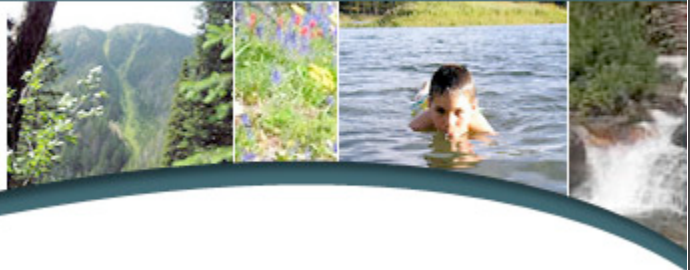


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Headwaters Montana



September 17, 2009

Dear [member_name_first]:

No one ever said it would be easy to move wilderness legislation in Montana after a 26-year drought. But Sen. Jon Tester's Forest Jobs and Recreation Act has already garnered 73 percent Montana support since its introduction on July 20th.

Time to catch the train... It's leaving the station!

You can sign up as a 'Citizen Co-sponsor?'

Click on Sen. Tester's image at right to go to his web page on the bill. It takes only a minute to sign up and you'll get periodic updates on the bill's progress.

Why Support the 'Forest Jobs and Recreation Act'?

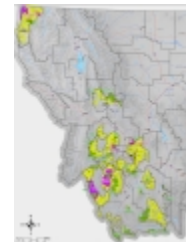
Headwaters Montana supports this legislation because:

- It's a citizen-driven proposal: This bill has a history of a lot of hard work by people in the communities living in the midst of the affected landscape. A lot of good bridges got built in the process. *Headwaters Montana* thinks that work should be honored.
- It protects wilderness-worthy lands on a large-scale: About 668,000 acres of roadless lands get official protection as Wilderness. This is not a state-wide wilderness bill, *but the first of many bills* that will



Sen. Jon Tester's Forest Jobs and Recreation Act has garnered a lot of attention... As it should.

Click on the Senator's image to go to his web page information for the legislation.



Click on the map image above to download the official 'Forest Jobs and Recreation Act' overall map.



protect what you value most ~ Montana's last remaining wildlands.

- It moves us forward: Montanans have a lot of unprotected roadless areas left to protect as congressionally designated wilderness. Sen. Tester's bill starts the process. The Forest Jobs and Recreation Act represents an opportunity. Let's seize it!

Problems with the 'Forest Jobs and Recreation Act'?

To be 100 percent honest, we don't like 100 percent of this bill. However, *we want you to know* that the merits of the legislation exceed its demerits. The two biggest issues:

- The legislation mixes apples with oranges: It's time to move past the false choice of timber jobs vs. protecting Montana's wilderness heritage.
- The West Pioneers Wilderness Study Area (WSA) gets the short stick: Illegal and unofficially sanctioned motorized recreation in the West Pioneers accounts for losses here.

Nevertheless, we trust you will agree to support the bill and sign up as a Citizen Co-sponsor.

What You Can Do!

Senator Tester continues to take public comment

Improvements to the bill are still possible and we urge you to write Sen. Tester with your suggestions.

Click on the image of the pen to go directly to his 'Feedback' page.

~ We Thought You'd Like to Know!

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