands bring to our "economy, recreation, heritage, and quality of life" should not be jeopardized and the resolutions would have let out-of-state special interests and Washington, DC know our public lands are not for sale. The only opponent to SJ 17 was the Montana Petroleum Association. There were no opponents to HJ 11 but majorities in both chambers decided they didn't want to voice support for public lands.

Conservation Community Position: **Support**

Senate Vote Scored: Blast Motion, Failed 18-32

House Vote Scored: Blast Motion, Failed 47-50

Bill Status: Dead

HB 491, Creating Public Lands Day

Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Court (D-Billings). This bill would have established March 1st—the day Yellowstone Park was created—as a day honoring our public lands. Montanans could have used this day to recognize the important role our public lands play in our economy, way of life, and outdoor heritage. This would have been a day of observance rather than a holiday, and would have been a fun tool for teachers to use in the classroom to teach students about the importance of Montana's outdoor heritage. Unfortunately, Public Lands Day's fate was bought and sold when Senator Jennifer Fielder (R-Thompson Falls) tried to gut the bill and replace it with her own language straight from the American Lands Council.

Conservation Community Position: **Support**

House Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 52-48

Bill Status: Tabled in Senate Fish & Game Committee

SB 93, Oil & gas safety notification

Sponsor: Senator Tom Richmond (R-Billings). This bill would have weakened the notification rules passed by the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation in December of 2016. It would have reduced the notification distance for proposed oil and gas wells from a quarter mile (1,320 feet) to 990 feet. It also would have eliminated notification requirements to schools and hospitals, which are included in the Board's rules. The Board spent a year and a half vetting this rule, and Montanans deserve to have it in place and protecting property owners before it is undercut by the Legislature.

Conservation Community Position: **Oppose**

Senate Vote Scored: 3rd Reading, Passed 32-18

House Vote Scored: 2nd Reading, Passed 64-36

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

SB 235, Otter Creek coal lease extension

Sponsor: Senator Tom Richmond (R-Billings). This bill would have allowed the Montana Land Board to extend the date for coal leases beyond their traditional 10-year term if the Board finds that it would be in the "best interest of the state." The bill did not provide for any public process, including public notice or the opportunity to comment on an Environmental Impact Statement, if the Board voted to extend a lease. The bill would have kept family farm and ranch operations in uncertainty as they struggle to decide whether or not to invest in pivots or other improvements that might later be impacted by a mine or railroad running through the property.

Conservation Community Position: **Oppose**

Senate Vote Scored: 2nd Reading, Passed 32-17

House Vote Scored: Third Reading, Passed 67-33

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

2017 Public Lands Rally at the state Capitol in Helena.
Photo: Thom Bridge, Helena Independent Record.





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2017 House Scorecard

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Dist.	Legislator	City	SCORE	LIFE	SB 330	HB 205	SB 7	SB 154	HB 593	SB 337	HB 339	HJ 11	HB 491	SB 93	SB 235
83	Abbott, Kim (D)	Helena	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
20	Anderson, Fred (R)	Great Falls	0%	0%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
28	Bachmeier, Jacob (D)	Havre	90%	90%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘
87	Ballance, Nancy (R)	Hamilton	0%	4%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
29	Bartel, Dan (R)	Lewistown	18%	18%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘
80	Beard, Becky (R)	Elliston	0%	0%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
91	Bennett, Bryce (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
58	Berglee, Seth (R)	Joliet	0%	6%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	A	✘	✘	✘
70	Bishop, Laurie (D)	Livingston	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
9	Brodehl, Randy (R)	Kalispell	0%	5%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
13	Brown, Bob (R)	Thom. Falls	0%	6%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
73	Brown, Zach (D)	Bozeman	90%	95%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘
77	Burnett, Tom (R)	Bozeman	0%	8%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
18	Cook, Rob (R)	Conrad	20%	28%	A	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘
50	Court, Virginia (D)	Billings	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	A	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
2	Cuffe, Mike (R)	Eureka	9%	5%	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
98	Curdy, Willis (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
74	Curtis, Amanda (D)	Butte	100%	96%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
39	Custer, Geraldine (R)	Forsyth	9%	18%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘
37	Doane, Alan (R)	Bloomfield	0%	4%	✘	✘	A	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
94	Dudik, Kimberly (D)	Missoula	100%	97%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
84	Dunwell, Mary Ann (D)	Helena	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
79	Eck, Jenny (D)	Helena	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
87	Ehli, Ron (R)	Hamilton	0%	11%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
81	Ellis, Janet (D)	Helena	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

