

UPOM

UNITED PROPERTY OWNERS OF MONTANA



2023 Legislative Scorecard

PROPERTY RIGHTS HEROES

Special recognition of the outstanding champions of property rights in 2023.



Rep. Brandon Ler, Savage



Senator Steve Hinebauch,
Wibaux



Senator Becky Beard, Elliston

Property Rights in the 2023 Legislative Session

This was a somewhat disappointing session with the failure of our legislation designed to take away the tax advantage APR and other non-profits abuse when buying ranch land. That bill had advanced through the House on a strong vote but was blocked by a handful of Republican Senators who would not let it come to the floor for a full vote in that chamber. But as we continue to refine this policy we've gained support and are confident that we will be able eventually to enact it.

A major win this session was the passage of a bill, SB 375, making it easier to remove bison from open rangeland, including state sections. This bill will provide some protection for our open range if the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service attempts to unilaterally place bison on the CMR Wildlife Refuge and allow them to roam to adjacent private and public land. We also spearheaded the passage of a resolution, SJ 14, to Congress and the USFWS opposing a bison introduction on the CMR.

Another key bill, SB 159 sponsored by Senator Becky Beard narrowed the enumerated uses of eminent domain, removing government's ability to take private property for recreational purposes. This bill came after a property owner near Lincoln discovered his property was targeted for the placement of a hiking and biking trail desired by a local NGO. Eminent domain reform remains one of our top priorities to protect private property.

We continue to raise awareness about the inequity faced by landowners entering into conservation easements. SB 357, sponsored by Senator Steve Hinebauch, would have required state agencies to use a term for conservation easements, rather than the common perpetual easements. We've been educating lawmakers about the lopsided arrangement represented by perpetual easements, but have work to do to continue to build support behind our position.

Regulatory takings remains a top priority for UPOM. This session we supported SB 287, sponsored by Senator Steve Fitzpatrick, that would have taken real steps towards defining under what circumstances government must pay for property they damage or devalue through over-regulation.

Finally, the rights of nonresident landowners were under attack this session with a pair of bills aimed at limiting their hunting opportunity. SB 388 by Senator Pat Flowers would have limited nonresident landowners to fourteen days for hunting elk, deer, and antelope. SB 533 by Senator Mark Noland would have dramatically reduced the upland bird season for nonresidents. Alarmingly both bills passed 50-0 in the Senate before we were able to kill them in the House. These bills would have had a negative impact on property values, and would have exacerbated the out of control elk populations in some parts of the state.

Bill descriptions for UPOM's Legislative Scorecard

The following bills from the 2023 Legislative session were used to grade each legislator. The bills are weighted according to their impact—positive or negative—on property rights. Bonus points based on these weights are added to, or subtracted from, the scores of the primary sponsor of each bill included in our scorecard.

UPOM's 'Property Rights Heroes' are selected by UPOM's Board of Directors and generally include those legislators who sponsored legislation, scored over 100% on the scorecard, or who have exhibited an exemplary commitment to protecting private property rights throughout their tenure in the Montana State Legislature.

HB 486—Generally revise county road access laws

Rep. Green, R-Hardin

Weight: 4 Oppose

Allows county governments to impose high fines on property owners who place a gate on a road with disputed ownership. This bill tips the scales in road disputes in an unfair way to property owners.

H Vote: 3rd Reading 4/26, passed 87-12

S Vote: 3rd Reading 4/18, passed 28-22

Final Status: Became Law

SB 143—Allow for a referendum to terminate citizen initiated zoning district

Sen. Esp, R-Big Timber

Weight: 3 Support

Allows citizens to petition for a vote of the affected residents to terminate a zoning district.

H Vote: 3rd Reading 4/13, passed 64-36

S Vote: 3rd Reading 1/25, passed 34-15

Final Status: Became Law

SB 159—Restrict use of eminent domain

Sen. Beard, R-Elliston

Weight: 4 Support

Removes local government's authority to exercise eminent domain for recreational or cultural purposes, including hiking and biking trails.

