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Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Trap Free Montana Public Lands
Complete Mailing Address PO Box 1347
Hamilton MT 59840
Phone Numbers: Work 406-218-1170 Home _____

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

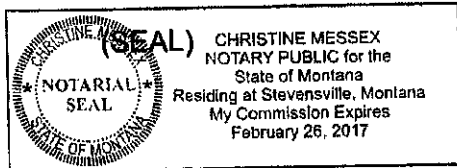
Complete Name Montana Trappers Association/Montanans for Effective Wildlife Mgt
Complete Mailing Address PO Box 129 / PO Box 133
Ovando MT 59854 / Gilford MT 59525
Phone Numbers: Work 406-793-5718 / 406-376-3178 Home 406-793-5885

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Rawl

I, KC York, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.



KC York
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of May, 2014.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

This complaint is against Montana Trappers Association and/or Montanans for Effective Wildlife Management for what we believe are violations of the following campaign statues from reporting periods:

January 1 through March 5, 2014

March 6 through April 5, 2014

April 6 through May 5, 2014

Documentation attached.

Violation of statute 1337229 subsection 2 auction items collected.

Violation of statute 4410519 All earmarked contributions.

Violation of statue 1337217 Solicited contribution reporting.

"The auction is to benefit the Montana Trappers Association in the fight against Initiative I-169. All proceeds will go directly to the MTA to help offset the costs associated with fighting this initiative." 2/24/14

"I just sat and totaled up to 3 pages of this and if I didn't add something twice or skip something which is possible it totaled out to \$24,384.98! WOW!" 3/15/14

5 Gun Sweepstakes

Ongoing

Montana Trappers Association Fundraising DEANO'S Bar & Casino 4/25/14

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Wheeler

The auction is to benefit the Montana Trappers Association in the fight against initiative 159. All proceeds will go directly to the MTA to help offset the costs associated with fighting this initiative. If it passes, I-159 will ban trapping on public lands in the state of Montana. This will reduce trapping opportunity on millions of acres in the state and make it very difficult for many trappers to operate. We need every dollar we can to effectively fight this initiative. The opposition is currently in the signature gathering phase and we need to be proactive to help make sure this initiative never hits the ballot and to fight it head on if it does make it that far.

Together we will win this fight! Thank you for your support!

Auction will start on Wednesday. If anyone would like to donate something for the auction, send me a pm and I'll list it. Also if anyone wishes to make a donation they can be mailed or sent through paypal.

Judd Brooks
56 Dear Lane Loop
Vaughn, MT 59437

PMPSJ
trapperjudd@sbcglobal.net

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trapper

When my paper for the remaining money here lately won't be able to afford bullets by the time I get here I'll be in the wildest auction I have seen on here through the years. Great job everyone!

Quitting time is the new adult version of running away from home. We all know you doing it for attention and will soon come back.

trapper

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wheelers
Camping Sheriff
Registered: 12/22/06
Loc: Minnesota

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Vaughn, MT 59487

Paypal
trapperjudd@sbcglobal.net

elkay

Trapper

Registered:

04/20/02

Loc: Livingston

ant

Top

50:00 heading your way. This one has me worried, there's a lot of misinformed people out there anymore.

GBCS

tmrsches

PM sent

Registered:

12/23/06

Loc: South Central

Nebraska

66

Registered:

12/23/06

Loc: South Central

Nebraska

66

Top

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

<http://www.trapperman.com/forum/ubbthreads.php/ubb/threads.php?tid=795218>

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

<http://www.trapperman.com/forum/ubbthreads.php/topics/1459836.html#Post1459836>

<http://www.trapperman.com/forum/ubbthreads.php/topics/1463672.html#Post1463672>

J. Brooks

Trapper

Registered:


12/16/10

Loc: Montana

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Anyone wanting to list an item please send a PM directly to Wheelers. Please be sure to mention if you will pay for shipping on your item. Thanks in advance to all donors.

I know there is a lot of great folks on here and we are going to have some great donations when the auction hits the forum! Might as well plan on doing most of your supply shopping for next year right here!

yodeloo101  Judd I will have a check to you very soon.

trapper Member NTA MTA NRA We live back in the woods ya see...my woman and the kids and the dogs and me...

Registered: 11/09/08
 Loc: Mo




Matt Jones well if it's worth anything to anyone to ride a day on rough roads trapping coyote, I'll donate an empty truck seat for Saturday January 17th 2015.


Studies! If you want to call it trapping instruction, I sure can use some lol


Registered: 08/10/11
 Loc: Kentucky

I'll send a PM


matt




Buzzard  **Mattie Boy,**

 I ain't biddin on anything to do w/ a stinkin coyote... I may be tempted tho to bid on a day on the river fishin w/ the likes of your sorry arse.

Registered: 04/22/09
 Loc: Hills 80 1/2 acre, N Carolina



andy weiser  I can see this auction starting off a dandy. I love it. Thanks

trapper <http://www.montanatrappingsupplies.com/>

Registered:

06/17/13
Loc: Montana
Top

12/24/12
mheb
Trapper
Registered:
07/08/12
Loc: Il. Ravette
Top

Please tell me how to bid for the trapping instruction's with Matt

02/24/13
andy weiser
Trapper
Registered:
03/17/13
Loc: Montana
Top

As soon as wheelers post it on the auction forum thread you can make your bid. Thanks mheb. It will be money well spent both for you and us both.

