



LEGISLATOR SCORECARD
FOR THE
2007 SESSION
OF THE
MONTANA LEGISLATURE

Compiled by
MONTANANS FOR MULTIPLE USE

Montanans for Multiple Use Mission Statement

Our goal is to enhance access to public lands for everyone. Our purpose is to educate the public on the need for balanced environmental laws and public land use issues.

MFMU believes that through the intelligent use of natural resources we can meet the needs of people as well as the needs of the rest of our natural world.

With this in mind MFMU supports the "New Environmentalism" based on hope instead of fear, solutions instead of conflict, education instead of litigation, science instead of emotion, and employing rather than destroying human resources.

MFMU supports access to public lands; access to natural resources; access for recreation; access for all citizens.

Montanans For Multiple Use is a non-profit organization, comprised of a diverse group of people from various walks of life. We are gathering together to face the issues challenging our rights as tax paying citizens to live, work, and recreate in Montana.

Montanans For Multiple Use supports sound forest management practices that promote forest health and protect wildlife and its habitat. We believe it is wiser to reduce fuel buildup, enhance habitat and provide healthy forests for the future than it is to lose the forests to disease, insects, and fire through inaction.

Montanans For Multiple Use is alarmed that the lifestyles of mining, logging, farming, ranching, and motorized recreation are under attack by a very vocal minority of obstructionists. These preservationist groups already have a strong hold on our future. MFMU is determined to fight for our right to enjoy the quality of life we are accustomed to and continue to raise our families accordingly. We believe this goal can be accomplished but we must all combine forces to do it. We must have a unified voice and inform our Senators and Congressmen where we stand on ALL issues. Finally, we must support other user groups that have goals similar to ours.

This scorecard was compiled with all of the above in mind. We selected bills that in some way involve one or more of our core issues. All of the chosen bills were defeated or passed by close votes. When the stakes are high and the vote is close a legislator is more likely to pay attention and follow their core beliefs. The bandwagon effect that is common with a one-sided vote often hides more than it reveals. We used blue text and shading to indicate bills we supported and red to indicate our opposition.

MFMU does not endorse or support parties or individual candidates. This scorecard is provided to help voters make an informed choice at the polling booth.

THE FUTURE OF YOUR ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS IS MOSTLY DETERMINED ON ELECTION DAY. [PLEASE VOTE](#)

THE BILLS WE SCORED

SENATE BILLS

SB 51 ***MFMU opposed this bill***

This bill amended subdivision and growth policy regulations to allow oppressive regulations on private property located in a forested area. The bill is supposed to reduce wildfire hazards but it does not address the real causes of wildfire, which are primarily rooted in federal and state forest management. It does however intrude on property rights. This bill passed.

SB 345 ***MFMU opposed this bill***

This bill would have required large setbacks on private property along streams and rivers that prohibit construction and even lawn mowing inside the setback zone. This bill did not pass.

SJR 20 ***MFMU opposed this bill***

This bill urged Congress to pass mandatory limits on CO2 emissions. The connection between CO2 and global warming has not been proven and is widely disputed. SJR 20 did not pass.

HOUSE BILLS

HJR 31 ***MFMU supported this bill***

This bill sent a message to Congress that Montana does not want wilderness legislation shoved down our throat. It specifically opposes legislation introduced in Congress that would triple wilderness acreage in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. The legislation that HJR 31 opposes is very, very bad legislation that the environmentalists are determined to force on us and will keep trying until they succeed. HJR 31 passed.

HB 271 ***MFMU supported this bill***

This bill would have guaranteed that a broad spectrum of diverse interests would be represented on the Montanan Board of Environmental Review. Too often this board is slanted towards a protectionist point of view. This bill did not pass.

HB 276 ***MFMU supported this bill***

This bill would have prevented the Board of Environmental Review from implementing new rules that were substantially the same as legislation that failed to pass the legislature. BER has in the past circumvented the will of the Montana legislature by making a rule similar to a failed environmental bill. HB 276 did not pass.

HB 343 ***MFMU supported this bill***

This bill would have funded a lawsuit against the Federal Government for not removing wolves from the Endangered Species List. This bill did not pass.

HB 610 *MFMU supported this bill*

This bill would make it harder for environmental groups to challenge state agency decisions made in accordance with Montana Environmental Protection Act. Thus, HB 610 would have removed some roadblocks to natural resource development. HB 610 did not pass

HB 753 *MFMU opposed this bill*

The Montana Global Warming Solutions Act. This bill would have interfered in our free Montana economy by setting limits on CO2 emissions for Montana. It would have limited our market choices and increased the cost of electricity and other goods and services. This bill did not pass.

