## MATT ROSENDALE – “PUBLIC LANDS” FACT CHECK

### OVERVIEW

- Matt Rosendale is a multimillionaire East Coast developer and political opportunist who has pushed for the transfer of our public lands, which would make it easier for them to be sold off to developers like him.

- Jon Tester is a third-generation Montanan who understands how important public lands are to our way of life. Tester fights relentlessly against efforts to sell or transfer our public lands, and successfully killed a proposal that would have sold off 3.3 million acres of federal public land – including 100,000 in Montana.

- Matt Rosendale was the deciding vote against amending the Keogh Ranch Conservation easement, which would have protected more than 7,000 acres of land in Southwest Montana from encroaching residential development. Rosendale was also the deciding vote on the Land Board to obstruct the Horse Creek Conservation Easement, which would provide permanent public hunting access to 20,000 acres in Eastern Montana.

- Jon Tester has relentlessly fought to increase and protect public access to public lands in Montana – he has fought to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund and dedicate funds to secure hunting access, pushed to expand recreation opportunities and protect public lands through the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act, and successfully passed legislation to protect East Rosebud Creek from future development.

### CLAIMS | FACTS

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<td>ROSENDALE: Montana has God's greatest gifts. They belong to all of us.</td>
<td>MTN News: “Matt Rosendale: The State Auditor And Real-Estate Manager From Glendive Reported Assets Valued From $7 Million To $32 Million.” [MTN News, 2/15/18]</td>
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<td>ROSENDALE: That's why I fight for more access to public lands.</td>
<td>• Associated Press: Matt Rosendale Was Attacked By His Republican Primary Opponent As A “Political Opportunist Seeking His Fifth Elected Office In Eight Years.” [Associated Press, 6/6/18]</td>
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TRANSFER OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO SELL OFF PUBLIC LANDS TO PRIVATE INTERESTS, INCLUDING DEVELOPERS


Backcountry Hunters & Anglers Executive Director Land Tawney: “Look At History: States Have A Track Record Of Selling These Lands That Were Given To Them At Statehood.” [Energy & Environment News, 4/11/17]

- HEADLINE: “Push To Transfer Federal Lands To States Has Sportsmen On Edge.” [NPR, 1/5/17]


JON TESTER, A THIRD-GENERATION MONTANAN, HAS FOUGHT RELENTLESSLY AGAINST EFFORTS TO TRANSFER OR SELL OFF MONTANA’S PUBLIC LANDS

JON TESTER SUCCESSFULLY PUSHED TO KILL PROPOSAL TO SELL OFF 3.3 MILLION ACRES OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS, INCLUDING 100,000 ACRES IN MONTANA

HEADLINE: “Following Pressure From Sportsmen, Bad Public Lands Bill Abandoned.” [News Release, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, 2/2/17]

January 2017: Helena Independent Record: Jon Tester “Promised To Oppose” Congressional Proposal To Sell 3.3 Million Acres Of Federal Public Land, Including 100,000 In Montana. [Helena Independent Record, 1/30/17]
- Jon Tester: Proposal To Sell 3.3 Million Acres Of Federal Public Lands, Including 100,000 In Montana, “Ain’t Going To Happen On My Watch.” [Great Falls Tribune, 1/30/17]


JON TESTER HAS CONSISTENTLY FOUGHT BACK AGAINST PUBLIC LANDS TRANSFER

November 2017: Jon Tester Urged Congressional Leadership To Change Language That Opened The Door To Selling Or Transferring Federal Public Lands To Balance The Budget. [Missoula Current, 11/2/17]

- HEADLINE: “Tester Joins Western Senators: Congress Can’t Balance Budget By Selling Public Lands.” [Missoula Current, 11/2/17]


- HEADLINE: “House Action Poses Threat To Public Lands.” [Editorial (Billings Gazette), Bismarck Tribune, 1/10/17]

2014: Jon Tester Spoke Out Against Ted Cruz Proposal To Sell Or Transfer Federal Public Lands, Arguing “We Can Not Let Those Treasured Places To Be Sold To The Highest Bidder.” [Helena Independent Record, 9/27/14]


ROSENDALE: It's who we are. On the Land Board, I opened up 45,000 acres of Montana public lands, for hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping, for the public.

O/S: OPENED UP 45,000 ACRES OF LANDS

ROSENDALE: I'm Matt Rosendale and I approve this message because Montana is our last best place. Let's keep it that way.

