Stories for Action

Stories that connect place.
Communities that shape their future.

Stories for Action is a Montana-based entity that works to spark positive connections and actions through short films, podcasts, and story workshops. When it comes to both conservation & community development, we know the people who are local to a place are best equipped to lead efforts on the ground. Local people understand the unique complexities of their place and will naturally design programs that are lasting and have multiple benefits. Therefore, we dedicate our work to uplifting and expanding locally-led and collaborative approaches that benefit the well-being of Montana communities and the landscapes they call home.

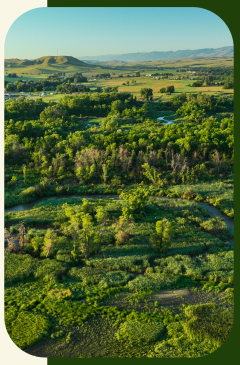
WHY THIS WORK MATTERS

Across Montana, as pressures to rural communities & landscapes increase, community leaders, ranchers & farmers, non-profits, & more are finding creative ways to respond. These are the initiatives that we aim to amplify through storytelling; creating pride & motivation for those featured, and a cross-pollination of ideas for others. At a time of growing isolation & polarization, stories can build **understanding across differences** & strengthen local relationships. Connected communities are more resilient in the face of challenges. And people are more likely to care for the places they understand. Therefore, the work of **sharing story inspires more impactful, lasting stewardship**.

We invite you to help us expand this impact through two distinct projects united by a shared mission.

Life in the Land

In-depth films that inspire & educate



This series of 6 documentary films, released from 2022-2024, elevates voices from rural Montana, highlighting collaborative & locally-led approaches to conservation & community development. These films are available for FREE for communities, organizations, & classrooms; to inform & inspire locally-led stewardship, and prompt dialogue & action for improved conservation.

- **950,000+** views online.
- **149+ in-person screenings** across the US & in more than 18 countries.
- **Utilized in 60+** high schools & universities with our FREE Lesson Plan.
- View the project at **www.LifeintheLand.org**

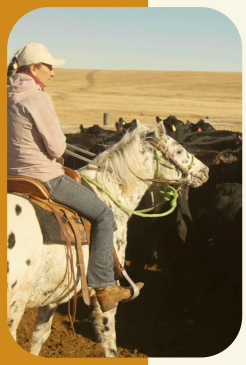
Shared Purpose

Authentic stories that connect people, strengthen communities, & inspire action for a more resilient Montana.

Short Community Videos

Timely stories that reach broad audiences

An upcoming series of short, accessible videos that highlight community-led initiatives in rural communities. This format, ideal for social media, will allow us to share more stories at a quicker pace.



- **Expanded Reach** - This format will bring new audiences into these conversations.
- **Flexible funding** allows us to feature local initiatives as they arise.
- **Featured entities** can also use the videos for their own outreach.

Connected, resilient communities.

Conservation with multi-benefits that last.

Shared solutions & understanding.

Deeper relationships across Montana.

Two opportunities to support the storytelling that **strengthens** locally-led, collaborative conservation and rural community development.

Life in the Land

IN-DEPTH FILMS THAT INSPIRE & EDUCATE

Since launching these films in 2022, we have heard responses from across Montana, and the world, from people saying these films made them feel empowered to continue their work, sparked new ideas to try in their own places, or made them think about conservation in new ways.

Help us keep a trusted storytelling and learning resource available to everyone.
Funding allows the films, lesson plans, and the website with resources to continue being offered for FREE for the next **two years**, and supports continued outreach to help bring these stories to more communities and classrooms.

Project funding goal: $10,000

Short Community Videos

TIMELY STORIES THAT REACH BROAD AUDIENCES

Producing a traditional short documentary can require months of fundraising and roughly a year of production. This initiative creates a more nimble model: with funding ready, Stories for Action can highlight local efforts as they emerge.
In 2027, we aim to highlight 2-3 rural communities engaged in locally-led efforts and produce a series of 1–5 minute videos for social media platforms. Additionally, this is valuable for the grassroots efforts that we will feature, as they can utilize the content for their own outreach and impact.

Project funding goal: $9,000

Total fundraising goal for 2027: $19,000

You can support either effort or help advance the shared mission.
We have raised $3,800 so far towards our goal.



"The content and the dialogue that it sparks, reminds us that no matter what happens on the political stage, we are all integrated into these ecosystems together."

"Our largely urban lifestyles have removed people from having connections with, & knowledge about, the land. Rather than hearing from me as the instructor, I want my students to hear from the people living in the land – that is far more powerful."



JOIN US IN THIS WORK

As a supporter, you or your entity will be recognized on the Life in the Land website, through Stories for Action's social media, and at sponsored screenings and workshops. Any amount is so greatly appreciated.

At a time of growing isolation and polarization, investing in storytelling helps to inspire greater care and collective action for the places we call home. Storytelling is not the "fluff" of conservation and community development —it is the catalyst for building the trust and human connection that make meaningful actions possible.

Stories for Action
Spark connection. Inspire engagement.

Support can be made through our 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor at
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