



Montana Statewide Survey Interview Schedule

Project #18246
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Margin of Error = $\pm 4.38\%$

N=500 Registered Voters
Public Opinion Strategies/ FM3

In this Interview Schedule:

- *An asterisk (*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category and a dash (-) represents no response.*
 - *An carrot (^) denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.*
 - *6/14: Trend data from a telephone survey of 500 Registered Voters conducted June 17-19, 2014.*
 - *5/16: Trend data from a telephone survey of 500 Registered Voters conducted May 7, 9-11, 2016.*
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1. Compared to other issues like the economy, health care and education, how important are issues involving clean water, clean air, open spaces and public lands for you in deciding whether to support an elected public official? Are they... **(READ; DO NOT ROTATE)**

<u>6/14</u>	<u>5/16</u>	<u>4/18</u>	
48%	41%	48%	Very important, they are a primary factor in deciding whether to support an elected public official
38%	48%	39%	Somewhat important; they are one of several issues you consider
9%	7%	9%	Not too important; they are not a significant factor considering in deciding whether to support an elected public official
4%	4%	4%	Not at all important for you in deciding whether to support an elected official
1%	*	*	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
86%	88%[^]	87%	TOTAL IMPORTANT
13%	11%	13%	TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT

2. Over the past year, how many times do you think you have visited national public lands such as national parks, national forests, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, or other national public lands? **(ROTATE PUNCHES 1-5 TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

14%	Once or twice
14%	3-5 times
16%	6-10 times
14%	10-20 times
32%	More than 20 times
11%	NEVER (DO NOT READ)
*	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
89%[^]	TOTAL VISITED

(ASK IF Q2:1-5)(ASKED OF N=444 RESPONDENTS)

3. And in the last year have you visited national public lands - **(ROTATE PUNCHES 1-2)**

39%	In Montana
1%	Somewhere else
57%	Or both?
3%	DON'T RECALL/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

(ASK IF D6:1, 3)(ASKED OF N=262 RESPONDENTS)

4. And in the last five years have you... **(ROTATE PUNCHES 1-2)**

12% Hunted on privately owned land

17% Hunted on public lands

...OR...

63% Hunted on BOTH private and public lands?

8% NOT HUNTED IN LAST FIVE YEARS **(DO NOT READ)**

* UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

(ASK IF D6:2, 3)(ASKED OF N=275 RESPONDENTS)

5. And in the last five years have you... **(ROTATE PUNCHES 1-2)**

3% Fished on privately owned land

43% Fished on public lands

...OR...

50% Fished on BOTH private and public lands?

4% NOT FISHED IN LAST FIVE YEARS **(DO NOT READ)**

* UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

6. When you think about the presence of national public lands, such as national forests, national monuments, or wildlife refuges in Montana -do you think that having such lands ... **(ROTATE PUNCHES 1 AND 2)**

82% Helps our economy

3% Hurts our economy

12% Has little impact on our economy

3% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

7. Thinking just about National Parks for a moment - How important would you say the presence of National Parks here in Montana is to our state?

83% Very important
16% Somewhat important
1% Not very important
1% Not at all important

-- UNSURE (**DO NOT READ**)

98%^ TOTAL IMPORTANT
2% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT

8. As you may know, National Parks in Montana, like some others around the country, have seen record numbers of visitors in the last few years. One proposal would feature less visited public lands in the state's tourism promotion efforts, to inform voters about other places around the state, like Red Rocks Lake National Wildlife Refuge or the Terry Badlands Wilderness Study Area. Does that sound like something you would support or oppose?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

27% STRONGLY SUPPORT
45% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
8% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
5% STRONGLY OPPOSE

14% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

72% TOTAL SUPPORT
13% TOTAL OPPOSE

Taking a step back and thinking about all publicly owned lands -- Generally speaking, do you believe enhancing and protecting public lands, such as local, state and national parks, national forests, and wilderness has a positive impact, a negative impact, or no real impact on each of the following:
(RANDOMIZE)

