

JON TESTER

A Fighter for Eastern Montana

Jon Tester has relentlessly fought for Eastern Montana during his time in the Senate. Whether it's working to improve our schools, healthcare, and infrastructure, or standing up for veterans and standing up to crime, Jon has had the best interests of Eastern Montana in mind when he goes to work in the Senate, and will continue to be a strong advocate for Eastern Montana.

JON'S BIG WINS FOR EASTERN MONTANA:

Infrastructure

Jon is working tirelessly to improve infrastructure in Montana, from roads and bridges to rural broadband, and has fought his entire career to enhance investment in rural water infrastructure in Eastern Montana, successfully securing funding for the Fort Peck/Dry Prairie Water Project, working with Steve Daines to authorize the Dry-Redwater Rural Water System, and introducing legislation to fund construction and upgrade of drinking water infrastructure across Montana.

When the Administration called for the elimination of Essential Air Service and funds for the Empire Builder Amtrak line, Jon relentlessly defended Montanan's access to transportation options. Jon voted to secure funds to continue these critical services in Eastern Montana.

Veterans

Jon is a relentless fighter for Eastern Montana veterans, pushing throughout his career to hold VA Montana accountable, bolster staffing and facilities, and ensure rural veterans have access to the care they earned. Jon got the VA to establish a telehealth clinic in Plentywood, and worked across the aisle to block efforts to cut hours at VA facilities in Miles City and Glendive.

Energy/Public Lands

Jon has been a strong supporter of responsible energy development throughout his career, battling with the Obama Administration for years to approve the Keystone XL pipeline. He worked across the aisle to permanently keep an office in Miles City that made processing oil and gas permits more efficient, and fought the Obama Administration to bolster pipeline safety measures after an out-of-state oil company's pipeline spilled crude in the Yellowstone River near Glendive.

Jon has also been a longtime champion of protecting public access to public lands and fully funding the Land & Water Conservation Fund, which has helped fund projects from Glendive to Terry to Ekalaka.

\$294,054

secured for the City of Miles City to acquire a new fire vehicle.

\$27 million

in PILT funding since 2007.

\$6.6 million

for area airports since 2014, including Wolf Point, Glasgow, and Sidney.

\$700,00+

in LWCF funding.

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Agriculture

As a third generation dirt farmer, Jon understands the needs of farmers and ranchers in Eastern Montana. He recently brought his Farm Bill listening tour to Glendive to bring their ideas with him to Washington.

Jon beat back attempts to cut funding for agricultural research in Sidney and Miles City. When the Administration proposed closing Ft. Keogh, Jon pushed back and defended the research center in Miles City. He worked with Steve Daines and Ryan Zinke to stop the Obama Administration from reducing hours at the Port of Raymond, and fought to secure a reliable water source for Northeastern Montana irrigators from the Yellowstone River Intake Dam.

He successfully led the charge to pressure the Department of Agriculture to halt imports of tainted Brazilian beef, helped push to open Chinese markets to U.S. beef, passed a law to modernize livestock auction payments, and repeatedly urged the federal government to act against unfair Canadian practices that devalue Montana wheat.

And when Washington wanted to force Montana ranchers to regulate the amount of cow turds on their ranches, Jon told Washington to cut the crap. He passed legislation to eliminate unnecessary regulations on Montana farms and ranches.

Crime/First Responders

Jon has also been a relentless advocate for combating crime and drug addiction in Eastern Montana. He has held roundtables with local law enforcement in Glendive and Sidney on drug crime and addiction, relentlessly pushed to protect and increase funding to combat drug trafficking nationally and in the Bakken, and worked with the Trump Administration on a strategy to combat meth crime and abuse.

Jon is a relentless advocate for our firefighters and first responders as well, successfully passing a law extending critical programs to enhance hiring and get fire departments the gear they need. Jon worked across the aisle and got the federal government to reverse its rejection of emergency funding to combat Montana's record-breaking wildfires last summer, and successfully passed a wildfire funding fix that will treat them as natural disasters.

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Education

A former teacher and school board member, Jon has fought tirelessly for education at all levels in Eastern Montana. And Jon has been a longtime champion of local control for public schools across Montana.

He helped secure funding for programs at Dawson Community College and Miles Community College to strengthen job training and technical education, including Commercial Drivers Licenses and Heavy Equipment Operator Licenses. A co-chair of the bipartisan TRiO Caucus, Jon has proudly supported programs like those at Fort Peck Community College to ensure low-income, first-generation students have a chance to go to college.

A longtime advocate of early education, Jon has consistently fought to fully fund Head Start programs, and successfully pushed the Obama Administration to approve literacy funding for schools across Montana, including Wolf Point Public Schools.

Healthcare

Jon has been a champion of Eastern Montana clinics like the Custer Community Health Center in Miles City, successfully battling to secure long-term funding and give them the certainty they needed to continue operating.

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