

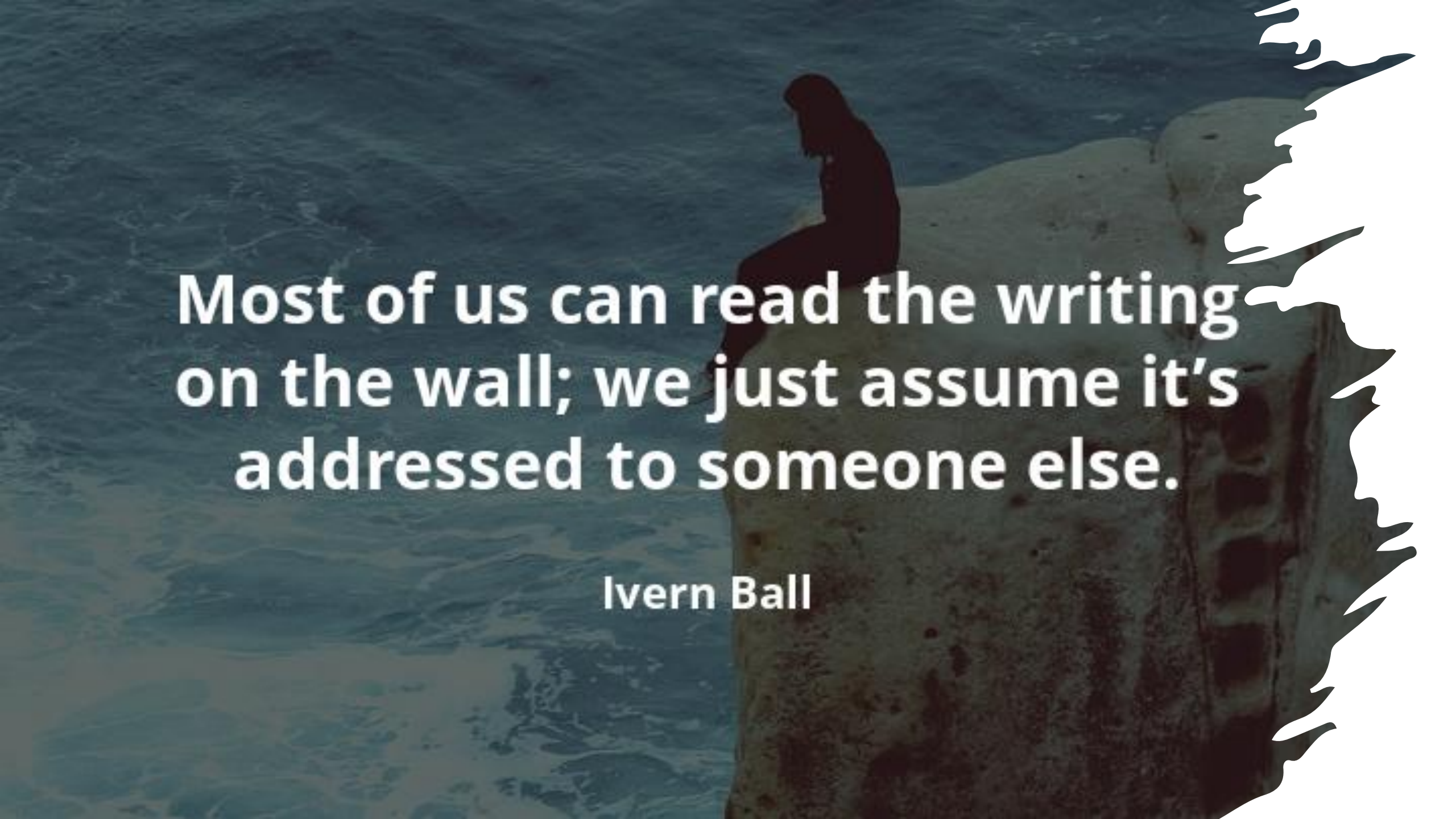
Most of us can read the writing on the wall; we just assume it's addressed to someone else.
Ivern Ball


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2021 Legislative Priorities




AWARENESS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES

A.


MACD
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conserving the 406

B.


LIVE STREAMING
Montana Style
MACD
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C.


Agriculture,
it's in our nature
MACD
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D.


Conservation is what we do.
BANK ON IT
MACD
Locally Led, Commonsense Conservation

E.


MACD
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Conserving
our common ground.

F.


We are
OUTSTANDING
in our field
MACD
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VOTE



2023 Conservation Districts Awareness Day at the Rotunda

2023 Session Outcome

House Bill 321 Passes in the final hours of the 2023 Legislative Session

- Over the next 5-6 years, HB 321 creates and fills a $100 million Conservation District Fund within the constitutional Coal Tax Trust,
- And retain the 3.71% on the spendable side of coal severance funding.