RANKED BY % 2018 POSITIVE IMPACT

	POS. IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NEG IMPACT	DK/REF (DNR)
12. Maintaining what is best about Montana (ASKED OF SAMPLE A, ASKED OF N=253 RESPONDENTS)				
6/14	81%	8%	6%	5%
5/16	83%	13%	2%	1%
4/18	90%	6%	2%	2%
18. Opportunities for children to explore and learn about nature (ASKED OF SAMPLE B, ASKED OF N=247 RESPONDENTS)				
6/14	85%	11%	2%	2%
5/16	92%	6%	*	1%
4/18	89%	8%	2%	1%
17. The overall quality of life in Montana (ASKED OF SAMPLE B, ASKED OF N=247 RESPONDENTS)				
6/14	80%	11%	6%	3%
5/16	83%	13%	3%	1%
4/18	87%	9%	3%	1%
13. Opportunities for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation (ASKED OF SAMPLE A, ASKED OF N=247 RESPONDENTS)				
6/14	80%	11%	6%	3%
5/16	80%	8%	10%	2%
4/18	87%	6%	3%	4%
9. Tourism (ASKED OF SAMPLE A, ASKED OF N=253 RESPONDENTS)				
6/14	84%	9%	4%	4%
5/16	86%	7%	6%	1%
4/18	86%	5%	4%	5%
10. Wildlife (ASKED OF SAMPLE A, ASKED OF N=253 RESPONDENTS)				
6/14	81%	10%	5%	4%
5/16	87%	9%	3%	1%
4/18	85%	8%	3%	4%

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	POS. IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NEG IMPACT	DK/REF (DNR)
11.	Protecting clean water (ASKED OF SAMPLE A, ASKED OF N=253 RESPONDENTS)			
6/14	81%	13%	2%	4%
5/16	85%	10%	4%	2%
4/18	85%	8%	2%	5%
15.	Protecting our culture and heritage (ASKED OF SAMPLE B, ASKED OF N=247 RESPONDENTS)			
6/14	74%	18%	4%	3%
5/16	83%	14%	2%	1%
4/18	81%	12%	6%	1%
14.	Protecting clean air (ASKED OF SAMPLE B, ASKED OF N=247 RESPONDENTS)			
6/14	71%	16%	6%	7%
5/16	74%	22%	3%	1%
4/18	76%	16%	5%	3%
16.	Jobs and the economy (ASKED OF SAMPLE B, ASKED OF N=247 RESPONDENTS)			
6/14	62%	17%	14%	6%
5/16	77%	16%	6%	1%
4/18	75%	12%	9%	4%

Thinking about one national proposal that may be considered by Congress -

19. Would you support or oppose ensuring that a small portion of federal offshore drilling fees already being paid by oil and gas companies is dedicated to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which was created by Congress to be used for conserving natural areas, wildlife, and clean water and providing access to outdoor recreation throughout the country?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

<u>6/14</u>	<u>4/18</u>	
40%	47%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
31%	29%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
8%	6%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
12%	7%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
8%	11%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
71%	76%	TOTAL SUPPORT
21%	13%	TOTAL OPPOSE

Just over fifty years ago Congress passed the Wilderness Act, which protected the Bob Marshall or the Beartooths here in Montana. These areas were designated by Congress as wilderness in order to keep that land conserved in its natural state. Wilderness lands can be used for hiking, camping, livestock grazing, horseback riding, wildlife watching, hunting and fishing. However, mining, oil and gas development, logging, and the use of motorized or off-road vehicles, and mountain biking are not allowed on wilderness lands.

