

## Political Calls to Action in Support of Public Lands, Outdoor Rec & Wildlife

### Stay Informed:

- Follow: Montana Conservation Voters <https://mtvoters.org/>
- Sign up for Legislative updates (catered to your interests): <https://www.catalystmt.org/get-involved>

### To Watch Out For:

- **Senate Bill 307** threatens Montana's natural resources, public lands, and wildlife. If passed, it would slash \$21 MILLION from Habitat Montana and \$12.6 MILLION from state parks, trails, and wildlife conservation programs over the next two years. These vital funds are key to preserving access to Montana's outdoors and supporting crucial wildlife efforts.
- Budget March 30th - anyone have link?
- [Federal Judge Rules Firing Public-Land Workers Was Illegal](#)

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### Call your Reps!:

- [Use this link to view Western Montana Senators and House reps contact info](#)
- [An introverts guide to calling your reps](#)
  - Be kind and know that they have to listen to you, there will not be conflict.
  - FYI if you don't have a 406 area code and have google you can set up a Google Voice number with a 406 area code, they may be more likely to pick up your call.
  - 5 Calls: [Scripts for calling your reps](#)
- **Zinke**
  - THANK him for supporting Public Lands!
  - Put pressure on him to [continue supporting public land access](#).
  - Introduced bipartisan "Public Lands in Public Hands" act in 2024
- **Sheehy**
  - Urge him to support fellow Sen. Heinrich (NM) proposed protections of public land (Heinrich has not introduced anything to support yet)
  - Is for Public land to be handed over to the states which leads to privatization
  - Has made millions off of Government contracts working on Public Lands through his private wildland firefighting company, Bridger Aerospace
- **Daines**
  - Has previously supported Heinrich with the CDT Completion Act
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  - Wildland firefighting bill\*\*\*

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### To advocate for USFS workers:

Find your reps by typing in the name of your town here: <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

Call and say the following (leave a voicemail):

- My name is [Your Name], and I am a constituent from [Your City/Town].
- I am urging you to oppose the layoffs of U.S. Forest Service workers.
- Please advocate for increased funding for the U.S. Forest Service to keep these essential workers employed.
- Thank you for your time and for taking action to protect our forests and communities.

Or send an email:

Dear (enter name here),

I am writing as a concerned constituent to urge you to take immediate action in opposing the layoffs of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) workers. Their work is not just a luxury—it is a necessity for the safety, accessibility, and sustainability of our forests and communities.

Our national forests provide recreation opportunities that bolster local economies and enhance the quality of life. Trail maintenance crews ensure that these spaces remain accessible to hikers, bikers, and outdoor enthusiasts. Neglecting this vital work not only threatens public safety but also undermines tourism and the small businesses that depend on outdoor recreation.

USFS workers are also responsible for vital conservation efforts, including habitat protection and watershed management. Their absence will have long-lasting environmental consequences, jeopardizing ecosystems and wildlife that depend on careful stewardship.

I urge you to fight against these harmful layoffs and advocate for increased funding for the U.S. Forest Service. Investing in these workers is an investment in public safety, economic resilience, and environmental preservation. Please stand with our communities and ensure the continued protection of our forests and public lands.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and to seeing you take action on this critical issue.

Sincerely,  
Your name  
Address  
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