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

02/24/13
spottedcat
Trapper
Registered:
12/24/13
Loc: Northern Nevada
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Andy are you donating anything? I would sure bid on some of your cat lure and such.

02/24/13
andy weiser
Trapper
Registered:
06/14/13
Loc: Montana

Spotted cat I did donate a decent sized donation that comes with some lure and baits. But I'll tell you what since you mentioned it I will put together a cat lure package separate from my first donation. Thanks a lot spotted cat. It means a lot to us.

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

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spottedcat



trapper

Registered

12/21/13

Loc: Northern Nevada

Top

You bet I am lookin forward to it. I will be bidding on it for sure. I just got my cat check so I cant think of a better cause for some of it than helpin trappers out.

voteguts



trapper



Registered

07/29/08

Loc: Central Illinois

Member: FTA & IUSSA

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Ill dig out some good cat/yote traps for the auction

I'm itchin' to see a coyote twitchin'

More trappin' and less yappin'

andy



trapper

Registered

06/17/13

Loc: montana

Thanks voteguts, we just had a donation from Dave Campbell of Campbells fine furs in western Montana. Dave builds beautiful fur hats and is the buyer that paid me \$100 for my cross fox this year. Not all of our good fur goes over seas. It will be listed soon.

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

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Website

bob1454 2 dozen bobcat snares to help you guys out

trapper

Registered:
10/30/12
Loc: Salmon, ID

SGT USMC 71-74
Member DAV, MTA, ITA, NRA

Top

thskeer

trapper

Registered:
01/03/13
Loc: Virginia

I donated a Joe Goodman print. Should have tried to work a trade
LOL. This is gonna be a good one!

Top

andy

weiser

trapper

Registered:
06/17/11
Loc: montana

Thanks for the support fellas, we couldn't do it without you.

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

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Matt
Jones

Studies

Registered:
03/10/11
Loc:
Kamuela, HI

well I got a coyote cuff 22 with chain and drag that always catches them
dang bobcats every time I set it. dang trap is going to put me over my
cat limit. I better donate it to the auction before it gets me in trouble

something must be wrong with it



matt

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Outlaw99

That's awesome Matt!



07/16/13



Registered:

01/26/13

loc: gw (wa)

It's been making me lonesome, onory, and mean.

Wow this auction has taken off like a rocket! Good job everyone.

Outing man is the new and improved version of running away from home. We all know your doing it for attention and will soon come back.

Montana Trappers Association Auction (32 replies) 02/27/14

J.Brooks
 Registered: 06/27/14
 Location: Montana
 Job: Trapper

Start and I get some checks rolling in for donations which is awesome. If making out checks directly to the Montana Trappers Association (which is great) please include your occupation and employer so we can stay compliant with state fundraising rules. If checks are made to me personally we can clear them through my account and make a single donation to the association as a group donation.

We have a wild battle going on in this auction Judd. Just a warm up compared to the battle the ants are gonna get here real soon!

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

Looks like we got some heavy hitters that just showed up!

Montana Trappers association: Auction S...

www.trapperman.com/forum/ubbthreads.php/topics/4338462/4

When will the last new item be put up for auction? Wife has me on very tight budget and she might just kill me if I blow it. I don't want to spend it all in one spot unless I have to and I do plan on spending all my budget. She normally keeps me away from auctions... Was something that is happening... keep up the great work.

thanks

waiting on bangtells donations go on the block!

Edited by: beaverand77 02/28/14 02:43 PM

ss for me and my house we will save the lion

Joshua 24:15

memberM7A

J.Brooks
 Registered: 02/28/14
 Location: Montana
 Job: Trapper

77, there are still new items coming in so not sure how long it will go. Might as well jump on the bidding. What is the worst that could happen? End up broke and divorced. Sounds like most trappers to me lol.

andyweiser
trapper

Registered: 08/17/05
Location: Montana

Another competitive day on the auction block. And comedy central like Jtrapper put it. Lol Thanks to all that donated, bought and tried to buy. Tomorrow will see another round of action. I'm sure. Looks like the last of the items will be sold on the 15th.

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

Jim B

Registered: 08/17/05
Location: Montana (Bismarck)
Title: Trapper

Got me a new scope out of the deal so im happy. Ran out of excuses now so have to get the 204 lined up and start cracking on some rounds at something around here. lol

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

Firefox

Montana Trappers association Auction S...

www.trapperman.com/forum/ubbthreads.php/topics/4349763/11

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

Jtrapper

Registered: 04/27/04
Location: Bismarck (Bismarck)
Title: Trapper

vee been reading the battle like a bunch of old women fighting over a dress in a hatin store. lol

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L. Brooks
 For all of those that have sent payments, I must get back into town today and am working through the checks and paypal deposits. We will get this information passed onto the donors who will handle the shipping. Thanks

For all of those that will be sending payments, please include a shipping address and description of the item that you will be donating so we can match everything up.

Thank's again to everyone that is continuing to support this effort!

Montana Trappers
 I had a couple of my new dober pins traps to the auction, just sent Wheeler the pictures.
<http://suddenvalley.com>
 you can't do it better, then it's not worth doing.