20. Would you support or oppose dedicating additional, existing public lands as wilderness areas here in Montana?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

<u>6/14</u>	<u>4/18</u>	
33%	38%	Support/strongly
18%	19%	Support/somewhat
8%	6%	UNDECIDED
10%	13%	Oppose/somewhat
30%	22%	Oppose/strongly
1%	2%	Don't know (DO NOT READ)
-	*	Refused (DO NOT READ)
51%	57%	TOTAL SUPPORT
40%	35%	TOTAL OPPOSE

(ASK IF Q20:3-6)(ASKED OF N=215 RESPONDENTS)

21. Just three percent of Montana lands are currently dedicated as wilderness areas. Knowing this, would you support or oppose dedicating additional, existing public lands as wilderness areas here in Montana?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

6/14	4/18	
3%	8%	Support/strongly
9%	11%	Support/somewhat
8%	6%	UNDECIDED
19%	22%	Oppose/somewhat
58%	49%	Oppose/strongly
3%	3%	Don't know (DO NOT READ)
--	--	Refused (DO NOT READ)
12%	20%^	TOTAL SUPPORT
77%	71%	TOTAL OPPOSE

22. Here in Montana some areas of existing public lands are protected as Wilderness Study Areas, such as the Big Snowy Mountains and the Terry Badlands. These public lands are accessible to hunters, anglers, hikers, and others on foot and horse, and allow grazing and motorized vehicle use in some areas, but not mining or logging.

There are proposals in Congress that would eliminate protections for 29 wilderness study areas in Montana. That would potentially expand motorized recreation, oil and gas drilling, or industrial development in nearly 700 thousand acres. Which would you prefer Congress do - **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP PUNCHES 1-3)**

11%	Eliminate protections in all 29 Wilderness Study areas
24%	Add new protections in some areas, and eliminate protections in others
57%	Keep all 29 wilderness study areas as they are now
8%	UNSURE (DO NOT READ)
*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
81%	TOTAL ADD NEW/KEEP ALL

23. And in legislation related to the level of protections on existing public lands, how important is it to you that a wide range of stakeholders and local communities have the opportunity to provide their input before decisions are made? **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP PUNCHES 1-4)**

(IF IMPORTANT/NOT IMPORTANT, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

77%	Very Important
19%	Somewhat important
2%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
*	UNSURE (DO NOT READ)
*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
97%^	TOTAL IMPORTANT
3%	TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT

Thinking more specifically about some proposals that would affect public lands here in Montana - for each one, please tell me whether it sounds like something you would support or oppose.

24. The Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Project in western Montana would ensure access to hunting and fishing sites, increasing protections for approximately eighty thousand acres of existing public lands by adding them to the Bob Marshall, Scapegoat and Mission Mountains wilderness areas; open a high quality area for snowmobiling, and maintain timber harvesting. Do you support or oppose this project?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

<u>5/16</u>	<u>4/18</u>	
35%	36%	Strongly Support
39%	37%	Somewhat Support
7%	8%	Somewhat Oppose
11%	8%	Strongly Oppose
6%	11%	UNSURE (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
74%	73%	TOTAL SUPPORT
18%	16%	TOTAL OPPOSE

25. Thinking specifically about the Badger Two Medicine area of the Lewis and Clark National Forest, which connects Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The Trump Administration has proposed making this area a National Monument, largely due to the presence of sites that are sacred to the Blackfoot Tribe. These areas are accessible to hunters, anglers, hikers, and others on foot and horseback. Does this sound like something you would support or oppose for this area?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

40% Strongly Support
 36% Somewhat Support
 5% Somewhat Oppose
 11% Strongly Oppose

8% UNSURE **(DO NOT READ)**
 * REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

76% TOTAL SUPPORT
16% TOTAL OPPOSE

National Monuments can vary in different aspects. I'm going to read you a number of potential aspects of a National Monument in the Badger-Two Medicine area. For each one, please tell me how important you think it is that the National Monument include that particular element - is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important? **(RANDOMIZE)**

