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I support sending a letter to the AG asking him to look into the channeling of large amounts of money to groups in MT who may be carrying out radical agendas and changing the political landscape.

AND CHANGES

The explanations and reasons you cited in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraphs and bullet points are sufficient however, You may want to include several points from this article I recently discovered.....

It was written by Ben Erickson a principle in Citizens for Balanced Use, a MT organization that advocates beneficial multiple use of our public lands.

### examples of groups activities

Several of the groups and others not yet mentioned in your letter file incessant lawsuits that challenge and delay critical forest management and resource utilization projects, ESA delisting decisions of no-longer endangered wildlife, and advocate harmful policies limiting uses of private property negatively impacting the human element of rural MT. **They view the ESA as sort of "Hotel California"- where once a species checks in, they can never check out.**

They also organize many out of state and country interests to oppose wildlife management hunting and trapping proposals by FWP or to support ballot initiatives that ban hunting & trapping. TAC form letter comments are example.

MWF's recent letter to FWP requesting abating wolf hunting and trapping- is certainly bad news for MT livestock producers and landowners making a living.

Just last week thankfully DOW lost their ESA lawsuit challenging critical repairs to an intake diversion dam near Glendive MT-the dam repairs will protect irrigators, farmers, and help the local community without harming the species.

NRDC -Repeatedly promote anti-hunting & anti-trapping proposals and advocate defunding of USDAWS for lethal management actions vital to livestock interests.

Then there's the BHA QUIET WATERS INITIATIVE which would have gated off public waterways used by MT hunters, trappers and fishermen.

### **With all this chicanery going on an investigation is more than justified.**

The MT Outdoor Coalition who commissioned the Green Decoy report is a volunteer organization intended to bring together diverse voices that care about preserving Montana's Outdoor Heritage made up of real sportsmen/sportswomen whose advisory board includes: Terry Anderson, - Chas Vincent, - Ed Melcher, Keith Kubista, - Rob Arnoud