

Jon Tester United States Senator for Montana

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Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Information about each project was provided by the requesting entity. Amounts requested are not guaranteed; funds secured are likely to differ from the requested amount. Senator Tester's appropriation requests to the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2010 are listed below.

[United States Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies](#)

Big Hole In-holding Acquisition

- Request**
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Amount: \$1,300,000

American Land Conservancy (Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, MT)

The Big Hole Acquisition will complete a four phased conservation package to support agricultural productivity and retain important soils for farming. The project will enhance and preserve Montana's outdoor recreational opportunity in this region of Southwest Montana for future generations.

Big Hole Watershed Protection and Restoration

- Request**
- Subcommittee
- Committee
- Senate Floor
- Conference
- Law

Amount: \$1,984,000

Big Hole Watershed Committee (Butte, MT)

Funding will continue land and water conservation efforts to protect the fluvial arctic grayling.

Birch Creek Demonstration Forest Conservation

- Request**
- Subcommittee
- Committee
- Senate Floor
- Conference
- Law

Amount: \$3,500,000

The Conservation Fund, Montana Office (Flathead National Forest, MT)

Funding will help expand access to public land and create a demonstration forest to help local landowners manage lands for timber production, research, and fire suppression.

Blackfoot Challenge (Blackfoot Community Project-Nora Gulch)

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Amount: \$1,000,000

The Nature Conservancy (Powell County, MT)

This project will help protect critical wildlife habitat for rare, threatened, and endangered animal and plant species, and maintain the heritage and rural agricultural economy of the Blackfoot River Valley.

Blackfoot River Special Recreation Management Area



Amount: \$4,500,000

The Nature Conservancy (Powell County, MT)

Funding will help acquire 4,437 acres of land to consolidate the Bureau of Land Management's checkerboard holdings in the Garnet Mountains to improve public access and protect wildlife.

Bozeman Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades



Amount: \$500,000

City of Bozeman (Bozeman, MT)

Funding will assist in the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant to improve water quality in the East Gallatin River. It will assure that nutrients associated with the continued operation of the City of Bozeman's wastewater treatment do no harm to this local, regional, state, and nationally recognized waterway.

Butte Drinking Water System Improvement



Amount: \$500,000

City and County of Butte-Silver Bow (Butte, MT)

Funding will help replace the rapidly deteriorating Big Hole River diversion dam that supplies 70 percent of the community's drinking water.

Chain of Lakes Recreation Management Area



Amount: \$1,000,000

The Conservation Fund (Helena, MT)

This request will allow the Bureau of Land Management to complete Phase IV of the McMaster Ranch project and connect the acquired parcel to surrounding public lands.

Chronic Wasting Disease Research



Amount: \$500,000

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Funding will be used for chronic wasting disease research and management.

Climatescape Geospatial Monitoring



Amount: \$1,000,000

Yellowstone Ecological Research Center (Bozeman, MT)

Funding will be used to create a geospatial initiative to track the effects of climate change on water and land resources.

Confederated Salish Kootenai Water Rights Adjudication



Amount: \$463,000

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Pablo, MT)

Funding will allow the confederated tribes to seek settlement of federal water rights.

Cooke City Mine Claims



Amount: \$2,000,000

Trust for Public Lands (Gallatin National Forest, MT)

Funding will be used to complete phase two of a land acquisition of mine sites outside of Yellowstone National Park to protect water and wildlife.

Fort Belknap Community Lodge and Hall



Amount: \$337,810

Fort Belknap Indian Community (Lodgepole, MT)

Funding will be used to rehabilitate the historic Lodgepole Community Hall on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

Fort Missoula Regional Park



Amount: \$5,000,000

City of Missoula (Missoula, MT)

Funding will be used for the development of Fort Missoula Regional Park to support recreational and cultural opportunities in the Missoula area.

Fred Burr Creek Fish Passage



Amount: \$300,000

Ravalli County Road and Bridge Department (Ravalli County, MT)

Funding will be used to help replace culverts that restrict fish passage for the threatened Bull Trout on tributaries of the Bitterroot River.

Helena Missouri River Water Treatment Plant



Amount: \$2,000,000

City of Helena (Helena, MT)

Funding will help replace an aging water treatment plant that serves the city of Helena, Montana.