L. Brooks
 hey, I'm one of those 'ol women' dang it!!!!LOLOLOL JLord tried to steal my trap.....!

Firefox - Montana Trappers association Auction \$...

www.trapperman.com/forum/ubbthreads.php/topics/4349763/1

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andrusk
 Thank you Steve and Lonnie for the generous mule deer hunt donation. The money is going to a great cause and hope it will help someone in need. I'm very excited to get out in the beautiful WA mountains and chase my mules with you. Keep up the bidding everyone.



andrusk
 Thank you Steve and Lonnie for the 25 donations left to auction on tomorrow. She's got it. It's been a great fund raiser and I think you all have helped in one way or another.
<http://www.americantrappers.com/>

andrusk
 If you have to thank Al I've donated to his for help. Old fellow Trappers, Great to see Trappers Stock Exchange. Wow! With Great Donations, Guided Hunts, Wow! Trapping Tips, Fishing Tips, Mounts, Gloves And Hats, Beans and traps, lures, And supplies, DVDs, And On And On! Al I can say is Awesome! Thanks to Al to help out Al's other's.
 How now,
 20 She Viders
 05 Rmi
 40 M's rats

Four years in development. 4,000 miles in testing.

Hunts being auctioned



Messages posted to thread:
ljana **09-Mar-14**
BULELK1 **10-Mar-14**

Bowhunting

Transporting Your Trophy into California
by RW

The Downside Back PGM
by Bjdrish

Quick Archery Mule Deer Hunt - Enjoy It Yourself
by Bjdrish

Big Archery Mule Deer Video
by Bjdrish

Put Your Video Clip Here!

From ljana Date: 09 Mar 14

There are some hunts being auctioned off to raise money for the Montana trappers association to fight the anti trapping bill being introduced this fall.

The bill wants to ban trapping on all public property.

The hunts being offered are on trapperman.com

One fully guided black bear hunt in MN. for two.

One awesome 7 day fully guided mule deer hunt in Wyoming non-resident area G or H-resident area 144-145. There are pictures of harvested animals so one can judge quality.

You will have to become a member to trapperman to view the auctions. It may take a day or to, to go thru as the site owner Paul Dobbins reviews all applications to weed out possible anti's from signing up.

There are a lot of other items being auctioned off as well.

Use weapon of choice.

Also check out the Yukon hunting video 117 minutes long it is awesome.

All monies raised will go to MTA.

Please help fellow outdoorsman fight the enemy.

From BULELK1 Date: 10 Mar 14

BULELK1's Supporting Link

Here is a quick link for ya man.

Good luck, Robb

Reply to thread

Subject: RE: MTA

View this thread and take part in the discussion.

<p>Bowhunting & Archery News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Moultrie's New M-1100i sets the bar again! ➔ Dead Down Wind supports the PY Club ➔ USFWS expected to suspend Elephant Imports ➔ New York budget legalizes Crossbows ➔ CT Legislature passes first hurdle toward Sunday Hunting 	<p>Featured Sponsor</p> <p>BOWHUNTING SAFARI CONSULTANTS Bowhunting Safari Consultants is a booking agency that organizes bowhunting safaris worldwide. Our staff clients and guests to enjoy the hunt and the hunt. We offer a variety of services and packages to suit your needs and budget. We also offer opportunities as trophy and animals for bowhunters.</p> <p>Specializing in Bowhunting Safaris</p>	<p>Advertisement placeholder</p>
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What is this page?

This is a single thread info page for 'Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED' under 'Trapper Talk | Trapperman.com Forums' section on trapperman.com.

It is a snippet summary report that shows the thread statistics about the authors and post activity.

Thread: Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED

Thread Statistics:

Site: trapperman.com - latest threads
 Forum: Trapper Talk | Trapperman.com Forums
 Total authors: 8 authors
 Total thread posts: 10 posts
 Analysis: The sentiment of the discussion is negative. The discussion is quite engaging and quite controversial. It got traction. We find the discussion interesting and original.

Main topic started 1 month ago

Saturday, March 15, 2014, 08:15

Hope we kick butt on the anlis »

Date Terms

Thread Replies

Post 1: Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED | Saturday, March 15, 2014, 08:25

this was really neat to watch...tried bidding but out of my league...great to see this many people come together for a good cause... Andy Im just curious if the total amount raised will be posted? not that the final number matters as much as the willingness of people to help when it matters...just curious. »

beavertrapper77

Post 2: Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED | Saturday, March 15, 2014, 08:27

Boy I got beat up over there the last couple days!:) »

Lewis k

Post 3: Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED | Saturday, March 15, 2014, 08:29

Yea it would be neat to see the total raised. »

Lewis k

Post 4: Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED | Saturday, March 15, 2014, 08:43

I'm sure we will have a total when its all said and done. Judd and wheelers have a lot to do getting all the payment and shipping straightened out. It will total a unbelievable amount i do know that much »

andyweiser

Post 5: Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED | Saturday, March 15, 2014, 09:42

Where's my scope? lol. Rate im spending money here lately I won't be able to afford bullets by the time it gets here! lol. Been the wildest auction I have seen on here through the years, great job everyone! »

Jtrapper

Post 6: Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED | Saturday, March 15, 2014, 09:19

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Jtrapper

Post 7: Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED | Saturday, March 15, 2014, 09:33

Wow Jtrap That is Awesome. Holy snow 2013 catches 9 Skunk 40 muskrats 16 coon 9 mink 18 beaver 2 fisher 1 otter 1 badger 0 weasel 14 coyote 0 Bobcat 7 fox »

birdmaster

Post 8: Montana Trappers association Auction STARTED | Saturday, March 15, 2014, 09:47

We have also received some straight cash donations and a few guys are overpaying for their items We will be bumping right against \$25K by the time this is all said and done. Amazing effort guys! »

Users latest posts:

User Name	Posts
Date Terms	1
J Brooks	1
Jtrapper	2
Lewis k	2
Ms Cal	1
andy weiser	1
beavertrapper77	1
birdmaster	1

Related Threads:

- The passover and our salvation
- Stealth Cam E28 Help
- A must read for Muslim women!
- Butterfly Bush Planting Advice
- Pigeon guys
- Pine Warbler Observers
- The official Stanley Cup trash talkin' thread
- Welders ?
- Best fish for baal
- Checking traps with dirt bike ?

