

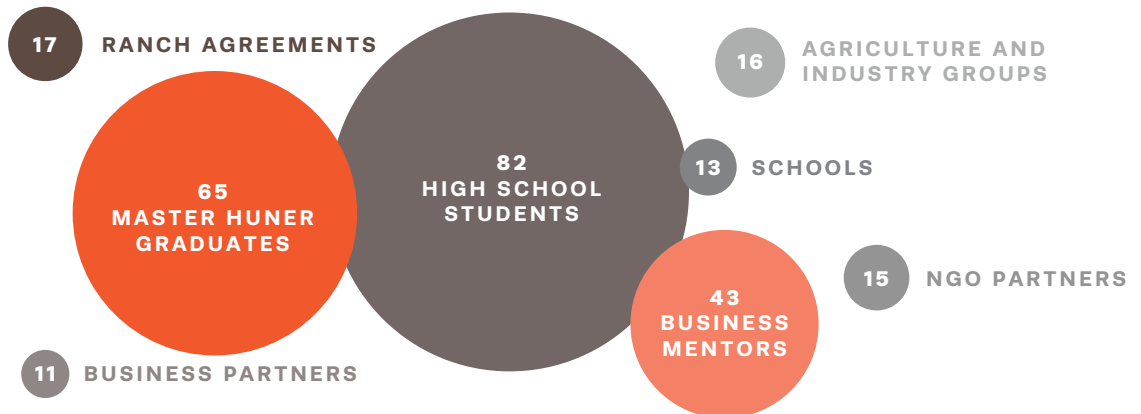


ONE MONTANA

NURTURING PEOPLE TO CREATE SOCIAL IMPACT

2019 has been an exciting year for 1MT—full of successes, changes and challenges. We are recognized as an organization which can help develop community strategies to preserve economic, social, and cultural values as we face Montana's future. Your support helped us to work with more than 250 partners. Thank you!

2019 IN NUMBERS



WHAT'S NEXT: OUR ROAD MAP

In 2020 1MT will implement a strategy to connect urban and rural communities and focus us in the areas where our expertise can make the most impact. Our work will support agricultural communities, address wildlife management, and strengthen communities. We will nurture Montana values by telling stories that highlight challenges and successes. And we will continue our commitment to encourage and inspire young leaders throughout all of our programming.

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Provide guidance and information to communities to preserve core rural values while adapting to new economic and cultural realities.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP
(E.G. WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS)

ENHANCE RURAL HEALTH
WITH A FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE

COMMON GROUND

Address wildlife management issues related to landownership transition, maintaining agriculture and working lands, and preserving cultural values.

MASTER HUNTER
PROGRAM

PRIVATE LANDOWNER
STEWARDSHIP

THE MONTANA WAY

Our communications strategy nurtures Montana's culture and character.

STORYTELLING THROUGH
NEWS, PODCASTS, VIDEO

SAFEGUARD TRADITIONAL
ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL
VALUES OF MONTANA

COMMUNICATE THE
CHALLENGES AND PROBLEMS
THAT TRENDS ARE IDENTIFYING

YOUNG LEADERSHIP

1MT PROMOTES COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS THAT PRESERVE MONTANA'S ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL VALUES.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WE ARE WORKING TO ADDRESS:

WHAT KEEPS LANDOWNERS GATES CLOSED TO HUNTERS?

Hunting is a treasured privilege, but it is not a given. The state of Montana uses hunting as a primary management tool for elk and other wildlife. As more land is closed to hunting, the state's ability to effectively manage wildlife populations is significantly decreased. Declining access is a multi-faceted issue, but at least part of the problem can be traced to a handful of less competent and unethical hunters. Bad hunter behavior is an easy excuse for landowners to close their gates to the public for hunting. While it is not the only reason, it is commonly cited as a primary reason by landowners who are pulling their property out of block management.

The Montana Master Hunter Program strives to break down this barrier by offering advanced education to increase hunter competence and ethics. Our graduates are offered access to ranches that may not currently be open to hunting. In 2019, 65 hunters received their Master Hunter certification (establishing a cadre of 90 certified hunters) and, since 2018, we've opened 180,000 acres to hunting to help landowners with their wildlife challenges. It's a win-win situation. These certified Master Hunters are breaking down barriers between rural and urban communities, and building relationships that will serve Montana's people and wildlife for many years to come.

WILL MONTANA BE MORE URBAN THAN RURAL BY 2030?

Montana, and indeed the entire West, is in transition. On one hand economic growth outstrips all expectations in many of Montana's "urban" counties while many of the state's rural counties languish. All counties along the economic and social spectrum face challenges to their infrastructure and schools, housing and healthcare, traditional values and future expectations. Perhaps most telling is the demographics data that suggests by the year 2030, 26% of our population will be over 65 (as compared to 15% in 2010). The majority of Montana's population growth is occurring in in seven counties—Yellowstone, Missoula, Gallatin, Flathead, Cascade, Lewis and Clark, and Ravalli—which is also expected to continue. Unfortunately, this growth commonly comes at the expense of rural areas. 1MT will explore these trends by highlighting stories of successes and challenges, and bolstering support for the groups that are making positive impacts.

SHOULD WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS HAVE A COPPER MINE?

Meagher County is grappling with the conflict between potential economic prosperity and environmental degradation as the Black Butte Mine moves into final permitting stages. Establishing the Meagher County Stewardship Council (MCSC) in 2018 was just a beginning of our efforts to help the community and the Black Butte Mine address some of the potential impacts. After developing an enforceable agreement to ban open pit mining, 1MT continues to facilitate the MCSC and recruit membership. In 2019 we also led the efforts to develop a Community Benefits Plan (akin to the Good Neighbor Agreement with the Stillwater Mine). We have also been asked to help Sandfire America (the mining company) establish priorities for behavior health issues with their employees and the community. We will continue to explore a variety of ongoing concerns and solutions to help the MCSC create community resiliency before, and after the mine's operation.

WHAT'S NEEDED TO ENHANCE RURAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES?

As a non-traditional partner in behavior healthcare, 1MT plays a unique role helping organizations like Montana State University's Center for Mental Health Research & Recovery (CMHRR) and MSU Extension deliver health care services in rural communities. 1MT is at the forefront of implementing evidence-based, iCBT (Internet Cognitive Behavior Therapy) programs for people with depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and suicidal thoughts, such as THRIVE for Montana, THRIVE for Adolescents, and Youth Aware of Mental Health. We are driving enrollment in these programs particularly in eastern Montana. As an example, the Pine Hills Correctional Center in Miles City recently asked us to initiate THRIVE for Montana with their residents. In 2020, 1MT will continue to reach out to rural Montanans with these evidenced based behavioral health programs, with an emphasis on youth and agriculture communities.

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