



# Keep Public Land in Public Hands

## WHY WE'RE HERE

- 1,000 National Park Service and 3,400 Forest Service employees were Illegally fired by the Trump Administration and Elon Musk's DOGE Team.
- Further reductions in force are expected (OPM OMB Guidance on DOGE workforce 2/26/25), term based positions are forecasted to close.
- Without the staff and funding to meet legally mandated standards of land stewardship, public land agencies will be forced to either pay private contractors at almost twice the rate of federal workers, or worse, sell the land. All federal lands are at risk including NPS, USFS, BLM, and other public lands.

## What can you do?

### 1 Call your representatives

Encourage your representatives to pass a responsible national budget supporting essential public land staffing and operations as well as their continued support of stewarding public lands with public hands.

Call scripts: [5calls.org](https://5calls.org)

Local Offices:

Sen. Steve Daines: [\(406\)549-8198](tel:(406)549-8198)

Sen. Tim Sheehy: [\(406\)218-2658](tel:(406)218-2658)

Rep. Ryan Zinke: [\(406\)317-0276](tel:(406)317-0276)

### 2 Contact MT Attorney General

Urge Attorney General Austin Knudsen to be proactive in joining multistate litigation concerning protections of civil servants and congressionally delegated funds.

**Office of the Attorney General Montana DOJ**

Phone: [\(406\)444-2026](tel:(406)444-2026)

Email: [contactdoj@mt.gov](mailto:contactdoj@mt.gov)

### 3 Stay informed!

Public lands related issues: **Montana Conservation Voters-**  
[mtvoters.org](https://mtvoters.org)

Federal Worker/funding updates: **Federal News Network-**  
[federalnewsnetwork.com](https://federalnewsnetwork.com)

Current Environmental Bill Tracking and Action Center:  
**Montana Environmental Information Center-**  
[meic.org](https://meic.org)

## Federal worker Resources

**Current Feds:** Know the Hatch Act and your rights and protections as a Federal employee. Become familiar with your bargaining unit's Union master agreement and what they do for you!

**Former Feds:** Complete an MSPB Appeal for wrongful termination (deadline 30 days after termination) - [MSPB.gov](https://MSPB.gov)  
Financial Aid/Legal Recourse

**899 Lifeline** - Crisis and emotional support lifeline. You are not alone!  
PLEASE stay connected and lean on your community.

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