

Member Groups info 2024/2025

There are always changes but we will keep an updated copy on the members only web page www.montanashares.org/members 4/17/2024

MS: Montana Shares

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25 Word Description: Promotes philanthropy in Montana by offering workplace giving to donors to support the partner nonprofits improving our state's human, animal, cultural and natural resources.

AERO: Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)

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25 Word Description: Building a reliable, resilient, and nourishing Montana food system for all by building consumer demand, MT market channels, and community resources for MT-grown food.

Impact Statement: AERO is a community of social entrepreneurs dedicated to building a more sustainable Montana for all. We focus on sustainable, healthy food production and helping communities build strong local food systems that keep them food and nutrition secure. We're building the demand for local food with our Abundant MT program and providing marketing and technical support to family food and farming businesses so they thrive.

BBBSMT: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Montana

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Impact Statement: We believe that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. Most children served by BBBS are low-income and face challenges at home and at school. Local and national data suggest that 2-3 hours per week of thoughtful, caring, respectful mentoring increase self-confidence and trust in community members, while decreasing truancy and use of drugs and alcohol. We empower children.

BWMT: Bike Walk Montana, Inc.

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25 Word Description: Promote and encourage safe cycling walking and rolling for transportation and recreation, within and between communities, across the State of Montana.

Impact Statement: With increasing population in Montana and increasing environmental concerns, it is more important than ever to make active transportation a natural part of our culture and included in any transportation related discussion. Bike Walk Montana is the only statewide organization actively pursuing these goals.

BC: Bridgercare Rep Name: Nathan Stein

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Providing compassionate, affordable sexual and reproductive healthcare and education to people of all genders, regardless of ability to pay.

Impact Statement: Bridgercare serves more patients than any other reproductive healthcare clinic in the state of Montana. Serving people of all genders, the clinic provides reproductive and sexual healthcare on a sliding fee scale. Bridgercare runs a sexual education program that offers medically accurate, culturally competent, and developmentally appropriate information. Throughout the pandemic, Bridgercare has provided and expanded services to ensure that everyone has access to compassionate care through this unprecedented time.

BSC: Butte Spirit Center

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Provides a safe, peer supported and clinically licensed transitional living environment for people in early recovery from substance use disorder.

Impact Statement: The Butte SPIRIT Home is a state licensed ASAM Level 3.1 substance use disorder (SUD) recovery home in Butte that serves up to 8 men at a time with case management, peer support, and clinical counseling. We were founded by people in recovery, for people in recovery, and our entire staff is made up of people with lived experience in overcoming SUD.

CMAD: Camp Mak-A-Dream

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25 Word Description: Empowers survivors and their families to live with and beyond cancer through life-changing Montana experiences where they strengthen life skills, gain resilience & develop lasting relationships.

Impact Statement: What started out as one camp in 1995 for 46 campers has turned into 17 different camps and retreats for up to 800 participants each year. Over the years, as specific needs were identified, we created programming to meet those unique needs, such as our sessions for brain tumor survivors, sessions for siblings (children and teens who aren't sick themselves but someone in their family has or has passed away from cancer) and long weekend retreats for women with cancer. In 2018, we added a Family Camp and in 2019 we added a Caregiver Retreat. We partner with medical professionals across the country to help identify gaps in services and how Camp Mak-A-Dream might be able to help fill those gaps.

CSCMT: Cancer Support Community Montana

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Mailing Address: 102 S. 11th Ave Bozeman, MT 59715

Physical Address:

25 Word Description: So No One Faces Cancer Alone. We ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community.

Impact Statement: Hundreds of Montanan's are served annually through the programs and services CSCMT provides, all free-of charge to our participants. All programs offered by CSCMT are research-based and provide tools and connection to live well with, through, and beyond cancer. We serve anyone impacted by cancer – survivors, family, caregivers, friends, if you have been impacted, we are here for you.

DRM: Disability Rights Montana

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Provides information, education, advocacy, and legal representation to Montanans with disabilities to protect and expand their human, legal, and civil rights.

Impact Statement: Montanans living with disabilities want to be included in everyday living and need access to appropriate support and services. DRM actively works to make local communities more physically accessible. DRM also advocates to bring support and services to your community and to protect your right to live, receive an education, work, and recreate in your local community.