Hockaday Museum Upgrades



Amount: \$500,000

City of Kalispell (Kalispell, MT)

Funding will help expand and renovate the historic Hockaday Museum.

Madison County Fairgrounds



Amount: \$500,000

Madison County (Madison County, MT)

Funding will be used to help restore facilities at the historic Madison County Fairgrounds.

Madison County Historic Building Upgrades



Amount: \$1,000,000

Madison County (Madison County, MT)

Funding will help the historic Madison County courthouse become compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Meeteetse Spires Area of Critical Environmental Concern



Amount: \$1,500,000

The Conservation Fund (Carbon County, MT)

Funding will allow the Bureau of Land Management to complete an acquisition that protects critical wildlife habitat and scenic areas and increases access to public lands.

Missoula Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades



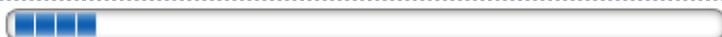
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Amount: \$200,000

City of Missoula (Missoula, MT)

Funding will be used to help replace Missoula's deteriorating headworks for improved waste disposal and water quality improvements.

Montana Grizzly Bear Recovery



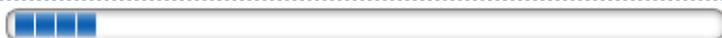
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Amount: \$769,549

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (Helena, MT)

Funding will be used to implement recovery actions for grizzly bears in northwestern Montana, as well as post-delisting conservation and management actions in southwestern Montana.

Montana Wolf Recovery and Management



Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$821,862

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (Helena, MT)

Funding will be used by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks to assist in wolf recovery, management and de-listing efforts statewide.

Murray-Douglas Conservation Easement



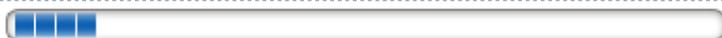
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Amount: \$2,900,000

The Nature Conservancy (Powell County, MT)

Funding will help purchase of conservation easements on 9,594 acres of undeveloped land that is adjacent to the largest block of Bureau of Land Management land in Western Montana. Acquisition of conservation easements in the project area helps to maintain a rural agricultural economy while protecting important natural resources.

Museum of the Plains Indian



Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$254,000

Friends of the Museum of the Plains Indian (Browning, MT)

Funding will be used for program and exhibit support to the Museum of the Plains Indian.

Nano Material Testing Research



Amount: \$2,000,000

University of Montana (Missoula, MT)

Funding will be used to expand nano-particle research used to protect human health.

National Mining Sustainability Program



Amount: \$2,600,000

MSE Technology Applications (Butte, MT)

Funding will help develop effective methods of mitigating the effects of coal and metal mining wastes to promote the sustainability of mining in the United States.

National Museum of Forest Service History



Amount: \$4,000,000

National Museum of Forest Service History (Missoula, MT)

Funding will be used to construct the National Museum of Forest Service History to display and celebrate the Forest Service contribution to American history, culture, and economy.

Optical Detection of Invasive Fish at Yellowstone Lake



Amount: \$1,500,000

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Funding will be used to detect invasive Lake trout in Yellowstone lake that have decimated the native cutthroat trout that is essential to Yellowstone wildlife like grizzly bears.

Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Area



Amount: \$3,750,000

The Nature Conservancy (Rocky Mountain Front, MT)

Funding will be used to purchase conservation easements in critical wildlife protection areas.

Seeley Lake Water System Improvements



Amount: \$4,250,000

Town of Seeley Lake (Seeley Lake, MT)

Funding will help create a sewer and wastewater system in a community where individual septic systems are harming drinking and recreational water quality.

Small Public Water Systems Technical Assistance Program



Amount: \$4,000,000

Montana Water Center at Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Funding will continue crucial training for small water system managers to operate their systems in a safe and effective manner and in compliance with all rules and regulations.

Tenderfoot Creek Conservation



Amount: \$1,500,000

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation & Bair Foundation (Lewis and Clark National Forest, MT)

Funding will be used to purchase 8200 acres of critical wildlife habitat and improve public access to the Smith River, Montana.

Whirling Disease Research



Amount: \$500,000

Whirling Disease Foundation (Bozeman, MT)

Funding will continue research and management strategies on whirling disease and its impact on native fish populations.