Montana Trappers Association Is Putting the FUN in FUNdraising this Friday!

by angelamontana – Leave a Comment

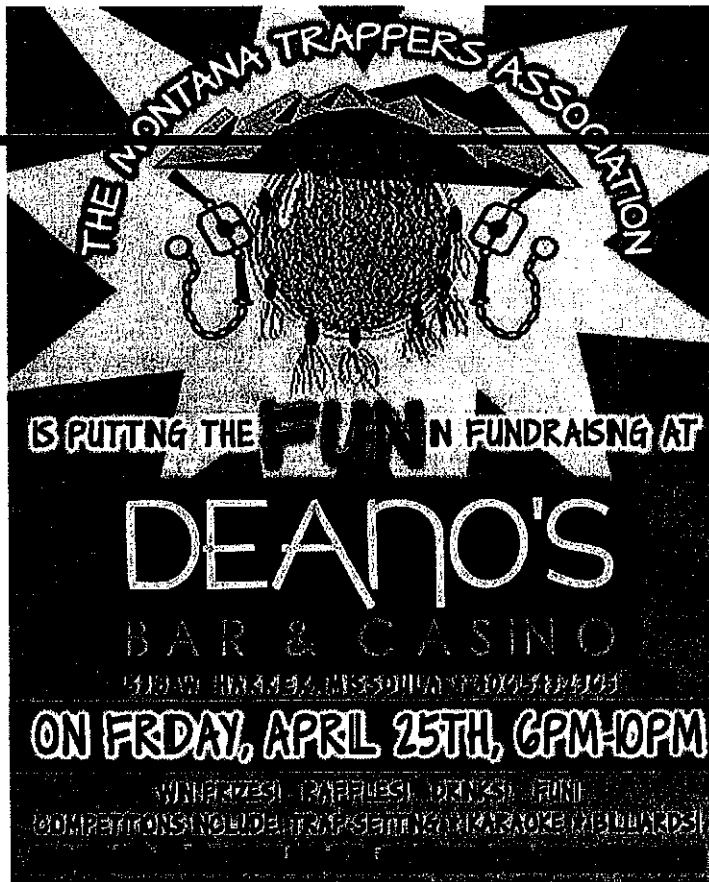
If you will be in the Missoula area this Friday, be sure to pencil in the Montana Trappers Association Education Event into your schedule!

Knowledge IS power, and education is so important for everything you do in life! Join the Montana Trapp Association for an upcoming FUNdraiser at Deano's Casino on Friday, April 25th to benefit trapp education!

Do you think you're fast at setting traps? Show off your skills during the trap-setting competition! Do you think your voice could win a karaoke contest? Sing for a purpose at Deano's on April 25th! Do you fear yourself a pool shark? Then, you definitely want to participate in the pool competition!

Raffles, prizes, fun...and more fun! Be prepared for a whole lot of trapping-themed fun! What a great way to start your weekend! See you at Deano's Casino and Bar at 5318 W. Harrier Street, off of Airway Blvd., near the airport—just off of I-90 at 6:00pm this Friday, April 25th!

For more information on the event, [click here](#), and follow the Montana Trappers Association on Facebook by [clicking here](#).





Montana Trappers Association

April 14

You can help the MTA and Montanans for Effective Wildlife Management defeat I-169 by making a financial donation. For every donation of \$10.00 or more you will be entered to win one of 5 guns. Residents and nonresidents are eligible.

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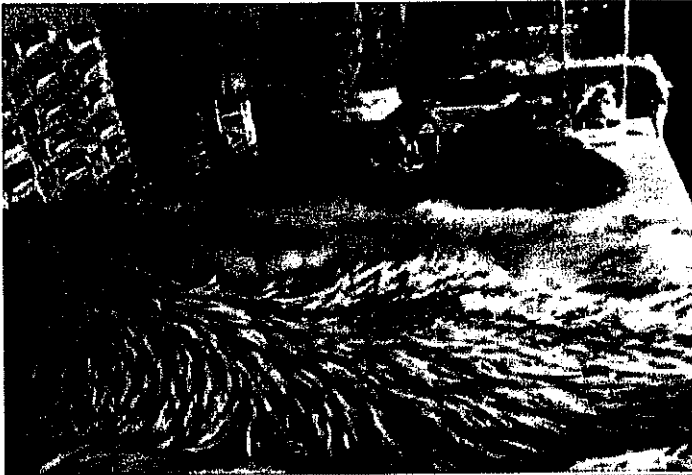
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Montana Trappers Association

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Over 20 people showed up on Friday night's Montana Trappers Association Education Event at Deano's Casino! Thank you to all of you who attended and/or participated in the pool tournament, the trap-setting contest and the karaoke contest, a... See More (11 photos)



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August 7, 2014

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Christoper Justice
PO Box 8884
Missoula, MT. 59807

Subject: Complaint received August 7, 2014; Justice v. Montana Trappers Association/Montanans for Effective Wildlife Management, COPP-2014-CFP-023

Dear Mr. Justice:

Your complaint alleging violation of Montana campaign finance and practices laws appears to conform to the requirements of 44.10.307(2), ARM. A copy of the complaint will be sent to the respondents above.