FMB: Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument

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25 Word Description: Through advocacy, education, and stewardship the Friends protect and preserve the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument and its surrounding public lands.

Impact Statement: Since our incorporation, the Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument have stood strong as defenders of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument and as a voice for conservation in central Montana. We have fought against those who wanted the monument's protections repealed and have successfully spoken out in support of impactful preservation of Montana's unique and beautiful Breaks landscape. This year the Friends hope to increase our on-the-ground impact within the boundaries of the Monument to preserve this magnificent landscape for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

GFCFB: Great Falls Community Food Bank, Inc.

Rep Name: Shaun Tatarka

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Mailing Address: 1620 12th Ave North Great Falls, MT 59401

Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Gathers quality "rescued" food as well as purchased food to distribute to our more than 70 agency partners who serve the hungry throughout North Central Montana.

Impact Statement: Our partnership with more than 65 agencies has allowed Great Falls Community Food Bank to distribute 1.4 million pounds of food in the last two years alone. This means underprivileged children can learn on a full stomach; recently laid off workers can feed families while they seek work; and seniors won't have to choose between vital medicine and food.

HOV: Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter

Rep Name: Callie Houck

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Physical Address: 1549 E. Cameron Bridge Rd Bozeman MT 59718

25 Word Description: Cares for the lost and surrendered companion animals of Southwestern Montana and offers adoption, spay/neuter, humane education, outreach, and training programs at its openadmission shelter.

Impact Statement: Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter (HOV) provides a service to over 3,000 animals a year through all HOV programs (including SNAP Clinic). In addition, HOV offers a host of programs and services to the community to help connect people and pets. Special adoption programs include fee waived adoptions for military veterans and seniors through the Pets and Vets and Companion Cats for Senior People programs.

HOV offers training courses for puppies and adult dogs, as well as one-on-one consultations on behavioral issues. In an effort to help control the feral cat population, HOV's Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) offers free and reduced fee surgeries for feral and semi-feral cats. HOV's Humane Education Program provides no cost presentations to the community, focusing on the humane treatment of and positive interaction with animals. The Pet Pals Summer Camp offers children the opportunity to learn about and experience the special bond between humans and animals.

HMA: Holter Museum of Art, Inc.

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Mailing Address: 12 E Lawrence Helena, MT 59601

Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Connects, inspires, and heals our community through the power of art. Thought-provoking exhibitions, expanding partnerships, and innovative social impact programs shape this community-focused, art-based education center.

Impact Statement: The Holter Museum of Art is focused on expanding its reach into the community through avenues that bringing the healing power of art to everyone. The Holter teen programs serve atrisk area youth to help combat the stresses and programs of our community's teens through Art for Survival and ATAC. The Holter Healing Arts Program partners with St. Peter's Health to bring free arts education, art supplies, and projects to the medical community to provide holistic healing while address the need for low cost, prescription free alternatives for treating anxiety, depression, and other illnesses.

JRPC: Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Focusing on facilitating and supporting the connections and conversations that build nonviolence, social justice, and environmental sustainability.

Impact Statement: There are many long-term challenges to the building of a just, non-violent, and sustainable global culture. But each challenge is also an opportunity for each of us personally and all of us collectively. The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center offers us the tools of education, reflection, dialogue, relationship and action to meet that challenge both in times of crisis and in the ongoing work of peacemaking.

K9CM: K9 Care Montana

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25 Word Description: Provides the highest quality service dogs at NO cost to Montana wounded veterans, first responders and children challenged by autism.

Impact Statement: Established in 2009, K9 Care Montana, Inc. provides service dogs at no cost to Montana wounded veterans, first responders, and children challenged by autism. During the service dog training, we incorporate customized outdoor activities to better understand some of the recipient's day to day challenges. Our goals and objectives remain the same: bettering the lives of our recipients through the incorporation of a service dog.

LCCPW: Last Chance Community Pow Wow

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Ever-present in the community, we share our Native American culture, drumming, and dancing through an annual pow wow that celebrates/promotes tolerance of cultural differences.

Impact Statement: Last Chance Community Pow Wow hosts an annual pow wow celebration to empower and honor our youth by preserving our distinct Native American cultural and spiritual traditions. The pow wow and other cultural activities that take place throughout the year always incorporate our youth and instills pride among our local Native population, especially our youth in helping them to choose healthy lifestyles.

