



PLWA

PUBLIC LAND/WATER
ACCESS ASSOCIATION

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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)**
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**April
2018**



**Montana Statewide Survey
Interview Schedule**

\$7.1 Billion

MONTANA

STATE OUTDOOR
RECREATION GENERATES:



\$7.1 BILLION
IN CONSUMER
SPENDING ANNUALLY



71,000
DIRECT JOBS



\$2.2 BILLION
IN WAGES
AND SALARIES



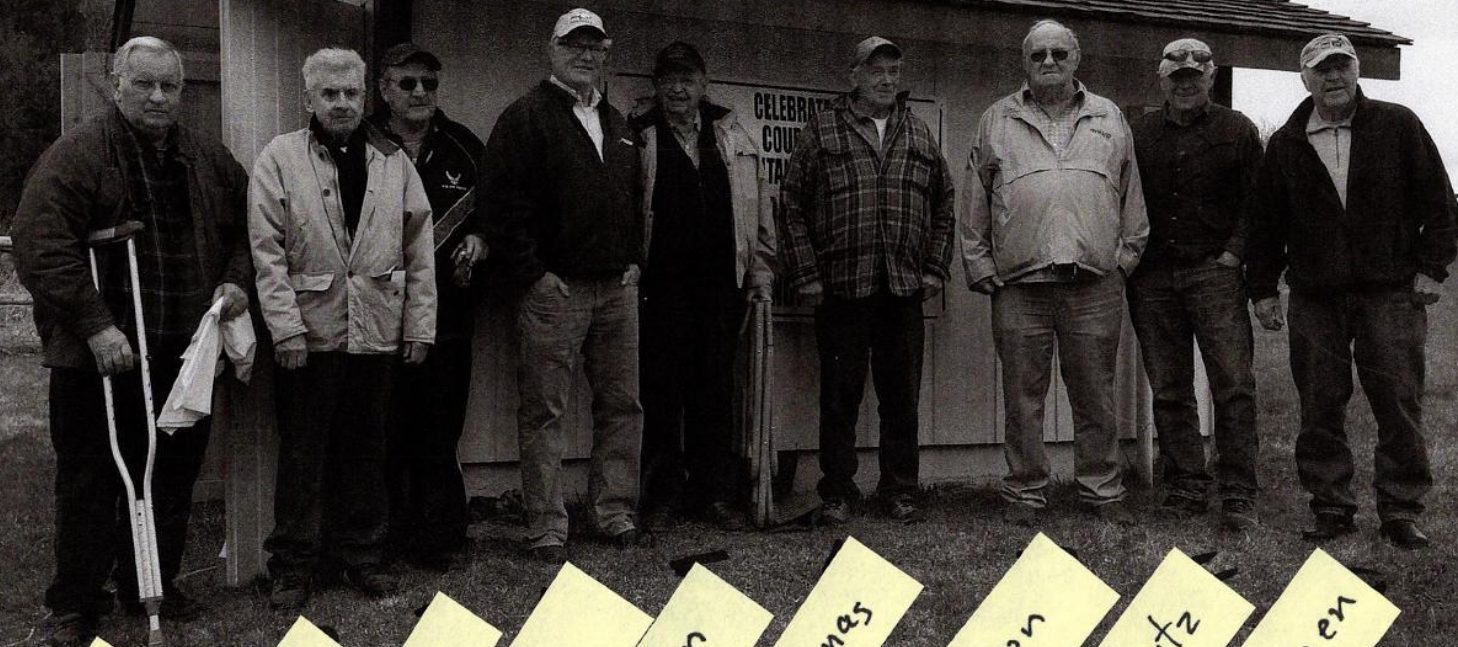
\$286 MILLION
IN STATE AND LOCAL
TAX REVENUE

SOURCE: OUTDOOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION



Our public lands—whether a national park or monument, wildlife refuge, forest or prairie—make each one of us land-rich. It is our inheritance as citizens of a country called America.