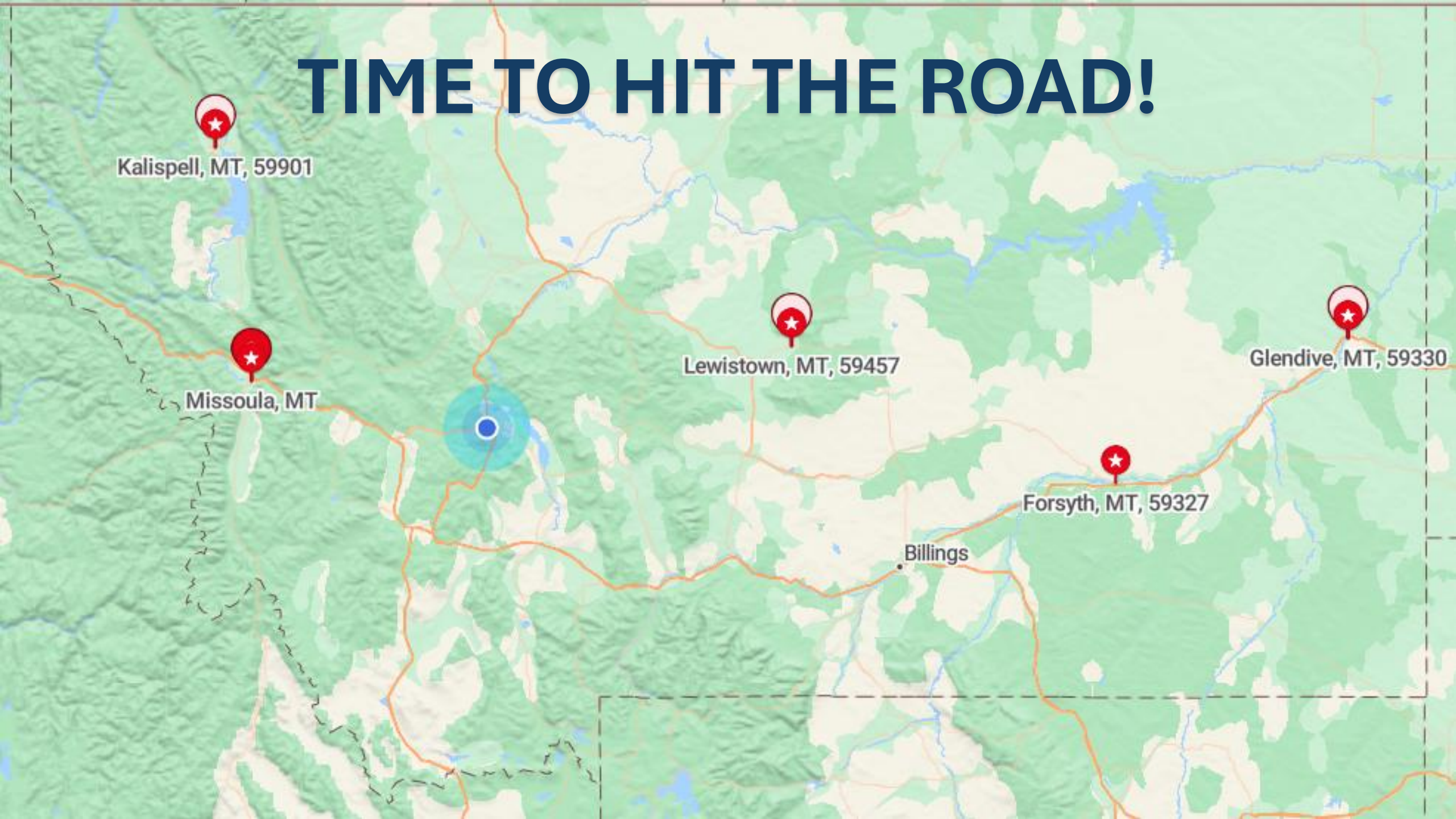
AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE COAL TAX TRUST; ESTABLISHING A CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND AND A COAL BOARD FUND WITHIN THE COAL TAX TRUST; ALLOCATING COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUNDS TO THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND AND THE COAL BOARD FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF COAL SEVERANCE TAXES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS; TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SCHOOL FACILITY FUN PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703 AND 90-6-1001, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