Because your complaint involves the same respondent and presents issues similar to an earlier complaint (*MTF v. Montana Trappers Association/Montanans for Effective Wildlife Management, COPP-2014-CFP-023*) it is being joined with and assigned the same complaint number as the earlier complaint. Investigation has not yet begun on this matter so there is no prejudice to any party by such action.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Motl", written over a large, stylized loop.

Jonathan R Motl
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Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Christopher Justice
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 8884, Missoula, MT 59807
Phone Numbers: Work 406-274-1069 Home 406-274-1069

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name James Buell, Treasurer, Montanans For Effective Wildlife Management and Treasurer for Montana Trappers Association
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 133, Gildford, MT 59525
Phone Numbers: Work 406-376-3178 Home 406-376-3178

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

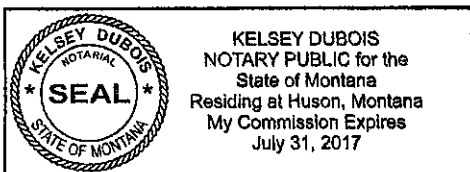
Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Missoula

I, Christopher Justice, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(SEAL)

[Signature]
Signature of Complainant



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of August, 2014.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 31, 2017

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

Below are listed three violations. Following is a list of statutes that apply to all three violations.

1. The Montana Trappers Association's PAC (Political Action Committee) listed many businesses and non-profit organizations as "supporting saying no to I-169." It is illegal for 501(c)(3) nonprofits to support a specific political initiative or candidate. The 501(c)(3) organizations are: Ducks Unlimited, The Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association, The Missoula Food Bank and the Montana Trappers Association, a nonprofit but not a 501(c)(3). The Food Bank wrote a letter immediately upon learning it is listed asking to be removed immediately.

Famous Dave's and Big Sky Brewers responded that they do not support this political cause and had no idea they were listed as supporters. Both asked for their logos to be removed. Other organizations have either not responded or not been contacted yet.

2. Jason Maxwell, Vice President, West, for the Montana Trappers' Association, used materials and a trailer owned by Fish, Wildlife and Parks to raise funds to oppose I-169. FWP spokesman Aasheim wrote in an email that FWP had no knowledge of Maxwell's taking and using their animal mounts, tables, information and trailer at all, much less for political purposes--incredible as that seems.

3. The Montana Trappers Association, a nonprofit, but not a 501(c)(3), has featured on its website that it supports saying no to I-169, a political initiative.

On a separate page please find the statutes violated. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Complaints must be:

- **signed**
- **notarized**
- **delivered in person or by certified mail.**

ARM 44.10.531 (Violation of) REPORTING EXPENDITURES:

ARM 44.10.323 EXPENDITURE - DEFINITION

(1) For the purposes of Title 13, chapters 35 and 37, MCA, and these rules the term "expenditure" as defined in 13-1-101, MCA, includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Each expenditure as listed in 13-37-230, MCA;

(b) Expenses incurred by a candidate or political committee with respect to polls, surveys, and the solicitation of funds;

(c) Expenses incurred in support of or opposition to the drafting, printing, distribution and collection of signatures for any petition for nomination or a statewide ballot issue;

(d) A candidate's own expense, except as provided in 13-1-101(6) (b) (iv) and (10) (b) (ii), MCA;

(e) Payment of interest on a loan or other credit received;

(f) An in-kind expenditure, as defined in (2) of this rule.

(2) The term "in-kind expenditure" means the furnishing of services, property, or rights without charge or at a charge which is less than fair market value to a person, candidate, or political committee for the purpose of supporting or opposing any person, candidate, ballot issue or political committee, except as provided in 13-1-101(6) (a) (iii) and (6) (b) (i), MCA.

MCA 13-35-103. Violations as misdemeanor. A person who knowingly violates a provision of the election laws of this state for which no other penalty is specified is guilty of a misdemeanor.

MCA 45-8-212. Criminal defamation. (1) Defamatory matter is anything that exposes a person or a group, class, or association to hatred, contempt, ridicule, degradation, or disgrace in society or injury to the person's or its business or occupation.

(2) Whoever, with knowledge of its defamatory character, orally, in writing, or by any other means, including by electronic communication, as defined in 45-8-213, communicates any defamatory matter to a third person without the consent of the person defamed commits the offense of criminal defamation and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 6 months in the county jail or a fine of not more than \$500, or both.

(3) Violation of subsection (2) is justified if:

(a) the defamatory matter is true;

(b) the communication is absolutely privileged;

(c) the communication consists of fair comment made in good faith with respect to persons participating in matters of public concern;

(d) the communication consists of a fair and true report or a fair summary of any judicial, legislative, or other public or official proceedings; or

(e) the communication is between persons each having an interest or duty with respect to the subject matter of the communication and is made with the purpose to further the interest or duty.

