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Subject: Bipartisan Majorities of Montanans Support Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Project, Want Candidates to Protect Public Lands

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a large majority of Montanans view public lands as a very important issue, support a collaborative approach to forest management, and strongly support the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Project. Additionally, a strong majority say that a candidate's position on protecting public lands is very important to them. Montanans also say they want to be able to have a dialogue on the issue with their members of Congress- 85% say they think members of Congress should hold in-person town hall meetings to hear from their constituents about land management issues.

Key findings from the survey include:

- Montanans like the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Project, which would ensure access to hunting and fishing sites while increase protections for approximately eighty thousand acres of existing public lands. 35% say they strongly support the project, 33% somewhat support it, and just 27% somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the project.
- 92% of Montanans say that access to public lands in Montana is important to them (76% who say it's very important) - including 99% of Democrats, 84% of Republicans and 94% of independent voters.
- 75% say they support a collaborative approach to forest management, including 72% of Democrats, 75% of Republicans and 77% of independents.
- Montanans are very clear that a candidate's position on protecting public land for future generations is important to them. 87% say it's very important or somewhat important to them - including 99% of Democrats, 77% of Republicans and 88% of independents.

PPP surveyed 512 Montana voters from February 14-16, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