Pioneers of MT Stream Access



Dale Burk

Joe Guttowski

Leroy Mehring

Jim Goetz

Jack Atcheson

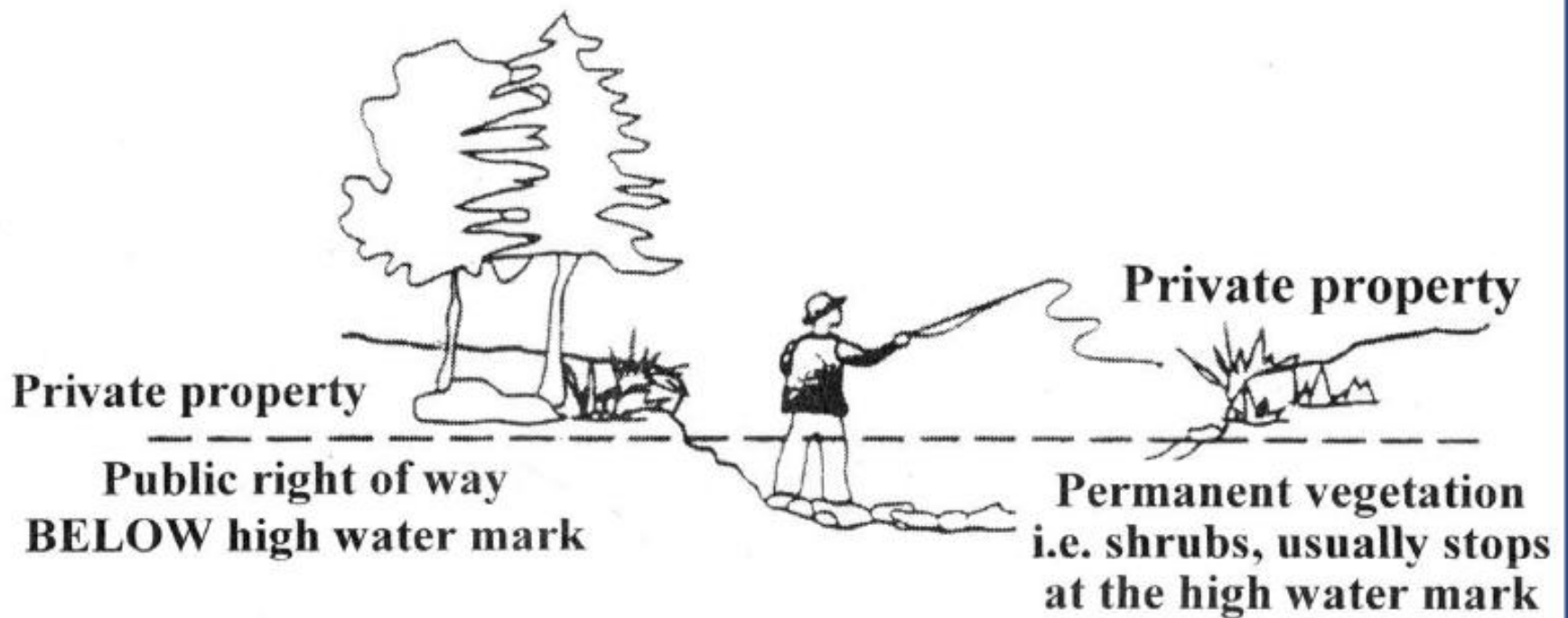
Larry Thomas

John Gibson

Jim Posewitz

Tony Schoonen





Madison County and The Ruby River



Ruby River Crossing Summer 2008

Ruby River circa 2004





WARNING
ELECTRIC FENCE
RED SURPH

POSTED
NO
TRESPASSING





**WONDER RANCH
PRIVATE PROPERTY
PLEASE STAY ON TRAIL
TO FOREST BOUNDARY-1/4 MI**

NOTICE

THIS TRAIL CROSSES PRIVATE PROPERTY
FOR THE NEXT .25 MILE TO
THE FOREST BOUNDARY.
ACCESS IS PROVIDED BY GRATUITOUS
PERMISSION OF THE LANDOWNER.
THE LANDOWNER MAKES NO
GUARANTEE AS TO THE SAFETY OF THE
PROPERTY AND ACCEPTS NO LIABILITY
TO PERSONS ENTERING THE PROPERTY.

Bundy Bridge Access



Notice the message regarding
private property

Bundy Bridge

- Established a new Fishing Access Site and boat ramp on the Yellowstone River near Pompey's Pillar
- Area formerly claimed by a private party but in reality owned by the BLM
- PLWA worked with BLM, County Commissioners, local clubs and FWP to open a FAS
- The culmination of a five year effort requiring extensive historical research
- The new boat ramp was used to refill fire fighting tankers within weeks of construction

Other PLWA Accomplishments

- Jellison Road
- Boadle Road
- Alexander Road
- Big Elk Canyon
- Access to School Trust Lands
- Washington and Jefferson Gulch
- Trail Creek 'Old Indian' Trail
- German Gulch Road
- Cherry Creek
- State lands northwest of Billings

- “Every time someone locks a gate leading to public land, it makes Montana a little bit smaller for all of us!”
 - Governor Steve Bullock



Locked Gate on Yellowstone County Road

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of PLWA is to maintain, restore, and perpetuate public access to the boundaries of all Montana public land and waters.

PLWA Protecting access to Montana's public land and water



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