MCA 13-35-204. Official misconduct. A person charged with performance of any duty under the provisions of the election laws of this state is guilty of official misconduct and is punishable as provided in 45-7-401 whenever the person:

- (1) knowingly neglects or refuses to perform that duty; or
- (2) knowingly and fraudulently acts, in the person's official capacity, in contravention or violation of any provision of the election laws.

MCA 45-7-208. Tampering with public records or information. (1) A person commits the offense of tampering with public records or information if the person:

(a) knowingly makes a false entry in or false alteration of any record, document, legislative bill or enactment, or thing belonging to or received, issued, or kept by the government for information or record or required by law to be kept by others for information of the government;

(b) makes, presents, or uses any record, document, or thing knowing it to be false and with purpose that it be taken as a genuine part of information or records referred to in subsection (1)(a);

(c) purposely destroys, conceals, removes, or otherwise impairs the verity or availability of a record, document, or thing; or

(d) purposely or knowingly misrepresents the person's identity or the use for which personal information is sought in order to obtain personal information from a motor vehicle record under 61-11-507, 61-11-508, or 61-11-509.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of tampering with public records or information shall be imprisoned in the state prison for a term not to exceed 10 years or be fined an amount not to exceed \$50,000, or both.



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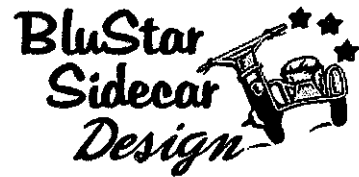
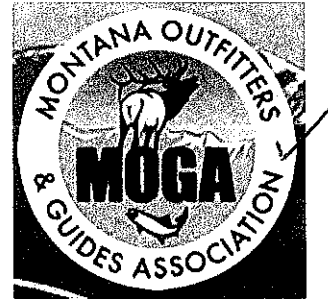
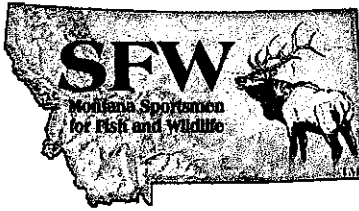
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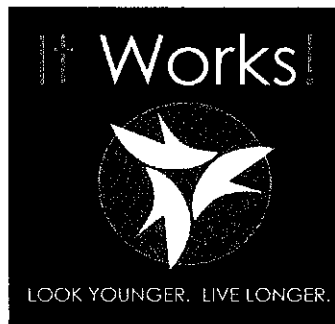
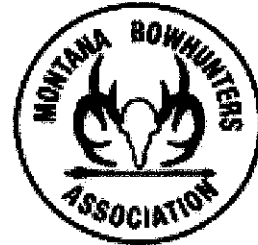
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FWP: Trappers did not have permission to use state equipment to oppose ballot initiative

Posted: 07 Jul 2014 07:42 AM PDT

This morning a spokesperson for the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks clarified that, as I had suspected in an earlier post, the trappers did not have permission to use state equipment to oppose I-169, a ballot initiative to ban the inhumane and unnecessary practice of trapping.

Here's the email from the FWP clarifying their position:

----- Forwarded message ----- From: Aasheim, Ron <raasheim@mt.gov> Date: Monday, July 7, 2014 Subject: Seeking clarification on FWP position on trappers using FWP trailer to campaign against a ballot measure To: "mntnacowgirl@gmail.com" <mntnacowgirl@gmail.com> Cc: "Toby Walrath (wildpride13@yahoo.com)" <wildpride13@yahoo.com>

Received your note requesting clarification on the MTA using the FWP furbearer display in their campaign against I 169.

We did not authorize the use of the trailer in conjunction with MTA efforts associated with I 169. We understand and respect the state statute that prohibits a public officer or employee from taking a position on a ballot issue.

In the way of background the educational furbearer displays were purchased with federal dollars that were matched by in kind contributions from the Montana Trappers Association in the mid 1990s. Since then we have made the displays and associated trailer available for a number of events over the years including, in many cases, educational events of the Montana Trappers Association.

We were not aware that the MTA was using the displays in conjunction with their efforts associated with I 169 nor were any FWP staff involved in any way. When we learned of the use we immediately called MTA President, Toby Walrath, and

asked that they not display the trailer in a way that made it appear FWP was a part of their efforts regarding I 169 which we were not. Toby immediately agreed to our request and gave his membership that direction.

MONTANA COWGIRL

<http://mtcowgirl.com/2014/07/02/despicable/>

Posted: July 2, 2014 at 7:47 am

DESPICABLE

It's difficult to believe that the needless maiming and suffering inflicted on animals through the practice of trapping is still legal.

The American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, the National Animal Control Association, and the World Veterinary Organization all have declared leghold traps to be inhumane. Animals, including pets, that get caught in leg hold traps can suffer for days. They have also been known to chew their legs off to try to get free from the trap after suffering, alive, in the trap for days.

But the Montana Trappers Association and their sidekick, the Orwellianly-named "Montanans for Effective Wildlife Management," aren't just promoting the cruel and completely unnecessary practice of trapping animals—they also appear to be using some pretty despicable tactics to keep trapping legal.