RANKED BY % EXTREMELY/VERY IMPORTANT

	EXTR/ TOTAL IMPT	VERY IMPT	EXTR IMPT	VERY IMPT	SMWT IMPT	NOT IMPT	DK (DNR)	REF (DNR)
29. Continue to allow recreational opportunities for those who come to hike, camp, fish, hunt, and recreate here (ASKED OF SAMPLE B, ASKED OF N=247 RESPONDENTS)	97%^	75%^	27%	47%	22%	2%	—	1%
26. Conserve wildlife habitat, for species such as elk, native trout and mountain goats (ASKED OF SAMPLE A, ASKED OF N=253 RESPONDENTS)	94%^	73%	31%	42%	21%	5%	*	1%
30. Provide opportunities for community input in how the land is managed and conserved (ASKED OF SAMPLE B, ASKED OF N=247 RESPONDENTS)	96%	69%	22%	47%	27%	3%	1%	*

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	TOTAL IMPT	VERY IMPT	EXTR IMPT	VERY IMPT	SMWT IMPT	NOT IMPT	DK (DNR)	REF (DNR)
31. Protect archaeological and cultural sites considered sacred by the Blackfeet Tribe (ASKED OF SAMPLE B, ASKED OF N=247 RESPONDENTS)	92%^	69%	32%	37%	22%	7%	*	1%
28. Create jobs in nearby communities (ASKED OF SAMPLE A, ASKED OF N=253 RESPONDENTS)	92%	58%	21%	37%	34%	8%	*	--
27. Provide a role for the Blackfeet tribe in managing these lands, which does not exist today (ASKED OF SAMPLE A, ASKED OF N=253 RESPONDENTS)	77%	49%	20%	29%	28%	19%	3%	1%

32. And do you support or oppose the President continuing to have the ability to protect existing public lands as national monuments?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be STRONGLY (support/oppose) or just SOMEWHAT (support/oppose)?

- 41% Strongly Support
- 37% Somewhat Support
- 6% Somewhat Oppose
- 10% Strongly Oppose
- 4% UNSURE **(DO NOT READ)**
- 1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

78% TOTAL SUPPORT
17%^ TOTAL OPPOSE

D1. To ensure we have a representative sample of voters in your state, please tell me in what year you were born.

- 19% 18 - 34
- 24% 35 - 44
- 15% 45 - 54
- 22% 55 - 64
- 20% 65 AND ABOVE

* REFUSED

Thinking about you for a moment -

D3. Do you consider yourself to be... a conservationist?

<u>6/14</u>	<u>5/16</u>	<u>4/18</u>	
67%	75%	74%	YES
27%	21%	21%	NO
5%	4%	5%	DK/REF (DO NOT READ)

D4. Which of the following types of outdoor recreation do you participate in regularly? **(ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)**

****PERCENTAGES ADD UP TO GREATER THAN 100% BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE ALLOWED****

67%	Hiking or trail running
66%	Camping
49%	Bird watching and viewing wildlife
48%	Kayaking, canoeing or boating
39%	Snow shoeing, skiing or boarding
35%	Riding an off-road vehicle or snowmobile
27%	Mountain biking
3%	OTHER (SPECIFY _____) (DO NOT READ)
6%	NONE OF THESE (DO NOT READ)
*	UNSURE/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

And for statistical purposes only...

D5. How would you describe the area where you currently live?

24%	A city
9%	A suburban area
27%	A small town
39%	A rural area
1%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (DO NOT READ)
*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

D6. Do you consider yourself a hunter, an angler or both?

9% HUNTER ONLY
12% ANGLER ONLY
43% BOTH
36% NO/NEITHER

-- UNSURE/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D7. And, in politics today, do you consider yourself to be(**ROTATE**)

___ a Republican,
___ a Democrat,
An Independent, or something else?

30% REPUBLICAN
26% DEMOCRAT
43% INDEPENDENT/ SOMETHING ELSE

1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D8. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be... on most issues? (**ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**)

___ conservative,
___ moderate
...or...
___ liberal

43% CONSERVATIVE
33% MODERATE
19% LIBERAL

5% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

D9. Gender (**BY OBSERVATION**)

50% MALE
50% FEMALE