HOUSE

Last Name	D	Party	SB 51	HJR 31	HB 343	HB 610	HB 753	HB 276	HB 271	07 Score	05 Score
Ankney	43	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Arntzen	53	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Augare	16	D	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	14%	
Barrett **	72	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Beck	6	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Becker	52	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	14%	28.6
Bergren	33	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	29%	50
Bixby **	41	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	0
Blasdel	10	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Boggio	59	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Branae **	54	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	0
Butcher	29	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Caferro	80	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	0
Callahan	21	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	12.5
Campbell	31	D	Y	N	N	N	A	N	N	0%	12.5
Clark	28	R	Y	Y	Y/Spon	Y	E	Y	Y	83%	
Cohenour	78	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	25
Cordier	3	D	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	14%	
Dickenson	25	D	Y/Spon	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	0
Driscoll	51	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	28.6
Dutton	56	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	86%	
Ebinger	62	D	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	14%	
Erickson **	93	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	
Everett	5	R	N	Y/Spon	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Franklin	24	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	25
French	36	D	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	14%	
Furey	91	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	0
Gallik	79	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	0
Glaser	44	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	86%	75
Grinde	48	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	12.5
Groesbeck	74	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57%	25
Hamilton	92	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	0
Hands	99	D	Y	N	N	N	Y/Spon	N	N	0%	

Hawk	90	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	100
Heinert	1	R	N	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Hendrick	14	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Henry	96	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	0
Hilbert	38	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Himmelberger	47	R	N	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Hiner	85	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	43%	37.5
Hollenbaugh	81	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	
Ingraham	13	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Jacobson **	82	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	12.5
Jayne @@	15	D	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	14%	0
Jones, L.	27	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	83%	87.5
Jones, W.	9	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	86%	87.5
Jopek	4	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	12.5
Jore	12	C	N	Y	Y	Y	N	A	A	100%	
Kasten	30	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Keane **	75	D	Y	N	N	Y/Spon	Y	Y	Y	43%	37.5
Kerns	58	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Klock	83	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Koopman	70	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	100
Kottel	20	D	Y	N	Y	N	E	N	N	17%	
Lake	88	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	100
Lambert	39	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	75
Lange @@	55	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
MacLaren	89	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	86%	75
Malcolm	61	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	62.5
McAlpin	94	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	14.3
McChesney	40	D	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	43%	
McGillvray	50	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	85.7
McNutt	37	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y/Spon	Y/Spon	86%	87.5
Mendenhall	77	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Milburn	19	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Morgan	57	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Musgrove	34	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	14%	25
Noonan	73	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	14%	12.5
Nooney	100	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
O'Hara	18	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Olson @@	45	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	86%	87.5
Parker	23	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	12.5
Peterson	46	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Phillips	66	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	
Pomnichowski	63	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	
Raser @@	98	D	Y	N	N	N	A	N	N	17%	0
Reinhart	97	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	
Rice	71	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Ripley **	17	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	A	Y	Y	100%	87.5

Ross	60	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	62.5
Sands	68	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	14%	
Sales	95	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Sesso	76	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	14%	37.5
Sinrud	67	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Small-Eastman	42	D	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	43%	0
Sonju	7	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	100
Stahl	35	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Stoker	87	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Taylor	11	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Thomas	26	D	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	29%	
VanDyk	49	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	
Villa	86	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	14%	37.5
Vincent	2	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	
Ward	84	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	E	E	100%	87.5
Wells	69	R	N	Y	Y/Spon	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	87.5
Wilmer	64	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	
Wilson	22	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	25
WindyBoy **	32	D	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	14%	0
Wiseman	65	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	0%	12.5
Witte	8	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	100%	75

SENATE

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Bales	20	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	100%	100
Balyeat	34	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	100%	87.5
Barkus	4	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	100%	90.9
Black	14	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	83%	90.9
Brown @@	25	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	100%	
Brueggeman	6	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	67%	90.9
Cobb	9	R	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	83%	90.9
Cocchiarella	47	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	17%	27.3
Cooney	40	D	Y	N	N	N	Y/Spon	Y	0%	27.3
Curtiss	1	R	N	Y/Spon	Y	Y	N	N	100%	100
Elliott ##	7	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	0%	36.4
Esp	31	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	100%	81.8
Essmann	28	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	83%	72.7
Gallus	37	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	0%	40
Gebhardt	23	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	100%	90.9
Gillan	24	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	0%	30
Hansen	17	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	17%	27.3
Harrington	38	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	0%	20
Hawks	33	D	Y/Spon	N	N	N	Y	Y/Spon	0%	18.2
Jackson	5	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	100%	100
Jent	32	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	0%	14.3
Juneau	8	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	0%	0

