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**From:** Senator Jon Tester <senator@tester.senate.gov>  
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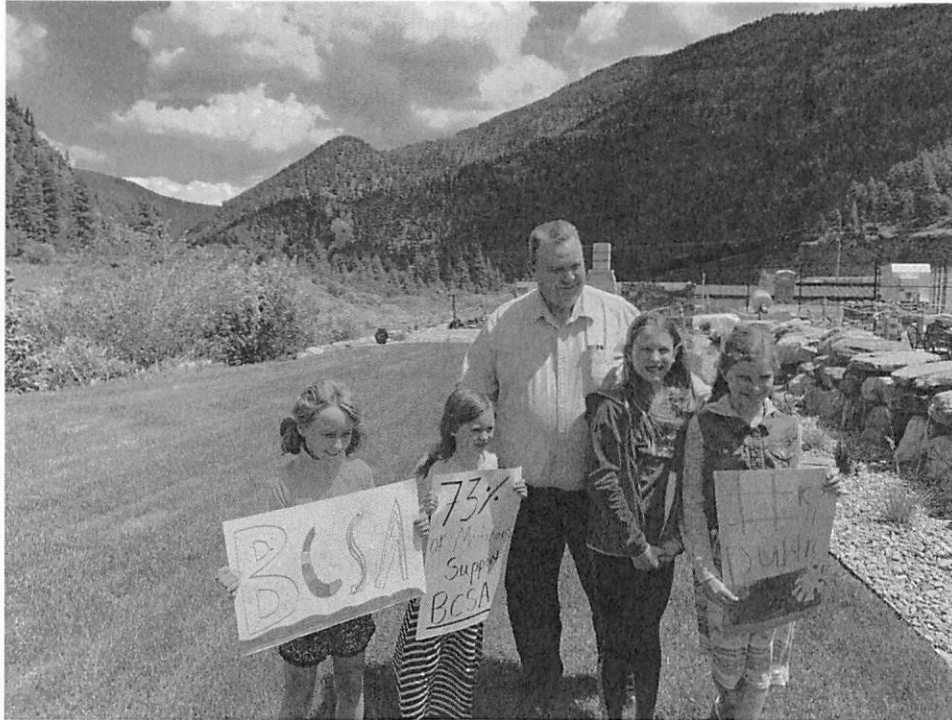
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**In Montana, public lands help power our \$7.1 billion recreation economy and our outdoor way of life.**

That's why I'm proud to be participating in this year's **Last Best Outdoors Fest on Wednesday, September 4th at Caras Park and the Wilma Theatre in Missoula.** The Last Best Outdoors Fest is an annual gathering dedicated to showcasing and celebrating Montana's outdoor heritage and public lands.

The theme of this year's festival is "Montana Jobs and the Outdoors: Highlighting the *Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act.*"



**Montana's outdoor recreation economy generates billions for our state each year and supports 71,000 Montana jobs. That's why I reintroduced the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act (BCSA) earlier this summer, and why I'm fighting to get it through Congress and signed into law.**

This legislation is a grassroots, made-in-Montana solution. It's the result of a collaborative effort between local residents, timber, recreation, conservation, and wildlife groups who live and work in the Blackfoot River watershed. The BCSA would:

- *create and retain jobs and strengthen the local economy;*
- *protect some of the last untouched landscapes in the lower 48, including 79,000 acres of wildlife habitat in the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness Areas; and*
- *open up 2,013 acres of land to snowmobiling and preserve 3,800 acres for mountain biking and hiking.*

At this year's festival, I'll be moderating a free, public panel on the BCSA and the importance of Montana's outdoor economy to our state's prosperity and our Montana way of life. You can find a full schedule of the event below.

**Last Best Outdoors Fest - September 4, 2019**

**3 - 3:30 p.m. - At the Wilma Theatre:** Business for Montana's Outdoors welcome, presentation of Headwaters Economics' research on the impact of public lands on Montana's economy.

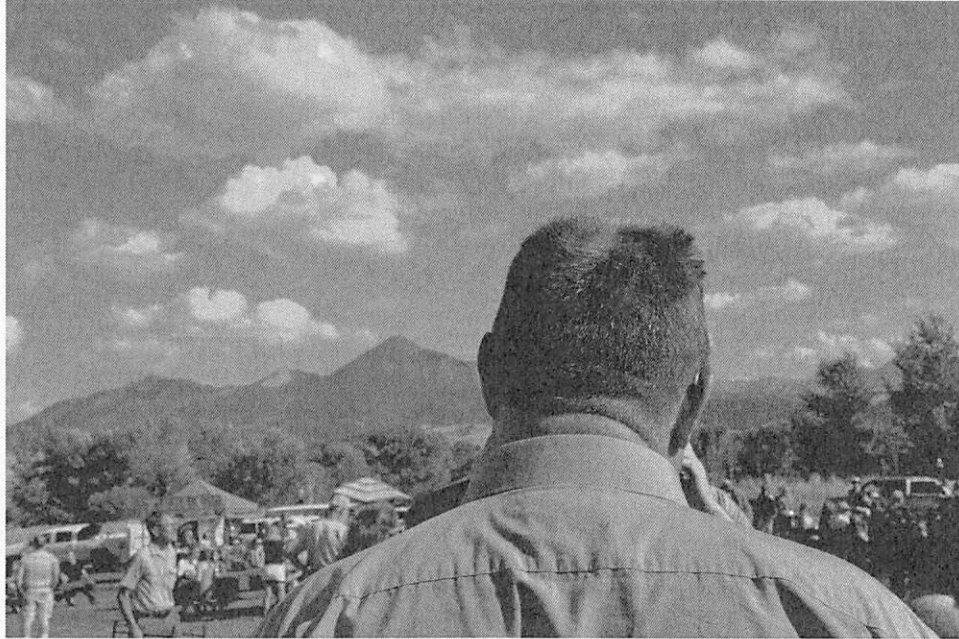
**3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - At the Wilma Theatre:** Business panel discussion: "Montana Jobs & the Outdoors: Highlighting the *Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act*." Discussion moderated by Senator Jon Tester.

**5 - 8 p.m. - At Caras Park Pavilion:** Live Music beginning with Russ Nasset & the Revelators followed by Jackson Holte & the Highway Patrol; keynote speakers to be announced.

I hope you'll come out and join me in celebrating Montana and our public lands.

See you there,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon", written in a cursive style.



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