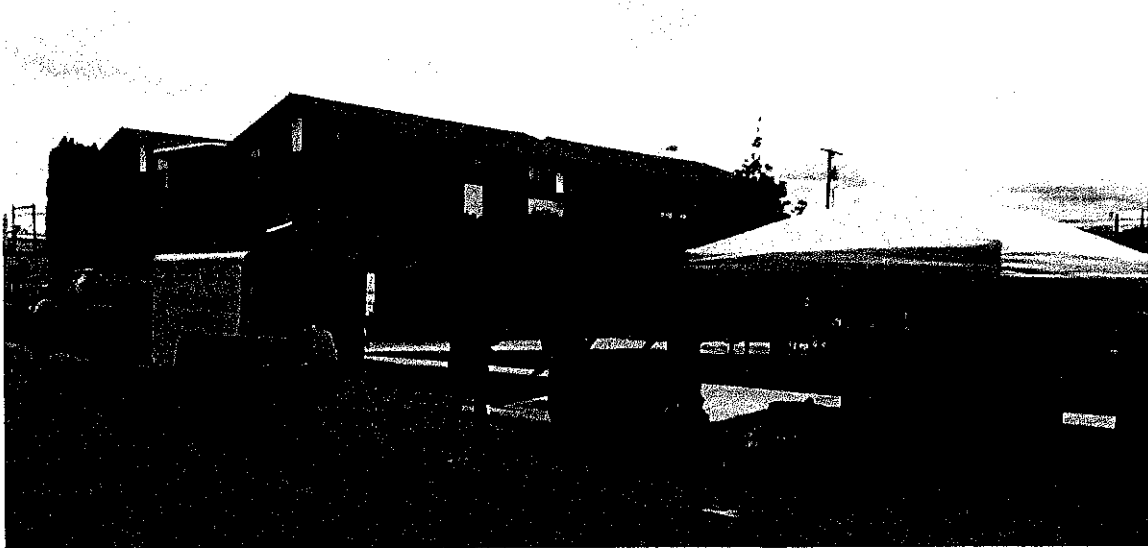
In fact, the two pro-trapping organizations are now

under investigation for alleged multiple violations of campaign finance and financial reporting. According to a complaint filed with the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices, the trappers held a big auction to raise money they said would be used to oppose the trapping ban. Yet a review of the organizations' filings with OPP shows that they never reported the \$25,000 in profits they claimed to have earned from the auction—in any of their PAC or incidental committee reports.

Then there are these photos, which appear to show MT Trappers Association Vice President Jason Maxwell using a FWP trailer and booth to display its materials and banner—their banner opposing the trapping ban initiative I-169. If this turns out to be the case, allowing the use of state resources in this manner this may be a violation of state ethics and political activity laws, because state agencies and public resources are not allowed to campaign to support or oppose ballot initiatives.



 This June 14, 2014 photo appears to show MT Trappers Association Vice President Maxwell (orange t-shirt) unloading his equipment from the FWP trailer prior to the Hamilton Farmer's Market.



 Here's another shot that appears to show Maxwell unloading his booth equipment from the FWP trailer.



 And this photo appears to show Jason Maxwell in the finished booth, which boldly displays the "Vote NO on 1-169" message state agencies are prohibited from delivering. Photo taken June 14, 2014 in Hamilton, MT at the Farmer's Market.

~~Mr. Maxwell did not respond to a request for comment.~~ Mr. Maxwell has responded in the comments, you can read his statement on this matter here. Perhaps someone from the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks will weigh in here on whether he had their permission to use state resources to campaign against I-169, which seems doubtful.

The Montana Trappers' Association's Political Action Committee and the Montanans for Efficient Wildlife Management has also claimed that the Missoula Food Bank is a supporter of their effort to keep a ban on

trapping off the ballot—without the food bank’s knowledge or permission.

In fact, a spokesperson for the Missoula Food Bank has asked that any reference to the food bank be immediately removed from any of the trappers’ materials. In a letter to the Montana Trappers Association’s leadership (pasted below the fold), the MT Food Bank Network stated that the organization was listed without it’s knowledge and is not a supporter the campaign against I-169—indeed the Food Bank states that as a 501 c-3 and not a political action committee or incidental ballot committee they cannot oppose the trapping ban. You can see the Missoula Foodbank clearly listed as a supporter on this flyer: [Montanans for Effective Wildlife Management – SUPPORTERS](#)

One wonders if the other organizations listed year, including several other 501c-3s, are aware that their organizations are being used in this manner. Again, because 501 c-3s are not permitted to oppose or support ballot initiatives, it’s not likely that they’ve actually joined the trappers in opposing 1-169. Cowgirl tipsters also report that Big Sky Brewery’s co-owner Neal Leathers reportedly had no idea about this and had never even heard of this bunch.

You can read the Missoula Food Bank’s letter asking that they be removed from the list of supporters below.

From: Jessica Allred**Sent:** Tuesday, July 01, 2014
10:26 AM**To:** 'VPWest@montanatrappers.org';
'PastPresident@montanatrappers.org';
'President@montanatrappers.org';
'info@montanatrappers.org'**Cc:** Cynthia
Lotty**Subject:** Missoula Food Bank listed on
website**Importance:** High

To Whom it May Concern:

It has come to our attention that Missoula Food Bank has been listed as a supporter of voting "No on I-169".

As a nonpartisan, 501 (c)3, we do not affiliate with any political campaigns, ballot initiatives or other politically-charged issues without deliberate action and vote by our board of directors. The issue of I-169 is outside of our mission, and would not be an issue that Missoula Food Bank's board would consider supporting or opposing.