MATT ROSENDALE REPEATEDLY VOTED AGAINST PROTECTING ACCESS ON THE STATE LAND BOARD AND DISMISSED HIS POSITION ON THE LAND BOARD

MATT ROSENDALE ARGUED THAT HIS POSITION ON THE LAND BOARD DIDN’T MATTER


MATT ROSENDALE TORPEDOED THE KEOGH RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO PROTECT MORE THAN 7,000 ACRES OF LAND FROM POSSIBLE SUBDIVISION

HEADLINE: “Rosendale Thwarted Key Whitehall Area Land Easement.” [Tony Schoonen, Montana Standard, 10/24/17]


Assessment – Keogh Ranch Conservation Easement Amendment, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 5/2/17

- FWP Wildlife Biologist: “If This Land Was To Be Subdivided…Hunters Would Be Impacted; It Would Mean That Many More Owners To Get (Hunting) Permission From.” [Montana Standard, 12/27/17]

Public Lands/Public Access Association President Tony Schoonen: “It Appeared That Rosendale’s Priorities Cling To His Background As A Developer, As Is Sometimes All Too Typical Of A New-To-Montana Landowner.” [Tony Schoonen, Missoulian, 10/25/17]

MATT ROSENDALE VOTED TO OBSTRUCT AN EASEMENT THAT WOULD PERMANENTLY PROTECT PUBLIC HUNTING ACCESS TO 20,000 ACRES OF LAND IN EASTERN MONTANA

HEADLINE: “Horse Creek Easement Offers Public Access Where It’s Needed Most.” [Justin Schaff & Matthew Rinella, Billings Gazette, 4/7/18]

Matt Rosendale Was The Deciding Vote To Indefinitely Delay A Decision On The Horse Creek Conservation Easement, Which Would Provide Montana Hunters Permanent Public Access to 20,000 Acres In Eastern Montana. [Justin Schaaf & Matthew Rinella, Billings Gazette, 4/7/18]


Montana Backcountry Hunters & Anglers Board Members Matthew Rinella And Justin Schaaf: “Rosendale Claims He Has And Will Continue Supporting Access To Public Lands But At The Same Time Seems Unwilling To Approve The Horse Creek Easement.” [Missoulian, Justin Schaaf and Matthew Rinella Guest Column, 4/9/18]


Stetson Family Behind The Horse Creek Conservation Easement Criticized “Anti-Access Politicians Like Rosendale” For Obstructing The Easement Proposal. [Stetson Family, Missoulian, 7/11/18]


JON TESTER HAS RELENTLESSLY PUSHED TO PROTECT AND EXPAND PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS IN MONTANA

JON TESTER HAS BEEN A LONGTIME PROponent OF REAUTHORIZING THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AND EXPANDING PUBLIC ACCESS


Jon Tester Has Consistently Fought To Permanently Reauthorize The Land And Water Conservation Fund. [Missoula Current, 6/20/18; Flathead Beacon, 8/30/15]

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<td><strong>Boone And Crockett Club Endorsed Jon Tester’s Making Public Lands Public Act, Recognizing Him For His “Leadership In Improving Access For Hunters Nationwide.”</strong> [Boone And Crockett Club, 9/2/11]</td>
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JON TESTER INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO PRESERVE MONTANA PUBLIC LANDS AND EXPAND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BLACKFOOT CLEARWATER

**HEADLINE:** “’Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act’ Would Protect 79,000 Acres Of Public Lands.” [KWYB, 2/23/17]


**Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act Would Designate Two Recreation Management Areas In The Lolo National Forest: A 2,200-Acre Winter Area Open To Snowmobiling And A 3,800-Acre Summer Area Open To Mountain Biking.** [High Country News, 3/13/17]

**Daily Inter Lake:** Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act “Open[ed] Up Timber Harvest And Recreational Use” In The Region Surrounding The Bob Marshall Wilderness. [Daily Inter Lake, 2/28/17]

**Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act Would Develop A Comprehensive Trail Plan To Provide Recreationists With Access To The Lolo National Forest.** [MTPR, 2/23/17]


JON TESTER SUCCESSFULLY PASSED LEGISLATION TO PROTECT EAST ROSEBUD CREEK FROM FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

**HEADLINE:** “Wild And Scenic Victory For Montana.” [Editorial, Billings Gazette, 7/29/18]


**American Rivers:** East Rosebud Wild & Scenic River Designation Bill “Has Received Robust Local Support From Area Ranchers, Business Owners, Sportsman, And Conservationists.” [American Rivers, Press Release, 12/14/17]