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Dear Greetings! :

Happy Solstice 2016 and Happy Holidays!  
*Headwaters Montana* wishes you and your family and friends a safe and peaceful holiday season.

*Please Donate*

Please click [here](#) to make your donation through our secure, on-line service.

We're in the home stretch of our end-of-year fundraising season, and we are closing in on our goal of **\$21,000**. Every donation makes a big difference, and [we need your help today](#) if you have not yet made your donation to *Headwaters Montana*. Thank you to all of you who have already contributed financially!

I know you value a clean and healthy Montana environment. *Headwaters Montana* works to make sure northwest Montana stays the way we love it. We work on the issues that protect the water, wildlife and traditional outdoor activities that you value. This work takes time, perseverance, and money. Every donation helps us achieve our financial and environmental goals!

**Here are just a few of the issues on our radar for 2016:**

- **"Oil Trains" threaten the Middle Fork Flathead River and Flathead Lake.** Each week the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad (BNSF) ships over 36 million gallons of highly explosive and toxic Bakken crude oil by rail

car over Marias Pass and along the wild and scenic Middle Fork. A single derailment would be an ecological and financial disaster for the Flathead River system and economy. There have been with a record of 37 derailments between 2000 and 2012 alone prior to Bakken shipments. *Headwaters Montana* has elevated this issue to one of its top concerns for 2016. How much do you care about this issue? Please indicate your support by [donating](#) today!



*Oil Train Derailment (not the Middle Fork Flathead).*

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Aerial View of development at Hutton Ranch, Kalispell, MT.

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<http://www.huttonranchplaza.com/>

- **Open Space greets us each morning.** Do you value the scenic beauty of the Flathead Valley? Of course you do. But subdivision and commercial development continues to degrade this important public resource. Many of us moved to the Flathead because of the valley's scenic beauty.

We've teamed up with the [Montana Land Reliance](#) and the [Flathead Land Trust](#) to find a solution to this constant loss of open space and prime agricultural land. Please support this effort with your [donation](#)!

- **Wilderness protects your water, wildlife, and recreation heritage.**

*Headwaters Montana* is at the forefront of efforts to protect Flathead and Kootenai National Forest wildlands. We helped achieve an 83,000-acre recommended wilderness in the Whitefish Range. And we've been at the Kootenai stakeholder table where 189,000 acres has been recommended for wilderness. If you like wilderness in northwest Montana please [support](#) *Headwaters Montana* financially.



*Working to protect more of the Cabinet Mountains. Photo credit: Dave Hadden*

**CONNECT IT.  
PROTECT IT.**



*"Connect it  
Protect it"*

*That's what we do.*

**"The North Fork" is more protected now because of *Headwaters Montana*.** We got the [North Fork Watershed Protection Act](#) started and passed in Congress. And we continue to work for the expansion of Waterton Lakes National Park and protection of the international wildlife corridor between Montana and Canada. If you love "The North Fork" you [donation](#) will continue this good work.

2015 Fundraising Goal



As you can see from the fund raising thermometer at left, we're closing in on our 2015 end-of-year-goal of \$21,000. **Your [donation](#) will make a difference!**

We thank you in advance for your financial support. And if you've already donated, **THANK YOU!** All of us support this work for the same reason: We love Montana and wild Nature, and intend to pass on our good fortune to the next generation.

Have a peaceful holiday season enjoying Montana's great outdoors!

Cheers!



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