

Goals of Save Scenic Jefferson Valley Coalition

Save Scenic Jefferson Valley Coalition is organizing to protect for future generations the scenic and open character of the land and landscape that defines the Jefferson Valley, Boulder Valley, and greater Whitehall.

1. Regarding the proposed **Mountain States Transmission Intertie (MSTI)**, the SSJVC seeks to ensure that our Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and federal agencies (BLM and Forest Service) apply the law justly to our community.
 - a. We object to the use of undesignated, unimpacted, private land when there is a designated, impacted, public land corridor available for use by MSTI. SSJVC believes that taxpayer-funded policy and planning that has already been done by Forest Service, BLM, and state government must not be ignored.
 - b. Our community's taxpayer contributions (whether to "stimulus money" or other government funding) should not be used to degrade our landscape and harm our community. Neither should our ratepayer contributions to NorthWestern be used in this way.
 - c. Citizens of the Jefferson Valley demand honesty and transparency about the true transmission purpose of the MSTI, actual expected property tax revenues, and the prospective owner of MSTI from NorthWestern as well as the DEQ and BLM.
 - d. We demand a thorough process of community involvement which is not rushed.
2. Regarding Montana's and America's **clean energy future**, Save Scenic Jefferson Valley Coalition demands transparency and fairness for Montana's citizens and utility ratepayers.
 - a. We do not oppose "clean" energy or exportation of Montana's "clean" energy resources; but, Montana communities and ratepayers must be treated fairly.
 - b. Stewardship of Montana's scenic open landscape must receive "green" equity.
 - c. We support creative thinking and consideration of previously excluded options (such as DC transmission, burial of lines, distributed generation) to meet America's renewable energy needs.
 - d. We oppose disguising old energy practices as "clean" practices.
3. Regarding **other proposed MSTI routes**, Save Scenic Jefferson Valley Coalition is in solidarity with property owners and communities along other proposed routes in resisting the transfer of scenic and other natural resources from property owners and the public to corporations.