

Fights for Missoula County

Missoula is growing fast, which is why Jon Tester is working to ensure that the community has the resources it needs to keep up and remain affordable. Missoula is home to some of Montana's best schools and booming businesses, and Jon will keep fighting to ensure that Missoula County remains strong in the 21st century.

Infrastructure for the Future

- As Missoula continues to grow, Jon knows it's critical that small businesses and families have access to safe, reliable airport services. Through his *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* and other measures, Jon has secured more than \$30 million to expand and improve the Missoula Airport. He's also fought to expand the number of flight options in Missoula to lower air travel costs across the board.
- Whether it's hauling lumber or ensuring children get to school safely, Jon knows that Montanans count on roads and bridges every single day. Through his *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, Jon secured more than \$55 million for road and bridge improvements in Missoula County, including replacement of the Lolo Street Bridge.
- Jon knows that if Montana's students and businesses want to compete in the 21st century, they need reliable and affordable internet. Through his *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* and other measures, Jon has secured resources to connect Missoula businesses and households to high-speed internet so that folks can do business anywhere.
- Reliable train service has kept northern Montana connected for decades, and Jon is pushing for Missoula County to have the same access to affordable, reliable travel. That's why he's leading the charge to restore Amtrak's North Coast Hiawatha Route through Missoula to expand access to affordable interstate transportation.



Strong Businesses, Secure Jobs

- Missoula's businesses have boosted Montana's economy for decades, and Jon is fighting for Montana innovation to be a leader on the national stage. Through his bipartisan *CHIPS and Science Act*, Jon secured a Rural Tech Hub for Montana, which will deliver serious resources to the University of Montana and businesses across the state to continue creating good-paying jobs and producing cutting-edge technology that keeps America safe.

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Protecting Postal Service

- Montanans rely on the Postal Service for everything from Social Security checks to prescription medication, and Jon has taken USPS leadership to task to ensure Montanans can count on reliable service. Jon halted the USPS from relocating Missoula's outgoing mail processing facility, held Postmaster DeJoy accountable to Montana, and passed his *Postal Reform Act* to improve mail service for generations to come.

Better Schools, Brighter Futures

- As a former public school teacher, Jon knows that if children receive high quality education early, they'll have the best chance to succeed later in life. That's why Jon's secured nearly \$1.5 million to support Head Start early education opportunities and childcare services in Missoula County since 2019.
- The University of Montana is a premier academic institution that shapes the next generation of Montana leaders, and Jon will always fight to ensure that UM has the resources it needs to keep Montana strong. Recently Jon secured more than \$110 million to support UM programs like language and public affairs programs, cyber, defense, conservation, legal services, and education.

Fighting for Affordable Housing

- Montana is growing fast, and Jon is working to make sure Montanans can afford a roof over their heads. When unelected bureaucrats threatened to strip Missoula of its "metropolitan status," jeopardizing federal funding for affordable housing, Jon successfully stopped the move, allowing him to continue securing additional dollars for Montana.
- Housing shortages have hit Missoula hard. Jon is pushing Congress to pass his *Rural Housing Service Reform Act*, which would increase the supply of affordable housing in Missoula County and across Montana.

- Jon is working to give Montanans a seat at the table and invest in community housing developments and repairs. Recently Jon has secured nearly \$5 million to help bolster Missoula's housing supply through his role on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Protecting Public Lands

- Montanans rely on public lands to grow their businesses and make memories with their families, which is why Jon is fighting to ensure that Montana's wild places are shared and protected for years to come. Jon's *Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act* is supported by 85% of Montanans and would create jobs, protect thousands of acres of public land, and ensure future generations enjoy Blackfoot River Watershed for years to come.

Empowering Montana Law Enforcement

- Law enforcement officers perform a dangerous job to keep Missoula County safe, and Jon will always have their back in Washington. Recently Jon secured much-needed funding for law enforcement agencies in Missoula County to hire additional officers, purchase up-to-date equipment, and fight crime.

Standing with Missoula's Veterans

- As the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Jon knows that access to quality care in a rural state like Montana is critical. That's why he has been relentless in his push for more VA facilities, helping secure 12 new clinics across the state including a new Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Missoula, which will serve more than 47,000 Montana veterans in the area.



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