LCHS: Lewis & Clark Humane Society

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Mailing Address: PO Box 4455 Helena, MT 59602 Physical Address: 2112 E Custer Ave Helena MT 59602

25 Word Description: Provides shelter and advocacy for homeless pets on the pathway to their forever home.

Impact Statement: The Lewis & Clark Humane Society is the tri-county area's only animal shelter. We provide care for the homeless, abandoned and surrendered animals who need a temporary place, caring people, food, water and medical care on their pathway to a new home. In 2021, shelter staff and volunteers provided care to over 1,500 animals.

MAB: Montana Association for the Blind, Inc.

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Mailing Address: 1802 W Park Anaconda, MT 59711

Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Provides a forum for the educational, social, physical, and rehabilitative improvement of the blind and low vision population of Montana.

Impact Statement: An estimated 20,000 to 25,000 Montanans are blind or visually-impaired. The Montana Association for the Blind actively advocates on behalf of equality and opportunity for all blind and low vision Montanans statewide. We provide programs that teach and develop skills critical to maintaining independence and employment or to pursue educational and vocational goals. In addition, the MAB's nine local chapters across the state reach out to newly blinded Montanans to carry the message of hope and self-determination to every blind Montanan and their families and friends.

MA: Montana Audubon

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25 Word Description: Promotes appreciation, knowledge and conservation of Montana's native birds, other wildlife, and natural ecosystems to safeguard biological diversity for current and future generations.

Impact Statement: Native grasslands are declining throughout the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. Unsurprisingly, research shows that 70% of grassland bird species are declining, including common species like meadowlarks. As habitat continues declining, Montana's intact grasslands become increasingly critical to native species. Strategic land conservation, communication between conservation partners, and targeted research are needed to reverse this trend. Montana Audubon works to protect and conserve these native grassland habitats.

MTCASA: Montana CASA/GAL Association

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25 Word Description: Advocating on behalf of over 1,000 abused and neglected children in Montana. Support is provided through program capacity building activities, statewide awareness campaigns and trainings.

Impact Statement: Serving over 1,000 children annually, our mission is to provide CASA services to every eligible child needing services in Montana. Children are removed from their homes and placed in the dependency and neglect system. CASAs are volunteer court appointed special advocates appointed by judges advocating for the best interests of the child helping to ensure that children are receiving the care and education they need.

MCAN: Montana College Attainment Network

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Mailing Address: 1300 W Park St Butte, MT 59701

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25 Word Description: Support and advance the goal of all Montanans achieving their college, career, and lifestyle aspirations.

Impact Statement: Founded and organized around the Lumina Foundation's Goal 2025, which seeks to increase postsecondary completion by sixty percent in the year formerly mentioned, the mission of the Montana College Attainment Network (MCAN) seeks to increase college attainment and graduation rates in the state for all Montanans with specific focus on individuals from underserved communities. We do this by collaborating with our members and affiliates who tirelessly serve students.

MFBN: Montana Food Bank Network, Inc.

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Mailing Address: 5625 Expressway Missoula, MT 59808

Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Our mission is to end hunger in Montana through food acquisition and distribution, education and advocacy. MFBN has been feeding Montana since 1983.

Impact Statement: Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN) is Montana's only statewide food bank and member of Feeding America. MFBN distributes food to over 340 partners that include community food banks, pantries, senior centers, shelters and schools to end hunger in Montana. MFBN's hunger relief programs include BackPack, Mail-a-Meal, Hunters Against Hunger and Retail Food Rescue. MFBN advocates for long-term policy solutions to strengthen public nutrition programs and address the root causes of hunger.

MTFP: Montana Free Press

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25 Word Description: Empowers citizens and strengthens Montana's democracy by serving as an independent watchdog that reports on the most important issues facing the state.

Impact Statement: Montana Free Press fills the investigative reporting gap created by the decline of statehouse news bureaus and diminished corporate investment in watchdog journalism. We do this by cultivating well-informed sources, studying arcane bureaucratic processes, seeking out dark corners of major institutions, digging deep into data, and holding those in power accountable to the people. Our journalism appears in newspapers throughout Montana.

MLSA: Montana Legal Services Association

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Mailing Address: 616 Helena Ave, Ste 100 Helena, MT 59601

Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Helping make justice possible for all Montanans, no matter their income, by providing free civil legal aid to low-income Montanans statewide.

