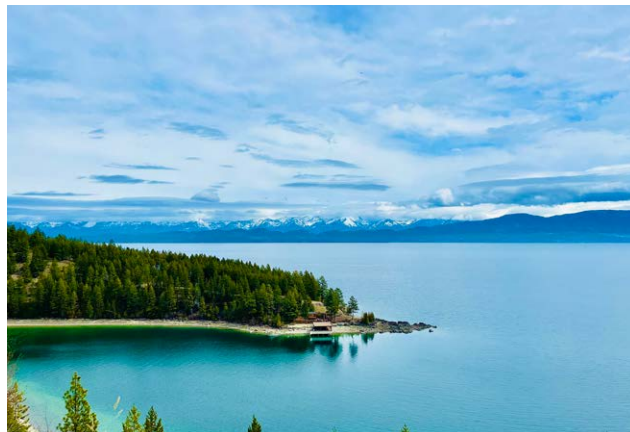


Fights for the Flathead

Flathead County is one of Montana's fastest-growing communities, and Jon Tester is working to ensure that the community has the resources it needs to keep up and remain affordable. The Flathead is home to some of Montana's most beautiful areas and booming businesses, and Jon will keep fighting to ensure that the community remains strong in the 21st century.

Infrastructure for the Future

- As Kalispell 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 nearly \$20 million to expand and improve Glacier Park International Airport. He's also fought to expand the number of flight options in Kalispell 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 \$45 million for road and bridge improvements in Flathead County, including West Reserve Drive in Kalispell.
- 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 Flathead 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 delivering for the Flathead by keeping Amtrak service affordable and reliable. That's why when the pandemic threatened service on Amtrak's Empire Builder Route, Jon stepped up and passed the law that restored full long distance service through the Flathead.



Strong Businesses, Secure Jobs

- Kalispell'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 businesses and economic development groups in Kalispell and across the state to continue creating good-paying jobs and producing cutting-edge technology that keeps America safe.

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

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succeed later in life. That's why Jon's secured over \$4 million to support Head Start early education opportunities and childcare services in Flathead County in 2024.

- Every Montanan should have the opportunity to further their education and make a better life for their family, which is why Jon's proud to support community colleges and trade schools like Flathead Valley Community College. Jon recently secured more than \$1 million to assist students in the Flathead so that the next generation of Montana leaders can finish school and strengthen the state.

Fighting for Affordable Housing

- Housing shortages have hit Kalispell hard. Jon is pushing Congress to pass his *Rural Housing Service Reform Act*, which would increase the supply of affordable housing in Flathead 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 targeted resources to help bolster the Flathead's housing supply through his role on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Protecting Public Lands

- Montana's public lands are where families make memories and are critical to supporting Montana's outdoor economy – which is why Jon is fighting to ensure Montana's wild places are protected for generations to come. With the help of the Flathead community, Jon secured \$1.3 million to help officially establish Somers Beach as a State Park so that everyone can enjoy all that Flathead Lake has to offer.
- Jon has been Montana's champion for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) – the landmark program that funds conservation and recreation priorities for Montana's public lands for generations to come. Through LWCF,

Jon has secured critical resources to ensure places like the Flathead National Forest continue supporting Montana's small business and families in the Flathead.

- When dangerously low water levels on Flathead Lake threatened small businesses, farmers, and families last year, Jon took action. After visiting with Flathead community leaders, Jon pressured the Technical Management Team to take preventative measures that better equip the community for any future droughts.

Empowering Montana Law Enforcement

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

Standing with Kalispell'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 Kalispell, which will serve thousands of Montana veterans in the area.
- The federal government made promises to servicemembers when they enlisted, and Jon is fighting tooth and nail to ensure they hold up their end of the deal. That's why Jon helped secure critical funds to keep the Montana Veterans' Home in Columbia Falls strong so that Montana veterans are receiving the benefits they've earned long after their service.



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