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54	Essmann, Jeff (R)	Billings	9%	16%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘
5	Fern, Dave (D)	Whitefish	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
17	Fitzgerald, Ross (R)	Fairfield	0%	0%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
93	Fleming, John (D)	St. Ignatius	100%	95%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
70	Flynn, Kelly (R)	Townsend	27%	19%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘
82	Funk, Moffie (D)	Helena	100%	96%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
30	Galt, Wylie (R)	Martinsdale	0%	0%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
7	Garner, Frank (R)	Kalispell	18%	12%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘
6	Glimm, Carl (R)	Kila	9%	7%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘
88	Greef, Edward (R)	Florence	9%	12%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘
68	Grubbs, Bruce (R)	Bozeman	9%	9%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘
1	Gunderson, Steve (R)	Libby	0%	0%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
61	Hamilton, Jim (D)	Bozeman	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
23	Hamlett, Brad (D)	Cascade	54%	59%	✔	✘	✘	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✘
37	Harris, Bill (R)	Winnett	18%	9%	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
66	Hayman, Denise (D)	Bozeman	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
96	Hertz, Adam (R)	Missoula	20%	20%	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	A	✘	✘	✘
12	Hertz, Greg (R)	Polson	0%	9%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
90	Hill Smith, Ellie (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
38	Holmlund, Kenneth (R)	Miles City	9%	8%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘
92	Hopkins, Mike (R)	Missoula	45%	45%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘
21	Jacobson, Tom (D)	Great Falls	63%	62%	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘
46	Jones, Donald (R)	Billings	0%	9%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
48	Karjala, Jessica (D)	Billings	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
73	Keane, Jim (D)	Butte	30%	54%	A	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘

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47	Kelker, Kathy (D)	Billings	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Kipp, George (D)	Heart Butte	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
65	Knokey, Jon (R)	Bozeman	36%	36%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
34	Knudsen, Austin (R)	Culbertson	0%	4%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
33	Knudsen, Casey (R)	Malta	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
8	Lavin, Steve (R)	Kalispell	0%	8%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
53	Lenz, Dennis (R)	Billings	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
14	Loge, Denley (R)	St. Regis	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
76	Lynch, Ryan (D)	Butte	81%	73%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
57	Mandeville, Forrest (R)	Columbus	9%	8%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
85	Manzella, Theresa (R)	Hamilton	9%	14%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
49	McCarthy, Kelly (D)	Billings	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	McConnell, Nate (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	McKamey, Wendy (R)	Great Falls	0%	6%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
95	Morigeau, Shane (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Mortensen, Dale (R)	Billings	0%	6%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
10	Noland, Mark (R)	Bigfork	0%	10%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
27	O'Hara, James (R)	Fort Benton	9%	9%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
100	Olsen, Andrea (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Patelis, Jimmy (R)	Billings	0%	0%	✗	✗	A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
41	Peppers, Rae (D)	Lame Deer	100%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Perry, Zac (D)	Hungry Horse	100%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Pierson, Gordon (D)	Deer Lodge	72%	65%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
24	Price, Jean (D)	Great Falls	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Redfield, Alan (R)	Livingston	9%	12%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

