

2015 Accomplishments for taxes

Kerry:

Jan. 5: Sworn in as Representative Montana House District 64 and served 90 days in the legislature. Patty represented me at the CBU meetings.

Feb 4th CBU meeting

March 4th CBU meeting

April 1st CBU meeting

Home from legislature on April 28th

May 2, CBU Banquet

May 14th: Left for Baker City to meet with commissioners and members of FAFA. Attended the FAFA annual Banquet on May 16th.

May 30th attended the GCC meeting

June 3 and 4: attended the EQC as a legislator. The EQC has oversight of DNRC, DEQ, and FWP

June 19-21: Attended the CTVA fun run as a representative of CBU. Gave presentation to over 1 hundred participants on the work of CBU

June 24: attended the GCC meeting in Big Sky

June 26-27: Travelled to Helena to meet with FWP

July 12-August 2: Travelled 8 western states talking to people about CBU and the issues facing the west. Found small communities suffering from lost jobs due to restrictions on resource development. Timber and mining jobs lost. Boarded up main street businesses and depressed economic conditions all across the west. Visited with residents about their communities and heard many, many stories of how our federal land management agencies have restricted and regulated businesses out of existence. Once thriving economies are now struggling to survive as their infrastructure is crumbling, roads in disrepair, emergency services lost, school enrollment down, kids moving away to find jobs, medical services mostly gone, homes needing paint and repair, etc. It was truly sad to see these places so depressed and talk with the people wanting their town to survive but not knowing what the future will bring.

August 4: Attended bison meeting in Bozeman to discuss free roaming bison coming out of Yellowstone Park putting at risk our cattle industry and highway safety. Spoke in opposition to allowing uncontrolled, diseased bison coming out of the Park.

August 5: Attended the new Custer Gallatin Working Group as a member representing CBU under the multiple use position on this collaborative.

August 7: Attended the UPOM conference in Billings as a representative of CBU. United Property Owners of Montana represent land owners and private property rights. CBU supports their efforts.

August 10: Attended the FWP meeting in Bozeman representing CBU. This meeting was held to release the new FWP Vision Forward.

August 11th: Attended the NOHVCC meeting in Butte to discuss future travel planning for BLM.

August 12: Attended the Custer Gallatin Working Group meeting in Bozeman.

August 13-14: Attended the second meeting of NOHVCC in Billings to further discuss the BLM travel planning and OHV opportunities.

August 19th: Attended the Helena National Forest objection meeting in Helena representing CBU and our objection to the closures in the Divide Travel Plan.

September 30-Oct. 2: Attended the American Lands Council annual conference in Salt Lake City representing CBU

Oct. 7: CBU meeting

Oct. 14: Attended the Custer Gallatin Working Group representing CBU

November 18: Attended the Custer Gallatin Working Group as a representative of CBU.

Nov. 23: On Voices of Montana discussing free roaming Bison coming out of Yellowstone Park.

I spent time during the year communicating with our members on their issues. I wrote several letters to our congressional leaders and submitted many comments on government actions. (Forest Plans, BLM and forest travel planning, objections to flawed decisions, etc.)