



## A Trusted Catalyst for Moving Montana Forward Together

### Who is One Montana?

One Montana ensures a vibrant and sustainable Montana by identifying and resolving divisive issues in Montana. A priority of ours is to focus on issues that bridge the rural-urban divide. We advocate for common ground solutions – solutions that all parties can embrace. We help move Montana forward as a whole, while recognizing the concerns and needs of relevant stakeholders.

### 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. We are regularly asked to help different groups address and resolve contentious issues facing our state.

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

With five staff, numerous partners, and an active board of directors, we are having a very successful year. This is an exciting time for One Montana!

**Common Ground:** An initiative to build trust and better working relationships between landowners and sportsmen in Montana. *What We Are Doing In 2017:* Developing an advanced hunter education program to address appropriate hunter behavior and increased private land access. *What's Next?* Develop and implement a pilot program including hunter classes and certification for use on selected ranches in southwestern Montana for the fall 2018 rifle season. Evaluate the pilot and plan for expansion for the 2019 hunting season.

**Montana Teenpreneur Challenge:** A statewide entrepreneurship competition for high school students. This program is a sequel to our highly regarded Rural-Urban Student and Entrepreneur Exchange which reached over 450 students from 19 high schools in 16 communities and resulted in 47 business proposals over five years. *What We Did In 2017:* Implemented a very successful pilot program earlier in the year. *What's Next?* Garner funding to expand the program to all of Montana's 40,000+ high school students in order to provide enhanced entrepreneurship training to our youth.

**Resilient Montana – A Water, Agriculture and Climate Program:** A facilitated dialogue between scientists and agriculturalists about climate impacts and adaptation strategies. *What*

***We Are Doing In 2017:*** Distributing our Climate/Agriculture white paper to congressional staffers working on the 2018 Farm Bill. Co-authoring multiple Extension MontGuides addressing climate science and water issues. Facilitating multiple community workshops regarding drought vulnerability and adaptation strategies. Creating and coordinating a significant rural-urban outreach campaign for the Gallatin Valley irrigation community at the request of irrigators and county/city stakeholders. ***What's Next?*** Continue to build support for climate science in Montana by creating a credible, inclusive program (MAKE – the Montana Adaptation Knowledge Exchange). Help our partners in the irrigation community develop a formal drought plan. Continue our rural-urban outreach in the 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 Are Doing In 2017:*** Helping train over 15 Extension field faculty to be facilitators for YAM (Youth Aware of Mental Health). Helping CMHRR adapt a digital, interactive cognitive behavioral therapy program (THRIVE) to a rural population. ***What's Next?*** Continue helping CMHRR test YAM in Montana schools. Continue recruiting participants into a random control trial for THRIVE. Assist CMHRR with fundraising.

**Ranch Management Undergraduate Degree Program:** A university degree curriculum we created that is being used by MSU's College of Agriculture to develop the preeminent program of its type in the region. ***What We Are Doing In 2017:*** Playing an integral leadership support role in the program's development. ***What's Next?*** Continue working with the MSU Foundation to raise monies to launch the program.

## 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
- **Jeff Bader** – Former Director, MSU Extension Service; Bozeman, MT
- **Francis Blake** – Rancher; Co-Owner, Blake Nursery; Big Timber, MT
- **Bill Bryan** – President, One Montana; Co-Founder, Off The Beaten Path; Bozeman, MT
- **Cheryl Curry** – Former Executive Director, Pondera Regional Port Authority; Valier, MT
- **Myles Watts** – Professor Emeritus, MSU Ag Economics; Bozeman, MT
- **Eric Wickens** – Rancher, Wickens Ranch Co.; Hilger, MT
- **Bill Yellowtail** – Former Montana State Senator; Retired Rancher; Wyola, MT

## How Are We Funded? Through Your Involvement.

We are funded primarily through private philanthropy. Your financial support is essential so that we can continue our important work. For more information, please contact Bill Bryan, President, at [billb@onemontana.org](mailto:billb@onemontana.org) or 406-522-7654, or visit our website at [www.onemontana.org](http://www.onemontana.org). Thank you!

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