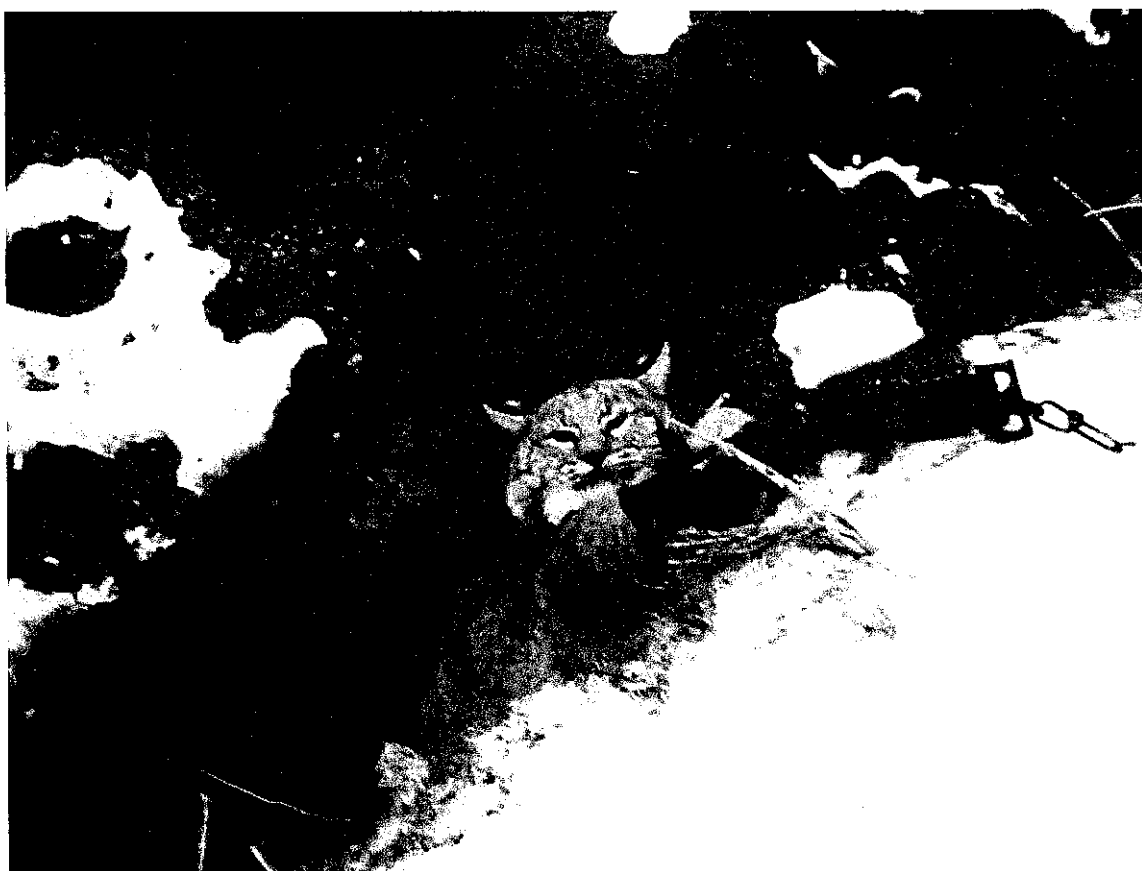
We are asking that we be removed immediately from any information, online postings, print materials and other information you are producing, asking you to understand the risk at which it puts our organization that is serving 1 in 7 Missoulians. We rely on and appreciate the support of many diverse organizations and groups. So thank you for your support, but kindly,

please remove us as a listed “supporting” organization
– as this was done without our knowledge or
authorization.

Jessica Allred **Community Relations**
Director **Missoula Food Bank – We Nourish**
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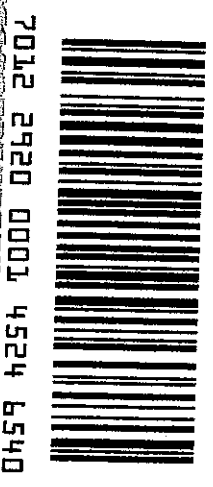


- . JULY 3, 2014 - 1:19 PM [Jan Thomas](#) I wonder how many days this living creature suffered like this.... Reply
 - JULY 3, 2014 - 5:54 PM [Rocky Missouri](#) What a beautiful creature.. What harm did it cause in the world, to deserve this...? IMO man is the worst creature on earth.. It certainly isn't the animals. Reply
- . JULY 3, 2014 - 2:01 PM [Toby L Walrath](#) On behalf of the Montana Trappers Association I would like to state that the information provided by this blog post is filled with erroneous information and shows a complete lack of fact checking. There was a false complaint filed by KC York, however in 2010 KC York's organization was found guilty of violating

EXACTLY LIKE THIS that speak more clearly than ANY WORDS.[Reply](#)

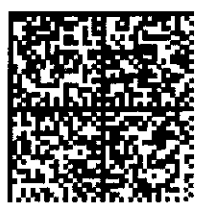
JULY 4, 2014 - 1:06 PM [Kristil](#) wonder why MTA doesn't post pics of what trapping really is about? No photos of animals caught, bashing them in the head or elsewhere, gutting, skinning....don't they want the public to see what they do? Couldn't they defend themselves better if they showed what they actually do? Or...would the public be (more) against them and their intimidation tactics, childish manners if MTA really showed what they do? Hmmm....[Reply](#)

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