

WHO WE ARE

The mission of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is to foster the science and art of soil, water, and related natural resource management through advocacy, professional development, and educational activities to achieve sustainability. Our Montana Chapter members represent land managers and owners, natural resource professionals in private and public service, educators, researchers, and students of all ages.

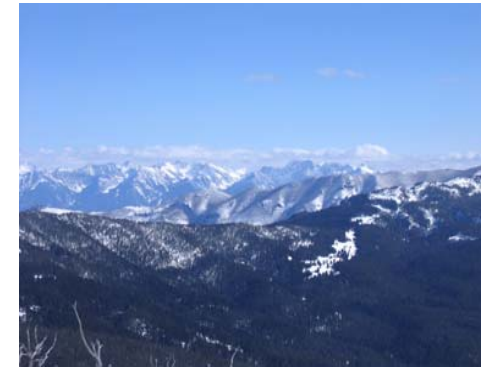


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CONTRIBUTE TO THE MONTANA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT

Contribute to the wise use of Montana's Natural Resources through the Soil and Water Conservation Endowment Program. Established by members of the Montana Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) in 1995, this endowment will never spend your gift directly; only yearly investment earnings are utilized.



Your contribution to the Soil and Water Conservation Endowment is important! The Montana Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society will match gifts to the Endowment dollar for dollar, up to \$9,000, over the next two years.

Your tax deductible contribution will support:

- **Youth education** about soil, water and related natural resources and careers;
- **Student scholarships** to find answers to vitally important questions to help sustain soil and water resources to keep Montana productive; and
- **Public workshops, tours and conferences** to inform Montanans about our most urgent natural resource concerns and new technology developments now and into the future.

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Youth Education takes many forms as SWCS continually strives to engage Montana's next generation in learning about using and protecting their natural resource heritage. Assembly and distribution of **Circle of Earth Bracelets** and **Montana Soil Painting** kits and lesson plans helps our youth learn about humans' interdependence with natural resources and our responsibility to use them in a sustainable manner.



Educational Scholarships are awarded annually by the Montana Chapter to benefit students studying soil and water resources to include water quality, soil quality, farmland and open space protection, rangeland management, precision nutrient and pesticide management, sustainable development and many other important fields of study.

To date, the Chapter has assisted 7 students with \$500 scholarships and 7 students with \$250 scholarships. Many past recipients are now putting their knowledge to work in Montana in a natural resource career. With the ever increasing cost of education, your donation will forever help us to assist Montana's youth to meet the soil and water resources challenges of the future. Our members believe that education and life long learning is the key to sustainable use of our natural resources.



Public Forums, Discourse and Wise Policy Decisions go together. Help the Montana Chapter to sponsor conferences, tours and workshops to bring invited speakers together with the public to hear all sides of challenging natural resource issues and learn about emerging technologies. Public discussion and dialog brings good science to the table to help decision makers make wise choices about Montana's natural resources.



An informed and knowledgeable public is better able to make the appropriate informed decisions about their land when they have the facts first hand. Past topics have included post-fire recovery, endangered species management, animal feeding operations, coal bed methane development, irrigation technology, adapting to shifts in the agricultural landscape, and marketing conservation change. Your gift can help to make sure we can continue to meet this need into the future.



Yes! I want to help sustain Montana's soil, water and other natural resources through the Montana Soil and Water Conservation Endowment!

I wish to make an anonymous donation. Please do not publicly acknowledge my donation.

Amount of Donation

_____ \$25 _____ \$75 _____ \$250
 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$Other

 Donor Name

 Address

 Phone

 Signature

If your donation is being made as a memorial, please indicate the name of the individual. Make checks out to the Montana Community Foundation (MCF) c/o Soil & Water Conservation Endowment and mail along with this completed slip to MCF, 101 N. Last Chance Gulch, Suite 211, Helena, MT 59601. You can also donate online to the Soil and Water Conservation Endowment at <http://www.mtcf.org> or through the <http://www.justgive.org> website under Montana Soil and Water Conservation Endowment.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Remember, your donation will be matched 1:1 by the Montana Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society* (up to \$9,000 total).

Your gift is tax-deductible. You can qualify for the Montana Qualified Endowment Tax Credit as an individual or business. Please contact your tax professional or the MCF (406-443-8313) for more information on this important donor benefit.

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