Conservatives of Montana Senate District 9

Choose Limited Government Over Two Decades of Spending Growth – Vote Zack Wirth

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Primary Election Day is June 2, 2026. Early in-person voting begins May 6. In the Republican primary for State Senate District 9, voters have a clear choice between a principled conservative with a proven record of fiscal restraint and a longtime legislator who has controlled the appropriations process for years.

Rep. Zack Wirth of Wolf Creek is a rancher and lifelong Montanan committed to reducing government overreach, protecting taxpayers, and upholding rural values. His voting record shows consistent support for limited government and spending discipline.

Here are the key facts on why Zack Wirth is the stronger choice:

Strong alignment with Republican principles. Zack Wirth holds a 94% rating on the Legislator Loyalty Index (LegiStat) for voting in line with core Republican values. He has aligned with the Montana Freedom Caucus in opposing excessive budget growth and has voted against major spending increases, including the 2025 HB 2 General Appropriations Act that raised the biennial budget by 6% to $16.6 billion. His positions prioritize fiscal restraint and keeping government within its means.

Focus on genuine property tax relief. Wirth supports straightforward tax cuts that put money back in the pockets of Montana families, seniors, farmers, and small businesses. He has advocated for reforms that deliver real relief without shifting burdens onto property owners.

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Endorsed by Americans for Prosperity-Montana. AFP-Montana has endorsed Zack Wirth for his commitment to limiting government growth, advancing economic freedom, and promoting policies that deliver long-term prosperity for Montana families.

In contrast, Rep. Llew Jones of Conrad has served in the Montana Legislature since 2005—more than two decades—by switching between the House and Senate to circumvent the term limits Montana voters approved in 1992. As Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he has directed the state's budget process, overseeing significant spending increases and controversial measures such as HB 231 in 2025. That bill drew sharp criticism from the Montana Republican Party, which labeled its promoters the "Nasty Nine" for what it called a "terrible and unnecessary property tax shift" that raised taxes on seniors, family cabins, businesses, and agricultural land despite a $2 billion surplus. Other Republican legislators have even filed a lawsuit alleging the process misled the public and altered the original intent of property tax relief legislation.

Zack Wirth offers a fresh, principled alternative rooted in faith, family, honesty, and common sense. He fights for accountability, protects Montana's land and rural communities, and puts taxpayers first instead of expanding government programs.

District 9 voters—this primary is your opportunity to support a legislator whose record matches the conservative principles of limited government, lower taxes, and fiscal responsibility.

Vote Zack Wirth for Montana State Senate on June 2. Early voting is open now through May 30. Your vote will help send strong, principled leadership to Helena.

Montanans, if you want government to stay out of your wallet, you need to show up and vote on June 2 for Zack Wirth. Our state's future depends on leaders who deliver real fiscal responsibility, protect hardworking families, and respect the will of the people. Zack Wirth has earned our trust — he's worth it. Let's make it happen on June 2.