H Vote: 3rd Reading 3/29, passed 66-31

S Vote: 3rd Reading 1/25, passed 33-16

Final Status: Became Law

SB 203—Revise law for transfer of critical infrastructure and agricultural land

Sen. Bogner, R-Miles City

Weight: 2 Support

Prohibits the sale, lease, or rent of critical infrastructure or land to entities controlled by foreign adversaries, as designated by the State Department.

H Vote: 3rd Reading 4/6, passed 94-0

S Vote: 3rd Reading 3/2, passed 44-6

Final Status: Became Law

SB 333—Create offense of trespass by unmanned aerial vehicle

Sen. Hertz, R-Polson

Weight: 3 Support

This bill would have reinforced that it is a trespass to fly an UAV over private property.

H Vote: 2nd Reading 4/17, failed 40-58

S Vote: 3rd Reading 3/2, passed 38-12

Final Status: Died in process

SB 375—Remove notice for killing animals running at large

Sen. Lang, R-Malta

Weight: 2 Support

Modernizes the requirements to notify the owner of an animal illegally running at large on open range. This bill will provide some protection to private and state land if free-roaming bison are introduced on federal land in Montana.

H Vote: 3rd Reading 4/18, passed 71-28

S Vote: 3rd Reading 4/21, passed 34-16

Final Status: Became Law

PROPERTY RIGHTS HEROES



Senator Steve Fitzpatrick,
Great Falls



Senator John Esp, Big Timber



Senator Greg Hertz, Polson

Bill descriptions cont.

SJ 14—Resolution opposing bison introduction at Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge

Sen. Lang, R-Malta

Weight: 2 Support

A resolution urging Congress and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to not place free-roaming bison on the CMR.

H Vote: 3rd Reading 4/12, passed 68-32

S Vote: 3rd Reading 3/2, passed 34-16

Final Status: Became Law

SB 388—Revise nonresident bird hunting

Sen. Flowers, D-Belgrade

Weight: 3 Oppose

Would have shortened the upland game bird season for nonresidents, including those who own land in Montana.

S Vote: 3rd Reading 3/2, passed 50-0

Final Status: Died in Committee

SB 533—Revise laws related to out of state hunting & fishing

Sen. Noland, R-Bigfork

Weight: 3 Oppose

The bill would have limited the hunting of deer, elk, and antelope for nonresident hunters to a maximum of 14 days out of the year, including those who own land in Montana.

S Vote: 3rd Reading 4/4, passed 50-0

Final Status: Died in Committee

SB 287—Revise property laws

Sen. Fitzpatrick, R-Great Falls

Weight: 3 Support

Would have strengthened protections for property owners against regulatory takings.

S Vote: 2nd Reading 3/1, failed 22-28

Final Status: Died in Process

SB 497—Revise property laws relating to easements

Sen. Fitzpatrick, R-Great Falls

Weight: 3 Support

This bill would have clarified the

circumstances under which a prescriptive easement could be claimed, and blocked prescriptive easement claims if signage was posted.

S Vote: 2nd Reading 3/1, failed 14-36

Final Status: Died in Process

HB 870—Revise tax rate for agricultural property owned by certain nonprofits

Rep. Ler, R-Savage

Weight: 5 Support

HB 870 would have raised the tax rate on land bought by certain nonprofits to ten times the current Class 3 rate. The bill was intended to protect agricultural communities from nonprofits that buy ag land and take it out of production.

H Vote: 3rd Reading 4/4, passed 68-31

S Vote: Committee 4/19, failed 4-7

Final Status: Died in Committee

SB 357—Require terms for conservation easements using state funds

Sen. Hinebauch, R-Wibaux

Weight: 5 Support

Would have required state agencies to set a term for a conservation easements entered into with private property owners, prohibiting perpetual easements.

