

Conservatives Caught Off Guard Again. . .

Political Drama Continues

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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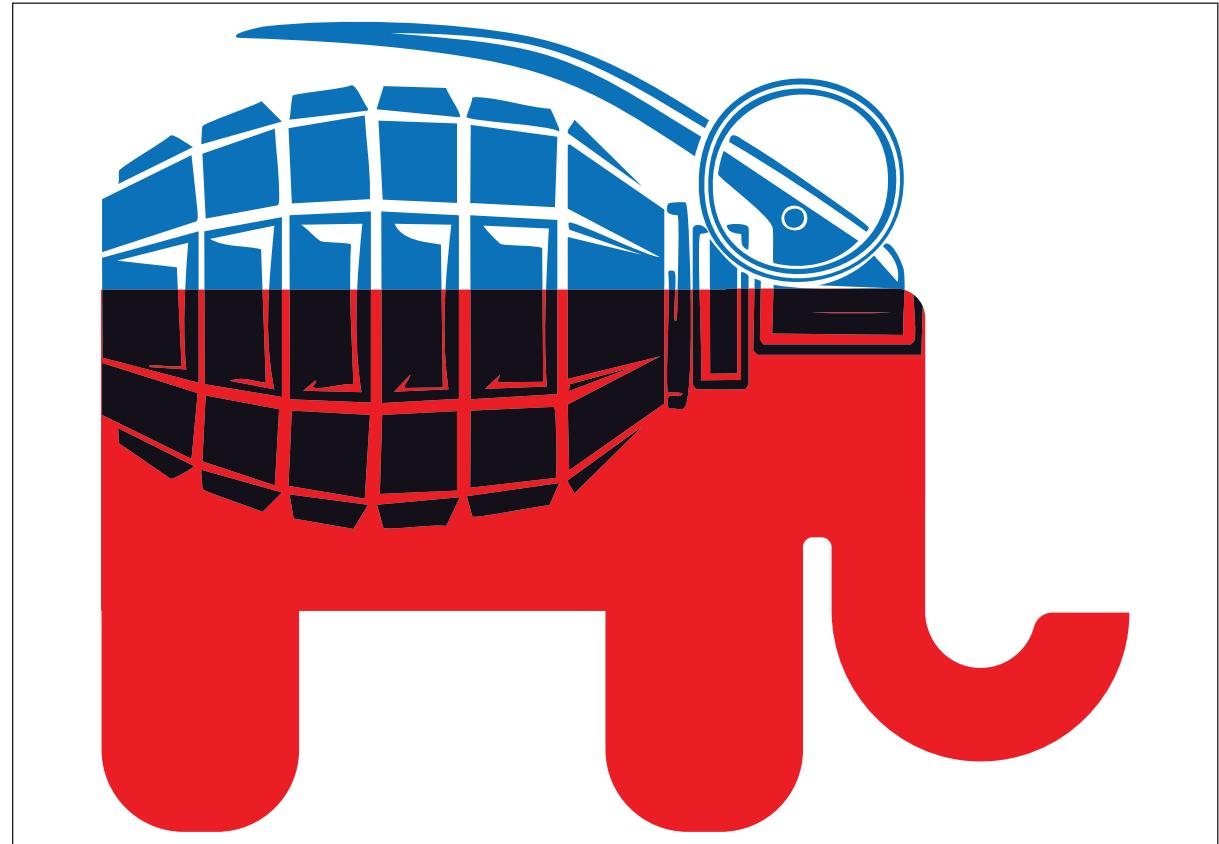
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In March of 2016, when Greg Gianforte announced his candidacy to unseat the hapless Steve Bullock's 2nd term, Democrats told us that Gianforte hated Montana sportsmen and wanted to close down their access to Montana's resources.

You see, Gianforte had purchased property on the East Fork of the Gallatin River. It was on a riverbend and he shared ownership of that riverbend with Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP), which had not yet developed the property for a Fishing Access Site (FAS).

After Gianforte built his home, FWP then developed the FAS, but instead of using their deeded easement to access the FAS from the county road, the contractor used Gianforte's driveway instead. Gianforte called the Region 3 FWP headquarters and asked that FWP please use their deeded easement instead of his driveway. That call was ignored. Gianforte then wrote a letter to the FWP headquarters in Bozeman and that letter was ignored as well. Gianforte then wrote a letter to the state FWP office in Helena and that letter was, well, you guessed it, ignored.

Gianforte then hired a lawyer, Art Wittich, to represent him in a lawsuit against FWP to force FWP to use the FWP easement and stop using the Gianforte driveway, which by now, was being traversed by the sportsmen of Gallatin County. FWP Director, Jeff Hagener, upon learning of the lawsuit inquired about the matter and quickly rectified the problem by directing the Region 3 Supervisor to construct a road on the FWP FAS easement from the county road to the Fishing Access Site. The road was completed as directed and Gianforte allowed the lawsuit to expire unanswered because the problem was thus cured.



Gianforte failed to address the accusations of blocking sportsmen's access to the river and his 2016 Governor campaign failed miserably because he had been framed as a rich millionaire stomping on the rights of Montana citizens.

Fast forward to 2024. Greg Gianforte as an incumbent Governor, uncharacteristically inserts himself into every legislative Republican primary and endorses the RINO in every instance. Montana voters accede to his endorsements and the most conservative members of the legislature are turfed out.

When it came time to elect the President of the Montana Senate, who do you suppose those RINO senators voted for?

Pat Flowers.

And what did Pat Flowers do before he retired?

He was the FWP Region 3 Supervisor that illegally used his neighbor's road to create a public Fishing Access Site on the banks of the East Fork of the Gallatin River, and forced that man, Greg Gianforte, to sue the State of Montana to get his road back. A lawsuit that cost him the Governor's race. 

Proverbs 1:31: So you will get what you deserve; you will get what you planned for others.