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4	Regier, Matt (R)	Kalispell	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
55	Ricci, Vince (R)	Laurel	0%	13%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
51	Rosendale, Adam (R)	Billings	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
99	Ryan, Marilyn (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Sales, Walt (R)	Manhattan	9%	9%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
26	Schreiner, Casey (D)	Great Falls	90%	83%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
71	Shaw, Ray (R)	Sheridan	18%	10%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
22	Sheldon-Galloway, Lola (R)	Great Falls	9%	9%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
11	Skees, Derek (R)	Kalispell	0%	3%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
31	Smith, Bridget (D)	Wolf Point	100%	86%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Staffanson, Scott (R)	Sidney	0%	6%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
42	Stewart-Peregoy, Sharon (D)	Crow Agency	81%	89%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Swanson, Kathy (D)	Anaconda	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Trebas, Jeremy (R)	Great Falls	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
97	Tschida, Brad (R)	Missoula	0%	10%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
40	Usher, Barry (R)	Billings	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
56	Vinton, Sue (R)	Billings	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
75	Wagoner, Kirk (R)	Montana City	0%	9%	A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
43	Webb, Peggy (R)	Billings	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
16	Webber, Susan (D)	Browning	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Welch, Tom (R)	Dillon	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
64	White, Kerry (R)	Bozeman	0%	6%	✗	✗	✗	✗	A	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
32	Windy Boy, Jonathan (D)	Box Elder	72%	85%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
62	Woods, Tom (D)	Bozeman	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Zolnikov, Daniel (R)	Billings	27%	20%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

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20	Ankney, Duane (R)	Colstrip	9%	16%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
45	Barrett, Dick (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Blasdel, Mark (R)	Kalispell	0%	2%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
12	Boland, Carlie (D) *	Great Falls	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Brown, Dee (R)	Hungry Horse	9%	13%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
11	Buttrey, Edward (R)	Great Falls	9%	5%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
41	Caferro, Mary (D)	Helena	72%	90%	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42	Cohenour, Jill (D)	East Helena	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	Connell, Pat (R)	Hamilton	9%	16%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
50	Facey, Tom (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Fielder, Jennifer (R)	Thomp. Falls	27%	13%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
10	Fitzpatrick, Steve (R)	Great Falls	0%	16%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
40	Gauthier, Terry (R)	Helena	27%	27%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
25	Gross, Jen (D)	Billings	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
18	Hinebauch, Steve (R)	Wibaux	9%	9%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
32	Hinkle, Jedediah (R)	Bozeman	27%	13%	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
13	Hoven, Brian (R)	Great Falls	9%	27%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
29	Howard, David (R)	Park City	18%	4%	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
9	Jones, Llew (R)	Conrad	9%	18%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
22	Kary, Doug (R)	Billings	0%	9%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
5	Keenan, Bob (R)	Bigfork	0%	20%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
17	Lang, Mike (R)	Malta	0%	9%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
26	MacDonald, Margie (D)	Billings	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Malek, Sue (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	McClafferty, Edie (D)	Butte	90%	83%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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24	McNally, Mary (D)	Billings	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Moore, Eric (R)	Miles City	0%	6%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
6	Olszewski, Albert (R)	Kalispell	9%	18%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
15	Osmundson, Ryan (R)	Buffalo	0%	3%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
31	Phillips, Mike (D)	Bozeman	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Pomnichowski, JP (D)	Bozeman	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Regier, Keith (R)	Kalispell	0%	5%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
28	Richmond, Tom (R)	Billings	0%	6%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
35	Sales, Scott (R)	Bozeman	9%	7%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
47	Salomon, Daniel (R)	Ronan	9%	14%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
49	Sands, Diane (D)	Missoula	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Sesso, Jon (D)	Butte	81%	79%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	Small, Jason (R)	Busby	9%	9%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
27	Smith, Cary (R)	Billings	9%	3%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
16	Smith, Frank (D)	Poplar	100%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Swandal, Nels (R)	Wilsall	9%	11%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
14	Tempel, Russ (R)	Chester	0%	0%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
44	Thomas, Fred (R)	Stevensville	9%	11%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
34	Vance, Gordon (R)	Belgrade	9%	3%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
1	Vincent, Chas (R)	Libby	9%	9%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
39	Vuckovich, Gene (D)	Anaconda	81%	59%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Webb, Roger (R)	Billings	0%	9%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
36	Welborn, Jeffrey (R)	Dillon	9%	12%	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
8	Whitford, Lea (D)	Cut Bank	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48	Wolken, Cynthia (D)	Missoula	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Moe, Mary Sheehy (D) *	Great Falls	100%	100%	*	*	*	*	✓	*	*	*	*	*	*

GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK:

Defending our outdoor heritage; Working for a clean energy economy



MCV came into the 2017 session with a set of priorities that we shared with members and legislators. We had some positive, proactive bills but we knew defense against bad bills would be a big part of our work this session. The oil, gas, coal, mining, and electric utility lobbyists have incredible influence with anti-conservation legislators and they are very successful in getting bills passed that jeopardize our rivers and streams, clean air, and wildlife habitats.

The 2016 election provided a stark contrast in the race for governor. One candidate sued the people of Montana to block our stream access to the East Gallatin River and supported the Trump agenda of rolling back protections that curtail carbon pollution emissions and protect our public lands.

Governor Steve Bullock proved time and time again this session why he was the clear pro-conservation choice last year. In this scorecard you can see the terrible anti-conservation bills he vetoed: bills that would have raised taxes on alternative fuels, discriminated against homeowners who install clean, renewable energy, and jeopardized the water we rely on to drink and irrigate.

For the bills mentioned here and many more, thank you, Governor Bullock, for standing up for our right to a clean and healthful environment!

Team MCV

Holding elected officials accountable: Work to be done



MCV Board Member Dave Tyler speaks at the Solar Jobs & Energy Freedom Rally at the state Capitol in February.
Photo: Thom Bridge, Helena Independent Record.

This scorecard is a powerful tool—and we hope you'll use it to hold your legislators accountable. However there are many other facets of state and local government. They work to mitigate impacts from climate change; make bikeable, walkable communities; and make sure our public lands are accessible to all. These boards and commissions and even city councils and county commissions across the state make decisions every day that impact our way of life—and these folks are up for election this year!

If you've been thinking about running for office or wanting to do more to make a difference—**start here!** These local positions are so important and the impact is immediate.

2017 Municipal Election Dates:

- June 19th:** Close of candidate filing
- August 14th:** Close of regular voter registration for primary election (if applicable)
- August 15th:** Opening of late voter registration for primary election (if applicable)
- September 11th, noon:** Deadline to apply for early ballot for primary election (if applicable)
- September 12th:** Municipal Primary Election Day (if applicable)
- October 10th:** Close of regular voter registration for general election
- October 11th:** Opening of late voter registration for general election
- November 6th, noon:** Deadline to apply for early ballot for general election
- November 7th:** Municipal General Election Day

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Help us build the bench of future elected leaders and conservation champions in our state. These folks are already leaders in their community (like you)—and you know them!

Join a Scout Team and we'll keep you updated on upcoming trainings and events in your community.