Impact Statement: MLSA helps ensure access to justice by providing free non-criminal legal aid for people struggling to make ends meet. Donations like yours support MLSA in providing legal information, forms, legal advice and full legal representation throughout our state. In 2021, MLSA helped empower over 12,038 clients and their family members to achieve greater financial stability, and safer, healthier lives.

MMP: Montana Meth Project

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Mailing Address: PO Box 8944 Missoula, MT 59807 Physical Address: 100 Keith Ave Missoula MT 59807

25 Word Description: Reduce first-time Methamphetamine use among Montana's youth through a campaign of public service messaging, public policy, and community action.

Impact Statement: Our engagement has never been stronger. Our prevention message is reaching teens and we are the leading, most trusted resource on Meth prevention. Montana counties are reporting increased Meth usage in drug testing and violent crimes. Montana teens are vulnerable to Meth use and we have a captive audience consuming our content now more than ever.

MSNTF: Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force

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General Email: mtspayneutertaskforce@yahoo.com (406)599-4136 www.montanaspayneutertaskforce.org Mailing Address: PO Box 294 Butte, MT 59703 Physical Address: 2025 S. Black Bozeman MT 59715

25 Word Description: End pet overpopulation and animal neglect by reducing the number of unwanted animals by offering spay/neuter support so people may continue to care for their pets.

Impact Statement: Since 1996, Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force has provided Spay/Neuter care for 66,100 dogs and cats throughout Montana, specifically helping people who could not afford surgery or even to keep their pets otherwise. It is especially important to offer support now, when the economy is so challenging. Shelters are full and this is how we help lower pet overpopulation.

MSM: Montana Supporting Military

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Physical Address: 2806 Billings Ave Helena MT 59601

25 Word Description: Boosts the morale of deployed troops through care packages, clothing, food, and other needs. Their families back home are also supported in various ways.

Impact Statement: Many of our deployed troops receive few, if any, care packages. That is devastating to their morale. Other troops do not have access to needed supplies. MT Supporting Military fills that need with personalized care packages and cards of support. We receive care package items and cards from caring individuals and groups across Montana. We also provide guidance and support for families of deployed troops.

MTU: Montana Trout Unlimited

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25 Word Description: Founded in 1964, we are a statewide grassroots organization dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring Montana's cold water fisheries and their watersheds.

Impact Statement: Montana Trout Unlimited conserves and protects Montana's cold-water fisheries. Abundant healthy trout populations produce positive environmental and economic benefits, and impact entire ecosystems, from grizzly bears to eagles. Angling also contributes nearly \$300 billion to the economy in Montana every year. Through education, conservation and advocacy, MTU is protecting our treasured rivers and streams for the next generation of grizzly bears and anglers.

MWCC: Montana Watershed Coordination Council, Inc.

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Mailing Address: PO Box 1416 Helena, MT 59624 Physical Address: 332 Fuller Ave Helena MT 59601

25 Word Description: Unite and support Montana's community-based conservation network to promote healthy and productive watersheds.

Impact Statement: Our land and water resources are vital to Montana communities, providing rural and urban areas with drinking water, food and fiber, recreation opportunities, fish and wildlife, and economic development. Across the state, however, we are challenged with complicated issues that threaten these resources. The Montana Watershed Coordination Council provides resources and support that ensure our watersheds and our communities thrive for present and future generations.

MWF: Montana Wildlife Federation

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(406)417-9909 www.montanawildlife.org

Mailing Address: PO Box 1175 Helena, MT 59624 Physical Address: 40 W Lawrence Helena MT 59601

25 Word Description: Protects Montana's fish and wildlife, our wild lands and waters, and fights for public access for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation.

Impact Statement: The Montana Wildlife Federation gives a voice to hunters, anglers, and other conservationists in order to safeguard our fish and wildlife, land and water, and public access. MWF works to support the rights of everyone who hunts, fishes, or just enjoys the opportunity to see and experience wildlife in our state.

NAMI: NAMI Montana

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25 Word Description: Continues to educate, advocate and support people with mental illness and their families through grassroots work.