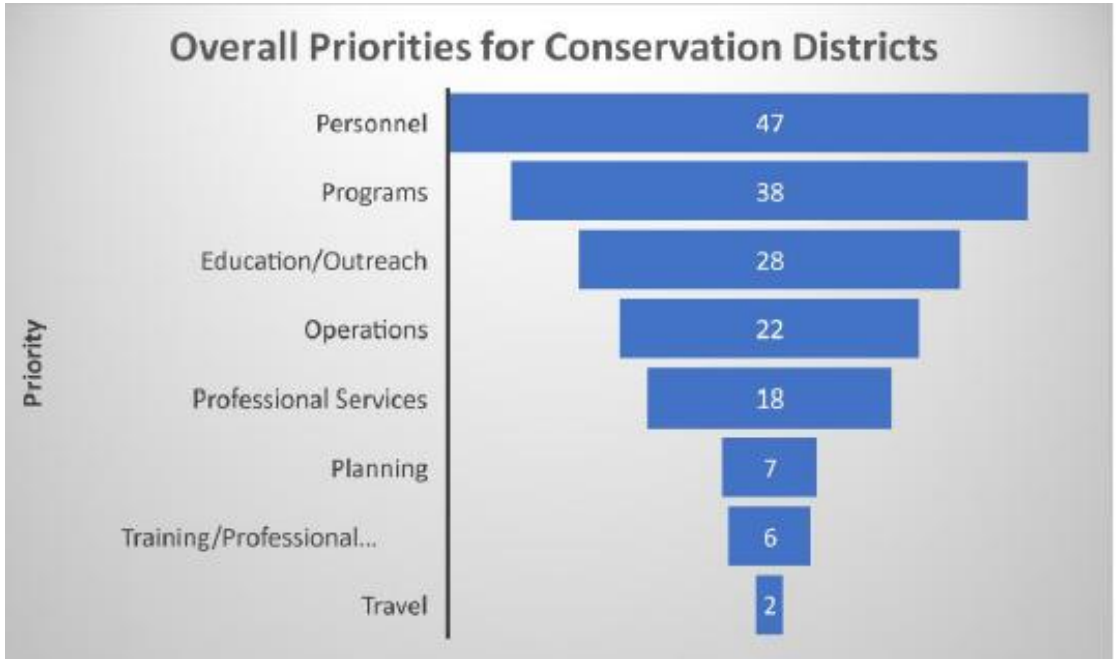
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 17-5-703, MCA, is amended to read:

"**17-5-703. (Temporary) Coal severance tax trust funds.** (1) The trust established under Article section 5, of the Montana constitution is composed of the following funds:

TIME TO HIT THE ROAD!