S Vote: Committee 2/28, failed 5-7

Final Status: Died in Committee

HB 621—Revise land access laws for hunting and fishing

Rep. Cohenour, D-East Helena

Weight: 2 Oppose

Would have created the offense of "hunter harassment" for landowners trying to enforce their property rights against trespassers.

H Vote: Committee 4/18, failed 6-13

Final Status: Died in Committee

Montana Senate Scorecard

Bill		HB 486	SB 143	SB 159	SB 203	SB 333	SB 375	SJ 14	SB 388	SB 533	SB 287	SB 497	HB 870	SB 357
Position		O	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S
Weight		4	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	5	5
Senator	Score													
Dan Bartel (R)	53%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Becky Beard (R)	84%	+	+	Sp.	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	NA
Kenneth Bogner (R)	66%	-	+	+	Sp.	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	NA
Ellie Boldman (D)	16%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Bob Brown (R)	74%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-
Mike Cuffe (R)	69%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	NA
Willis Curdy (D)	5%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mary Ann Dunwell (D)	6%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Janet Ellis (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Jason Ellsworth (R)	76%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	+
Daniel Emrich (R)	76%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	+
John Esp (R)	91%	+	Sp.	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	NA
Steve Fitzpatrick (R)	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	Sp.	Sp.	NA	NA
Pat Flowers (D)	5%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	Sp.	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Fox (D)	5%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	-
Chris Friedel (R)	59%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	NA
John Fuller (R)	70%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	-
Bruce Gillespie (R)	68%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	NA
Carl Glimm (R)	81%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	NA
Jen Gross (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Denise Hayman (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Greg Hertz (R)	92%	+	+	+	+	Sp.	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	+
Steve Hinebaugh (R)	97%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	Sp.
Kathy Kelker (D)	20%	-	E	E	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Mike Lang (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	Sp.	Sp.	-	-	+	+	+	NA
Dennis Lenz (R)	63%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Ryan Lynch (D)	5%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA
Forrest Mandeville (R)	50%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Theresa Manzella (R)	81%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	NA
Edie Mcclafferty (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	-
Tom McGillvray (R)	63%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA

Legend:

Sp. - Bill Sponsor S - UPOM-supported bill O - UPOM-opposed bill A - Absent E - Excused
 Scores greater than 100% include bonus points for bill sponsorship.

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Position		O	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S
Weight		4	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	5	5
Senator	Score													
Wendy Mckamey (R)	81%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Brad Molnar (R)	44%	+	+	Sp.	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	NA
Shane Morigeau (D)	14%	-	+	+	Sp.	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	NA
Mark Noland (R)	59%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Shannon O'Brien (D)	16%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-
Andrea Olsen (D)	0%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	NA
Christopher Pope (D)	6%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Keith Regier (R)	81%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Walt Sales (R)	51%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Dan Salomon (R)	63%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	+
Jason Small (R)	43%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	+
Russ Tempel (R)	63%	+	Sp.	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	NA
Jeremy Trebas (R)	59%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	Sp.	Sp.	NA	NA
Barry Usher (R)	84%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	Sp.	-	-	-	-	-
Shelley Vance (R)	81%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	-
Terry Vermeire (R)	43%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	NA	NA
Susan Webber (D)	6%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	-
Jeff Welborn (R)	43%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	NA
Daniel Zolnikov (R)	59%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	NA