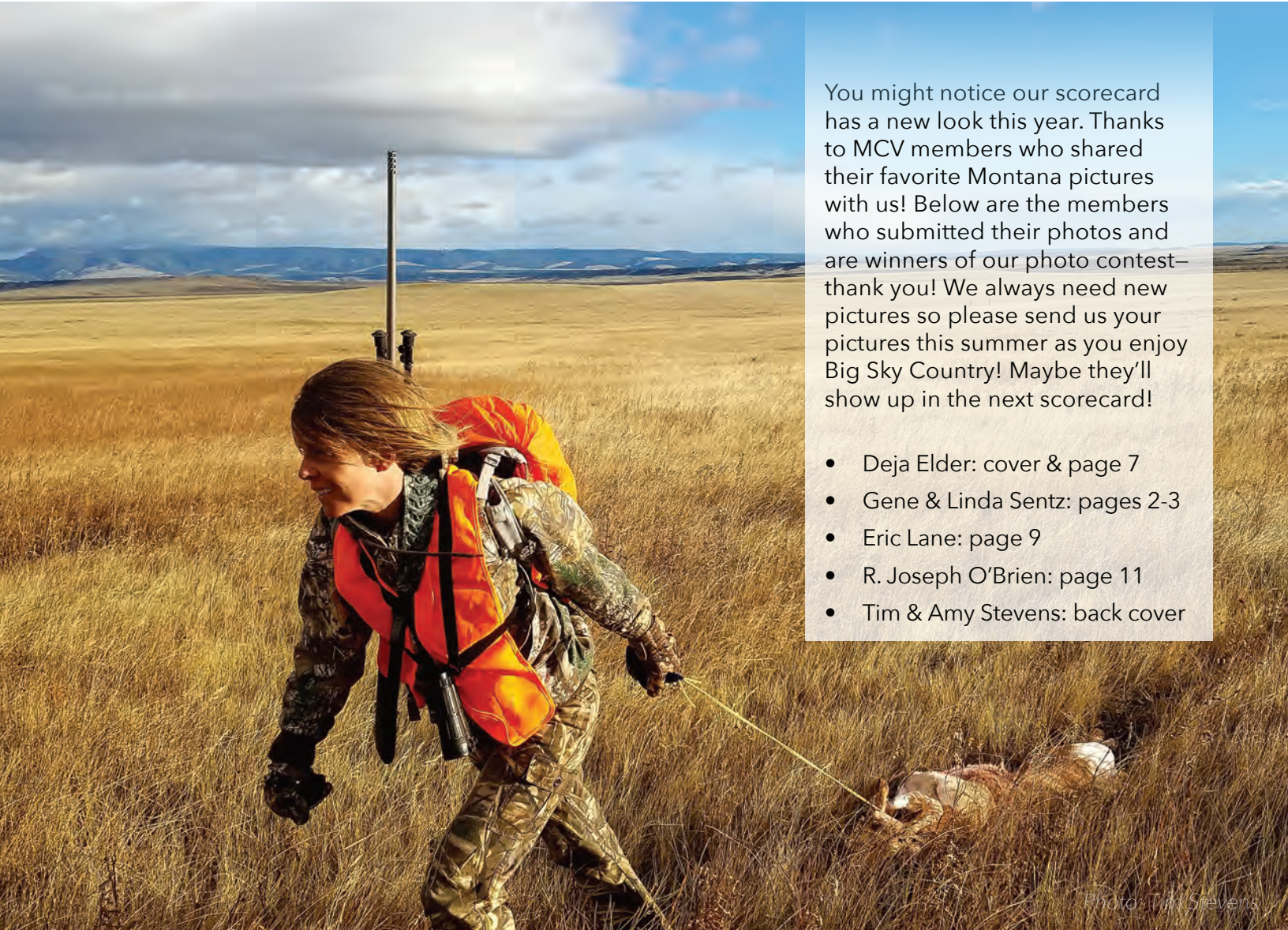


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You might notice our scorecard has a new look this year. Thanks to MCV members who shared their favorite Montana pictures with us! Below are the members who submitted their photos and are winners of our photo contest—thank you! We always need new pictures so please send us your pictures this summer as you enjoy Big Sky Country! Maybe they'll show up in the next scorecard!

- Deja Elder: cover & page 7
- Gene & Linda Sentz: pages 2-3
- Eric Lane: page 9
- R. Joseph O'Brien: page 11
- Tim & Amy Stevens: back cover

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