Overall Priorities for Conservation Districts
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Planning
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Training/Professional...
6
Travel
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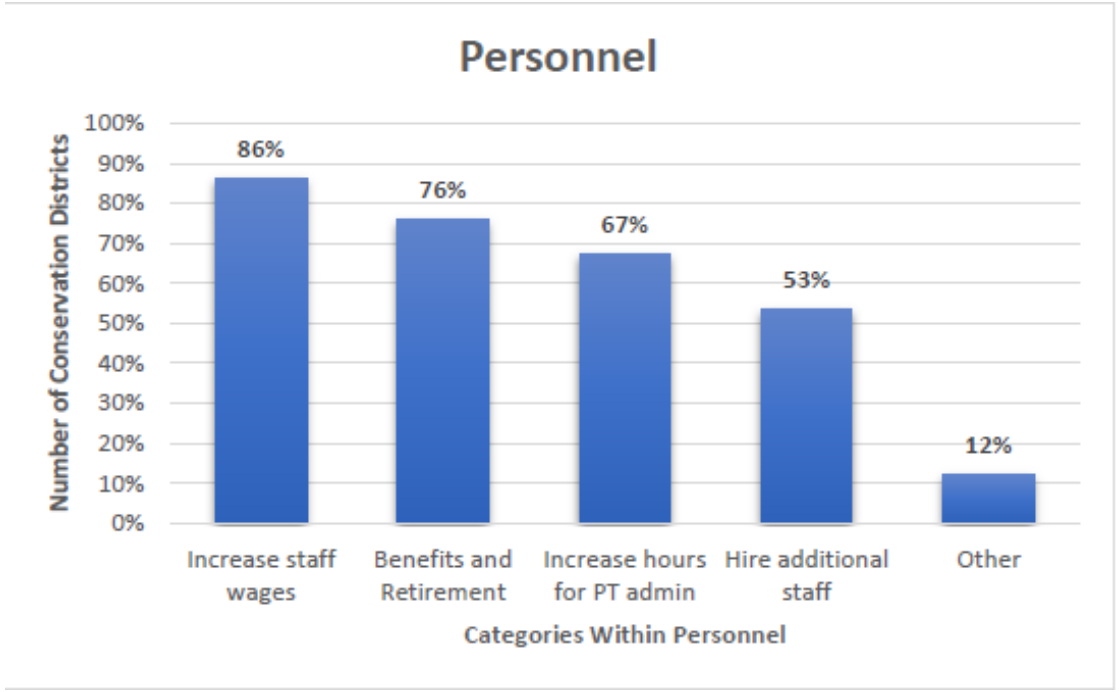
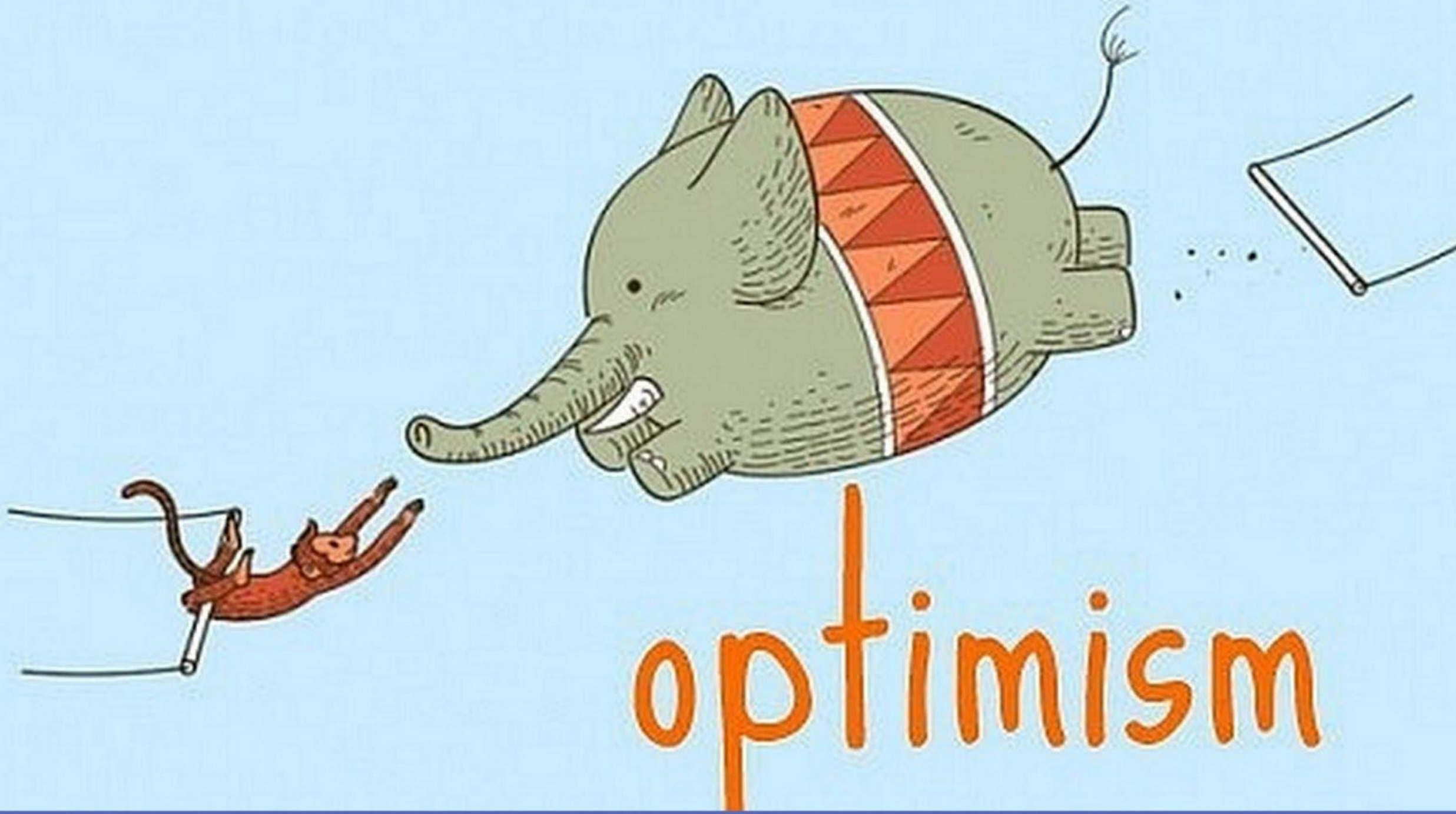

Personnel
Number of Conservation Districts
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
86%
76%
67%
53%
12%
Increase staff wages
Benefits and Retirement
Increase hours for PT admin
Hire additional staff
Other
Categories Within Personnel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Thank You!

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