Kaufmann	41	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y		0%	0
Kitzenberg @@	18	D	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		33%	63.6
Laible	44	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		67%	81.8
Larson	22	D	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y		17%	18.2
Laslovich	43	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y		0%	27.3
Lewis	42	R	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		83%	90.9
Lind	50	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y		0%	9.1
McGee	29	R	N	Y	N	Y	N	N		83%	100
Moss	26	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y		0%	0
Murphy	39	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N		83%	
O'Neil	3	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N		100%	90.9
Pease	21	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N		17%	27.3
Perry	35	R	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		83%	72.7
Peterson	15	R	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		83%	
Ryan	10	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N		17%	30
Schmidt	11	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y		0%	
Shockley	45	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		67%	72.7
Smith	16	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N		17%	27.3
Squires	48	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y		0%	30
Stapleton	27	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N		83%	90.9
Steinbeisser	19	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N		100%	100
Story	30	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N		100%	81.8
Tash	36	R	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N		100%	90.9
Tropila J.	12	D	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		33%	36.4
Tropila M.	13	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	N		17%	
Wanzenried	49	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y		0%	12.5
Weinberg	2	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y		0%	18.2
Williams	46	D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y		0%	20

A = Absent or Abstain E = Excused We did not count this as a vote either way

Blue = Favorable Votes Red = Unfavorable Votes

Column D = District

= Running for House

** = Running for Senate

@@ = Running for office other than legislature.

Y/Spon = Bill Sponsor

Italicized/Bold = Running for re-election

Grey Fill = Candidate 2008

FORMER LEGISLATORS WHO DID NOT HOLD OFFICE IN 2007 WHO ARE RUNNING AGAIN FOR LEGISLATURE

Name & Party	Office Sought	Last Score	Session
Paul Clark D	Senate Dist 7	37.5%	2005/House
Rosie Buzzas D	Senate Dist 47	00.0%	2005/House
Dee Brown R	House Dist 3	87.5%	2005/House
Bob Keenan R	House Dist 9	100%	2005/Senate

FORMER LEGISLATORS RUNNING FOR OFFICE OTHER THAN LEGISLATURE

Michael Lange R	US Senate	100%	2007
Mike Wheat D	Attorney General	20.0%	2005
Roy Brown R	Governor	100%	2007
Duane Grimes R	State Auditor	90.9%	2005
Monica Lindeen D	State Auditor	37.5%	2005
Sam Kitzenberg D	Supt of Public Instruction	63.6%	2007
Holly Raser D	Supt of Public Instruction	00.0%	2007
Alan Olson R	Public Service Comm #3	87.5%	2007
Gail Gutsche D	Public Service Comm #4	00.0%	2005
Joey Jayne D	Judge Dist #20	00.0%	2007

Montanans For Multiple Use provides voters with more information on the candidates at www.mtmultipleuse.org/political. Before the primary, we will post on that website the results of a questionnaire that we sent out to every candidate in Montana.

VOTING IS MORE THAN A RIGHT IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY.
 BE AN INFORMED VOTER
 AND BE SURE TO VOTE ON JUNE 3.



SCORECARD REFERENCE

SB 51	SENATE THIRD READING VOTE HOUSE THIRD READING VOTE.	33Y 17N 56Y 44N BILL PASSED
SB 345	SENATE SECOND READING	30N 20Y FAILED
SJ 20	SENATE THIRD READING HOUSE TABLED IN COMMITTEE	30Y 20N
HB 271	HOUSE THIRD READING SENATE TABLED IN COMMITTEE	54Y 44N
HB 276	HOUSE THIRD READING SENATE TABLED IN COMMITTEE	59Y 39N
HB 343	HOUSE THIRD READING SENATE BLAST VOTE**	63Y 37N 23Y 27N BLAST FAILED
HB 610	HOUSE SECOND READING SENATE SECOND READING	56Y 44N 24Y 26N
HB 753	HOUSE BLAST VOTE***	46Y 46N BLAST FAILED
HJR 31	HOUSE SENATE BLAST VOTE *	51Y 49N 26Y 24N BILL PASSED

- * HJR 31 was tabled by Senate Natural Resources committee. On the third try the bill was blasted out of committee to the Senate floor where it eventually passed. The vote we scored was the closest and most crucial vote.
- ** HB 343 was tabled by Senate Finance and Claims committee. The attempt to blast it out of committee failed and the bill never got to the Senate floor.
- *** HB 753 was tabled in committee. The blast attempt failed and the bill never got to the House floor