Impact Statement: NAMI Montana is dedicated to improving the lives of all of those affected with serious mental illness. We have education classes and ongoing support groups for people with mental illness and their families. The classes provide information on mental illness, treatments, and resources for families and people with mental illness. Support groups help them discover they are not alone in the fight against mental illness.

NWMT: NeighborWorks Montana

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Physical Address: #17 5th Street South Great Falls MT 59401

25 Word Description: Helps low and moderate income families buy or rent an affordable home and keep their home by providing education and financial assistance throughout Montana.

Impact Statement: NWMT provides a range of housing-related support to individuals and families who need help overcoming the issues of high housing costs, coupled with low wages that are prevalent in our state. Housing that Montanans can afford is an important economic engine, bringing stability to communities and the workforce – home is where jobs go to sleep at night.

QCBC: Queen City Ballet Company

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Contributes to a vibrant culture by providing Helena with professional quality dance productions, trains dance students, and provides scholarships to talented students.

Impact Statement: Queen City Ballet Company affords students and the public the experience of high-quality, professional ballets with guest artists, lighting, costumes and sets. QCBC contributes to a vibrant cultural community. A dancer that aspires to a career in ballet can receive the experience and education in the arts to prepare for a career in dance. The Company offers scholarships for performance fees and summer incentives with QCBC.

REO: Rural Employment Opportunities, Inc.

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Mailing Address: PO Box 831 Helena, MT 59624

Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Assists low-income Montanans access education and training leading to year-round employment, and economic security. Provides for basic food and gas needs for migrant families.

Impact Statement: Rural families who work seasonally have limited income and resources and struggle to maintain economic stability. Rural Employment Opportunities helps limited-income Montanans and their children with emergency assistance and access to education, employment, and job-training activities that lead to year-round employment, improved family income, and greater economic security.

SM: Spay Montana Rep Name: Sandy Newton

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Mailing Address: PO Box 938 Butte, MT 59703

Physical Address: 891 Browns Gulch Rd Butte MT 59701

25 Word Description: We can't save them all but we can try and make life a much better and happier place to be.

Impact Statement: 2022 we did nearly 4000 spay neuter procedures in 30 communities and Native Nations. We traveled over 5000 miles between early April through mid-November. We treated and vaccinated over 600 animals in our Wellness Clinics and treated everything from manage, flea's broken teeth, wounds, broken bones. We did a little over 5000 vaccinations. In 2022 we completed our 90,000th spay neuter surgery over a 14-year span.

THRV: Thrive

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Providing Montana families with the resources, tools, and assistance they need to raise healthy, successful children through signature programs that offer mentoring, education, and support.

Impact Statement: Helping families start and stay healthy is the most effective deterrent to child abuse and neglect, drug and alcohol abuse, delinquency, and numerous other issues facing society. All families need information, support, and resources at some point. Thrive works to communicate that need by meeting families where they are at and annually serves over 6,000 children and families through our five-home grown preventative programs.

TM: Trust Montana Rep Name: Dawn Conklin

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25 Word Description: A statewide community land trust striving to build livable communities by preserving land and homes people can afford.

Impact Statement: Home ownership and farm ownership are out of reach for many Montana families. Trust Montana can change that by investing in homeownership and farmland projects to buy down purchase price for Montanans, and stewarding properties long-term to ensure they remain affordable from one buyer to the next. More people benefiting from homes and farms they can afford results in healthier families and increased economic viability.

WM: Wild Montana

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Uniting and mobilizing communities to keep Montana wild.

Impact Statement: Only 3% of Montana's wilderness is protected under the Wilderness Preservation System. Through grassroots organizing, public education, and trail time, Wild Montana encourages citizens to become advocates for the protection of crucial wildlife habitat, clean watersheds, and the preservation of our state's most unique and beautiful resources - our wild and public lands.

MCIV: WorldMontana Rep Name: Deb Mitchell

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Physical Address:

25 Word Description: Connects the world with Montana, through citizen diplomacy & professional exchanges, home hospitality and international leadership development.

Impact Statement: World Montana annually welcomes over 170 upcoming business and government leaders from Asia, Africa, South America, and Eastern Europe to study Montana-focused insights and approaches to agriculture, education, human rights, governance and the environment. Impact: U.S. Ambassadors describe the International Visitor Leadership Program as one of the most effective foreign policy tools of American diplomacy. Continuing relationships with Montana are built when these leaders return to their home countries.