Montana House Scorecard

Bill		HB 486	SB 143	SB 159	SB 203	SB 333	SB 375	SJ 14	HB 870	SB 388	SB 533	HB 621
Position		O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	O
Weight		4	3	4	2	3	2	2	5	3	3	2
Representative	Score											
Kim Abbott (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Fred Anderson (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Brad Barker (R)	96%	-	+	+	+	6	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Denise Baum (D)	15%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
David Bedey (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
James Bergstrom (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Marta Bertoglio (R)	64%	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Michele Binkley (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Laurie Bishop (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Larry Brewster (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Tony Brockman (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Alice Buckley (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Ed Butcher (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ed Buttrey (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Mary Caferro (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Jennifer Carlson (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Bob Carter (D)	16%	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Jill Cohenour (D)	0%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	Sp.
Lee Deming (R)	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Julie Dooling (R)	64%	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Neil Duram (R)	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sherry Essmann (R)	52%	-	+	+	E	-	-	-	+	NA	NA	NA
Jodee Etchart (R)	92%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Terry Falk (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Dave Fern (D)	16%	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Paul Fielder (R)	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ross Fitzgerald (R)	79%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
John Fitzpatrick (R)	56%	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Tom France (D)	10%	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Gregory Frazer (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Steven Galloway (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Jane Gillette (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Steve Gist (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Paul Green (R)	68%	Sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Steve Gunderson (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Jim Hamilton (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Derek Harvey (D)	16%	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	NA	NA	NA

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Position		O	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	O
Weight		4	3	4	2	3	2	2	5	3	3	2
Representative	Score											
Naarah Hastings (R)	88%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Donavon Hawk (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Lyn Hellegaard (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Caleb Hinkle (R)	88%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Jedediah Hinkle (R)	91%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mike Hopkins (R)	86%	-	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
SJ Howell (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Llew Jones (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Jonathan Karlen (D)	21%	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Josh Kassmier (R)	82%	-	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Bob Keenan (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Connie Keogh (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Scot Kerns (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)	16%	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Greg Kmetz (R)	100%	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Casey Knudsen (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Rhonda Knudsen (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Kelly Kortum (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Brandon Ler (R)	115%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Sp.	+	+	+
Denley Loge (R)	87%	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jennifer Lynch (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Marty Malone (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Marilyn Marler (D)	24%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
Ron Marshall (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Eric Matthews (D)	15%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Bill Mercer (R)	88%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Russ Miner (R)	79%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Braxton Mitchell (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Terry Moore (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Fiona Nave (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Nelly Nicol (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
George Nikolakakos (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Greg Oblander (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Gary Parry (R)	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bob Phalen (R)	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Joe Read (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Matt Regier (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA

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Weight		4	3	4	2	3	2	2	5	3	3	2
Representative	Score											
Amy Regier (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Linda Reksten (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Melissa Romano (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Tyson Running Wolf (D)	11%	-	-	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Wayne Rusk (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Jerry Schillinger (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Laura Smith (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Tanner Smith (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Frank Smith (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Courtenay Sprunger (R)	72%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Ed Stafman (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Katie Sullivan (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Mark Thane (D)	16%	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Paul Tuss (D)	24%	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	NA	NA	NA
Sue Vinton (R)	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kenneth Walsh (R)	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Marvin Weatherwax (D)	0%	E	-	-	E	-	E	-	E	NA	NA	NA
Tom Welch (R)	60%	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Jonathan Windy Boy (D)	8%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Zack Wirth (R)	83%	-	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Mike Yakawich (R)	84%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA
Zooey Zephyr (D)	10%	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA
Katie Zolnikov (R)	72%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA

Legend:

Sp. - Bill Sponsor S - UPOM-supported bill O - UPOM-opposed bill A - Absent E - Excused
 Scores greater than 100% include bonus points for bill sponsorship.

About United Property Owners of Montana

In recent years government and special interest groups have advocated for new policies on land use, environmental protection, and social change. Unfortunately, many of those policies necessitate the erosion of private property rights. Put it all together and we have a growing movement in Montana that challenges the rights landowners have to possess, protect, and use their property.

The attacks on our property rights threaten to undermine the unique culture and traditions that make Montana such a special place. UPOM is dedicated to protecting our property rights in order to preserve our agricultural heritage for future generations. Our philosophy is simple: the erosion of one person's rights affects us all. We hope you'll join our efforts to protect Montana's property rights.