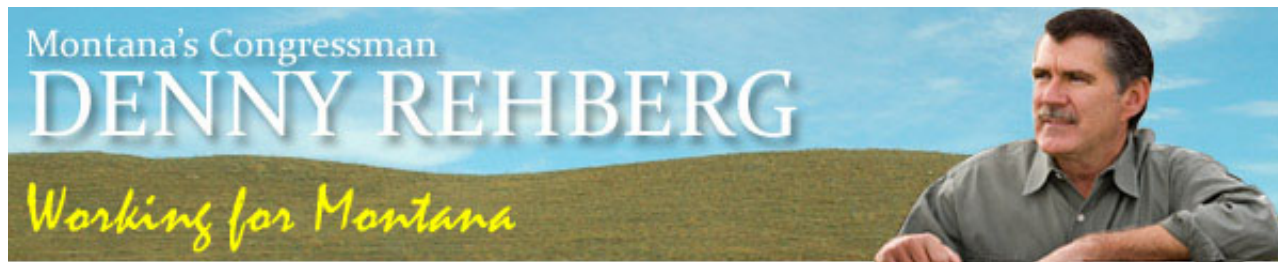


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*"Don't be fooled by what you hear in the media or on TV. My official record in Congress is being falsely reported to Montanans. It's time to get the facts, and set the record straight. As a sportsman myself, I strongly support public access for hunting and fishing." - Rep. Denny Rehberg*

Doing what's best for  
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**Setting the Record Straight, the facts about H.R. 1505, The National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act**

**FACT: Protects Montana Families**

Current law grants the Border Patrol access to the border on state and private lands, but not on federal lands, where agents must first seek permission from federal bureaucrats. When that permission is denied or delayed, portions of our border become safe havens for drug and human smugglers, illegal immigrants and even terrorists. H.R. 1505 gives the Border Patrol the access it needs on federal lands—and only on federal lands—to keep Montana's families and communities safe.

**FACT: Improves Access for Hunting and Fishing**

Have you ever found the road to your favorite fishing hole or hunting grounds closed off? Federal land managers have been closing roads across Montana, restricting public access. H.R. 1505 empowers the Border Patrol to re-open these roads, thereby restoring access for hunting, fishing and hiking.

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**WHAT ARE THE EXPERTS SAYING ABOUT H.R. 1505?**

*"The Border Patrol must have access to the actual border in order to patrol the border and make it secure. H.R. 1505 was proposed because Departments of Interior and Agriculture have been intentionally shutting off unfettered Border Patrol access to the physical border. When these agencies lock out the Border Patrol they are also locking out the outdoor recreational users and commercial users of the same federal public lands. Talk about a land grab? The bill gives the Border Patrol—and the public—the access it needs."*

**–Zack Taylor, National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers**

Zack Taylor with the The National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers stands at a closed public road in the Yaak River area near Libby, Montana. The road is not only gated, but also blocked by large boulders, preventing anyone from using the road for hunting, fishing or hiking.



This legislation also prevents the Border Patrol from doing anything that restricts recreational access, grazing rights, or economic activity on public lands.

**FACT: Improves Montana's Environment**

Drug cartels and human traffickers simply do not respect the environment. Current law gives these criminal elements unfettered access to federal lands on the border where no environmental protections are respected. H.R. 1505 allows law enforcement measures to be taken to protect the environment.



As an avid sportsman and a retired Border Patrol agent who just returned from an elk hunt, I treasure Montana's public lands. And I don't know a single border patrol agent who would do anything to jeopardize our public lands.

I've also seen the results of an unprotected border first-hand. I've witnessed the sort of human trafficking, and the illegal drug trafficking, that rips families apart and destroys entire communities. The national security threat of terrorism is very real. Even forests and wildlife suffer from an unprotected border, as drug smugglers and illegal border-crossers aren't known to respect the environment.

This is a good bill, which is why it's been endorsed by the National Border Patrol Council which represents 17,000 border patrol agents, the National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers and Borderland Ranchers. It's a bill that Montanans support.

**-Ted Denning**  
Retired Deputy Chief of the Havre sector of the U.S. Border Patrol  
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*"Those who know Rehberg and his record, like Ed Melcher, chairman of Families for Outdoor Recreation, won't be fooled. 'I saw through it right away because I've talked to Denny Rehberg face-to-face, and he would never lock Montana families out of our public lands,' Melcher said."*  
- **Ron Arnold**, [Washington Examiner](#)

*"But with the possible exception of dopers seeking cheap highs and La Raza zealots, normal Americans are justifiably worried about our uncontrolled border and spillover effects across our nation."*  
- **Dave Skinner**, [Flathead Beacon](#)

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