

**JON TESTER**

# *A Fighter for the Flathead*

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

## **SOME OF JON'S BIG WINS FOR THE FLATHEAD:**

### **Veterans**

Jon has delivered for Flathead veterans, successfully pushing the VA to place veterans centers and clinics in Kalispell, Libby, and Cut Bank. He dedicated the Flathead Valley Community College Veterans' Center, and has pushed to expand centers like it across the country.

### **Second Amendment**

Jon has urged the Administration to defend the Second Amendment and Flathead community jobs. By pushing the Commerce Department to complete the Export Reform Control Initiative and reduce red tape for American gun manufacturers, Jon has fought for companies like Kalispell's FALKOR Defense.

### **Infrastructure**

Jon is working tirelessly to improve infrastructure in Kalispell and across Montana, from roads and bridges to rural broadband.

Jon helped secure funding for the Glacier Rail Park in Kalispell, and broke ground last year on the project hailed as "transformative" by local officials. Thanks to the Kalispell community, Jon's relentless advocacy and holding Washington's feet to the fire, Kalispell is now home to the I-93 bypass, which improved the local economy and won an America's Transportation Award. Jon also fought for and secured funding to reconstruct Glacier National Park's Going-To-The-Sun Road, a key economic driver in the region.

### **Crime**

Jon has also been a relentless advocate for combating crime and supporting first responders in the Flathead. He pushed repeatedly to increase funding for programs that have benefited local law enforcement in Kalispell and Lake County, and was instrumental in securing funding for the development of a training facility for Flathead Valley law enforcement officers. Jon fought to secure grants for local law enforcement that help secure our border and stop illegal immigration on the northern border.

**\$42 million**

in PILT funding since 2007.

**\$750,000**

grant to build Northwest Shooter shooting simulator in Columbia Falls.

**\$9.7 million**

for Glacier International Airport since 2014.

**\$10 million**

to help build the new Glacier Rail Park.

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## **Agriculture & Timber**

As a third generation dirt farmer, Jon Tester understands the needs of producers in the Flathead. He brought his Farm Bill listening tour to the Flathead so he could bring folks' ideas with him back to Washington.

Jon understands the need to balance conservation with a healthy timber economy, which is why he's consistently introduced Made-in-Montana legislation like the Forest Jobs & Recreation, which strikes a balance between timber harvests and recreational opportunities. He also helped secure funding for Flathead businesses to utilize sustainable biomass resources, allowing for better forest management.

## **Health Care**

Jon has been a champion of Flathead-area Community Health Centers like the Flathead City-County Health Department, Glacier Community Health Center, and Northwest Community Health Center. He hosted one of his health care listening sessions at Kalispell Regional and brought Flathead health care providers' input back with him to Washington. Jon successfully battled to secure long-term funding for the Flathead's Community Health Centers and gave them the certainty they needed to keep providing care in the community.

## **Education**

A former teacher and school board member, Jon has fought tirelessly for education at all levels in the Flathead. He helped secure millions of dollars for programs to strengthen job training for rural health care and to found a Center for Advanced Manufacturing at Flathead Valley Community College. A co-chair of the bipartisan TRiO Caucus, Jon has proudly supported programs like those at FVCC to ensure low-income, first-generation students have a chance to go to college. Thanks to Jon's advocacy, FVCC is the first college in the nation allowed to sell brewed beer.

A longtime advocate of early education, Jon has consistently fought to fully fund Head Start programs like Northwest Montana Head Start in Kalispell, Eureka, and Columbia Falls. And Jon successfully pushed the Obama Administration to approve literacy funding for schools in Charlo, Kalispell, Libby, and Browning.

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## **PUBLIC LANDS**

*Jon has fought tirelessly to hold the federal government and polluting corporations accountable to the people of Libby and Columbia Falls, securing a Superfund designation for the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant site and helping Libby's CARD Clinic provide asbestos disease-related and lung cancer screenings.*

*Jon knows the importance of the outdoor economy, and he has been a relentless fighter to preserve and protect public lands in the Flathead. He worked across the aisle to prohibit oil and gas development on 430,000 acres in the North Fork near Glacier National Park, and successfully beat back Obama Administration efforts to slash trail maintenance funding for the Flathead and Kootenai National Forests.*

*Jon has also been a longtime champion of fully funding the Land & Water Conservation Fund, which has helped fund recreation and conservation plans like the Whitefish Lake, Haskill Basin, and Trumbull Creek projects. And Jon has pushed throughout his career to fully fund PILT payments, which have provided millions to Flathead counties – including funds for the construction of the new Kalispell Senior Center.*

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