



MONTANA

STATE LAND

There are 30 million acres of publicly owned land in Montana - that is nearly one third of the state! While most of the land is federally managed, over 20 percent is managed by the State.

State Lands are **ABUNDANT AND POPULAR**

The State of Montana manages more than **6.7M ACRES** of public lands.

92%

of Montanans said they visit state lands at least once within the year.

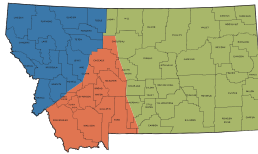
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of Montanans visit state lands more than 20 times per year.

State Lands **GENERATE REVENUE**

5.2M ACRES of State lands are managed as working lands by the **Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation** as State Trust Lands.

In addition to supporting public access and wildlife, State Trust Lands provide revenue for state beneficiaries such as **schools, universities and other institutions.**



State Lands provide **RECREATION AND HABITAT**

State lands are very important for **hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.**

Roughly

1.5M ACRES

of state lands are managed as state parks, fishing access sites, and wildlife management areas by **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.**

81%

of Montana voters support setting aside undeveloped State lands to **protect native wildlife.**



State Lands Supported by **HABITAT MONTANA**

Significant funding to help purchase and manage **Wildlife Management Areas** and other types of state lands comes from the Habitat Montana account.

Habitat Montana is the State's most important tool to set aside wildlife habitat and provide public access.

Revenue for this account is sourced from nonresidents hunting license fees and a portion of **recreational marijuana tax revenue.**



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