

## A Trusted Catalyst for Moving Montana Forward Together

### Who is One Montana?

One Montana is a trusted catalyst that ensures a vibrant and sustainable Montana by identifying and resolving divisive issues in Montana. We advocate for common ground solutions – solutions that all parties can embrace. We move Montana forward as a whole, while recognizing the concerns and needs of each side. We use a proven solutions-driven process.

### Why One Montana?

One Montana is the only **nonpartisan** organization in the state that reaches out to new constituencies, brings different interests together, and spurs action to successfully address challenging issues.

One Montana is a trusted catalyst that has earned the respect of rural and urban communities, government agencies, trade organizations, the universities, and other nonprofits.

One Montana is collaborative and courageous in creating safe spaces for divergent views. We use the strength of our network to put the right people at the table.

### Our Successful Projects

**Common Ground:** An initiative to build trust and better working relationships between landowners and sportsmen in Montana. *What We Did in 2016:* Presented a series of nine recommendations to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to improve landowner-sportsman relations through its block management program. *What's Next?:* Develop an advanced hunter education curriculum to expand access for Montana's hunters.

**Rural-Urban Student and Entrepreneur Exchange:** A hands-on program for high school students to develop entrepreneurial skills and to forge long-lasting rural-urban connections for economic development and statewide relationships. *What We Did in 2016:* Reached 10 schools and 130 students with our widely acclaimed program in 2015-2016. *What's Next?:* Expand our reach statewide through our online *Teenpreneur Challenge* and an increased number of exchanges.

**Resilient Montana – A Water, Agriculture and Climate Program:** A facilitated dialogue between scientists and agriculturalists about climate impacts and adaptation strategies. *What We Did in 2016:* Helped facilitate the first ever state-wide climate assessment in Montana's history. Facilitated a widely-attended Stockgrowers workshop on risk management related to climate trends. Helped Montana Extension create a climate science team and organize its first ever climate science conference. *What's Next?* A follow-up workshop on stockgrower drought resilience. A whitepaper on how agriculture can be at the forefront of addressing climate change. A rural-urban community dialogue on future water supply issues in Gallatin Valley.

**Mental Health:** An initiative in partnership with MSU's Center for Mental Health Research and Recovery (CMHRR) to develop an evidence-based rural mental health prevention program addressing suicide and depression. *What We Did in 2016:* Helped inaugurate the YAM (Youth Aware of Mental Health) program into 11 schools this year. Created a formal partnership between CMHRR and MSU Extension. *What's Next?:* Help recruit MSU Extension agents to be trained as YAM facilitators. Expand the Center's network and the YAM program statewide.

**Ranch Management Undergraduate Degree Program:** A university degree program for use by a rural land grant university. That work is now being used by MSU's College of Agriculture to develop the pre-eminent program of its type in the region. *What We Did in 2016:* Having designed the prototype program, One Montana is playing an integral leadership role in this development. *What's Next?:* Continue working with MSU to develop and help launch the program.

**Montana Way:** A communications initiative that helps maintain community stability and reduce potential conflicts among current and new large landowners regarding the often unspoken Montana land stewardship best practices. *What We Did in 2016:* Captured the recommendations of 30+ ranch managers and large landowners in a comprehensive report. Convened 16 stakeholders to determine the most effective next steps. *What's Next?:* Create continuing education programs for real estate agents, attorneys, and CPAs to reach new landowners.

## Our Leadership

*One Montana* is governed by a dedicated and committed volunteer board of directors. Our board includes individuals from across Montana, representing different viewpoints.

**Jim Peterson** – *Chairman*; Former Montana State Senator; Rancher; Buffalo, MT

**Hannibal Anderson** – Rancher; Emigrant, MT

**Francis Blake** – Rancher; Co-Owner, Blake Nursery; Big Timber, MT

**Dorothy Bradley** – Former Montana Legislator; Clyde Park, MT

**Bill Bryan** – President, One Montana; Co-Founder, Off The Beaten Path, LLC; Bozeman, MT

**Cheryl Curry** – Former Executive Director, Pondera Regional Port Authority; Valier, MT

**Bob Hawks** – Former Montana State Senator; Bozeman, MT

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