



# ONE MONTANA

## 2023 IMPACT REPORT

EDUCATING AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS  
AMONG DIVERSE GROUPS OF PEOPLE  
TO HELP MONTANA'S COMMUNITIES PROSPER

# Nurturing Montana's Culture & Character

**Outside Kind:** Establishing a renewed culture of respect for our public resources and other users.

Outside Kind is sustaining and improving our communities as we face growth and pressure on our existing recreational resources.

- Educate recreational users about ethics to reduce conflict and protect our resources.
- The Gallatin Valley Land Trust the City of Bozeman incorporated Outside Kind into their strategic plans which establishes a lasting and meaningful impact on promoting ethical behavior in outdoor activities and environmental conservation in the region.
- Bridger Ski Foundation reported 75% fewer calls about bad behavior than past seasons.

## RANCH TO TABLE DINNER

One Montana celebrated the fall harvest season by hosting a fundraising event on September 27. We offered a unique experience where two individuals joined Matt Skoglund of North Bridger Bison for a very personal bison field harvest, where Matt chooses the animal for harvest by observing individual animals for size and age class. The meat was then butchered and divided, with one-third donated to feed 90 dining guests at Bodhi Farms. The dinner, raffle, silent and live auction helped to raise more than \$47,000 for 1MT, the Master Hunter Program, and Outside Kind.



## OUTSIDE KIND

- 344 signs
- 25 events
- 44 volunteers
- 690 kids educated
- 162 volunteer hours



Outside Kind was featured in the national podcast *American Voices with Bill Bradley*.

“ Since 1995, the Bozeman Track Club has been introducing hundreds of kids to the freedom and accessibility of running on our local trails. Instilling principles of kindness and inclusivity in our youth is what running as a team is all about. Outside Kind provides us with the ability to expand that team and we welcome everyone to join us as we Run Kind.”  
-Michael McCormick



## Building Relationships

**Master Hunter Program:** Educating effective hunters to support private land management, living with wildlife, and ethical sporting behavior.

- **371 hunters** have graduated from the program.
- More than **88% of graduates** say they want to be hunter education instructors and/or mentors as a result of the program, which helps share knowledge and expertise with a wider audience of hunters, extending the program's impact beyond immediate participants.
- Over **70 Master Hunters provided 600+ volunteer hours for 23 on-ranch service projects** to maintain ranching practices that support wildlife habitat and corridors. From 2020 – 2023, Master Hunters volunteered 2,023+ service hours for 73 on-ranch projects.
- **Highly rated program by participants:** 100% completion of the 2023 Course Survey: 9.1 (10 being the highest) overall program rating, with 9.2 for instructors and 9.4 for 1MT and MHP Staff.

“The Master Hunter Program has changed my hunting practice and understanding in too many ways to count; most importantly, though it has introduced me to new friends, as well as changed my thinking with landowner stewardship and their management of wildlife resources.”

-John How, MHP 2021

150 partners

70 volunteers

80 new Master Hunters

25 MHP ranch partners

23 conservation projects

608 hours of volunteer service

### SERVICE PROJECT

Master Hunters gathered at the King Ranch to flag cattle fence with white plastic tags to make them more visible to low-flying sage-grouse. This is part of a large-scale, fence-marking effort in eastern Montana around prime sage-grouse habitat, particularly near leks, or mating grounds. When the low-flying birds are active at dawn or dusk, times of low visibility, they can fly into wire fencing and be injured and even decapitated.

[www.mtmasterhunter.com](http://www.mtmasterhunter.com)

“It was a great opportunity to meet a multi-generational ranch family and discuss the challenges they face, as well as some of the land-owner/hunter relation issues that can cause challenges to both sides of that dynamic.”

- Dan Altschwager, Master Hunter





# Why Invest in One Montana

1MT is working for Montana to be a prosperous place where people respect each other, the land, our communities, and wildlife. Your gifts provide us with the capacity to be more proactive in reaching out to communities, create new partnerships, and leverage additional donations for One Montana. Specifically, your support helps to:

- Educate another 90-100 hunters annually, who are more effective, ethical hunters and work with landowners to help them with their wildlife management goals.
- Establish a renewed culture of respect for our public resources and other users, ensure more people understand that their actions have impacts on the landscapes and waterways.
- Replicate Outside Kind in 3-5 new communities.



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Your support is the reason we've achieved so many of our goals and continue to work towards the ongoing success of our mission. Thank you!

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