

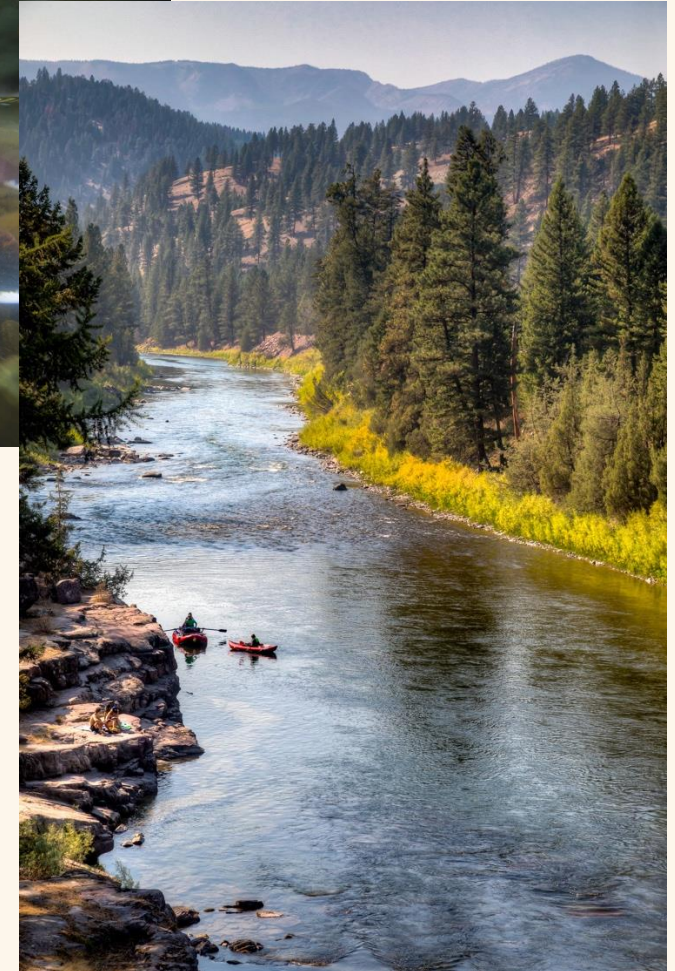
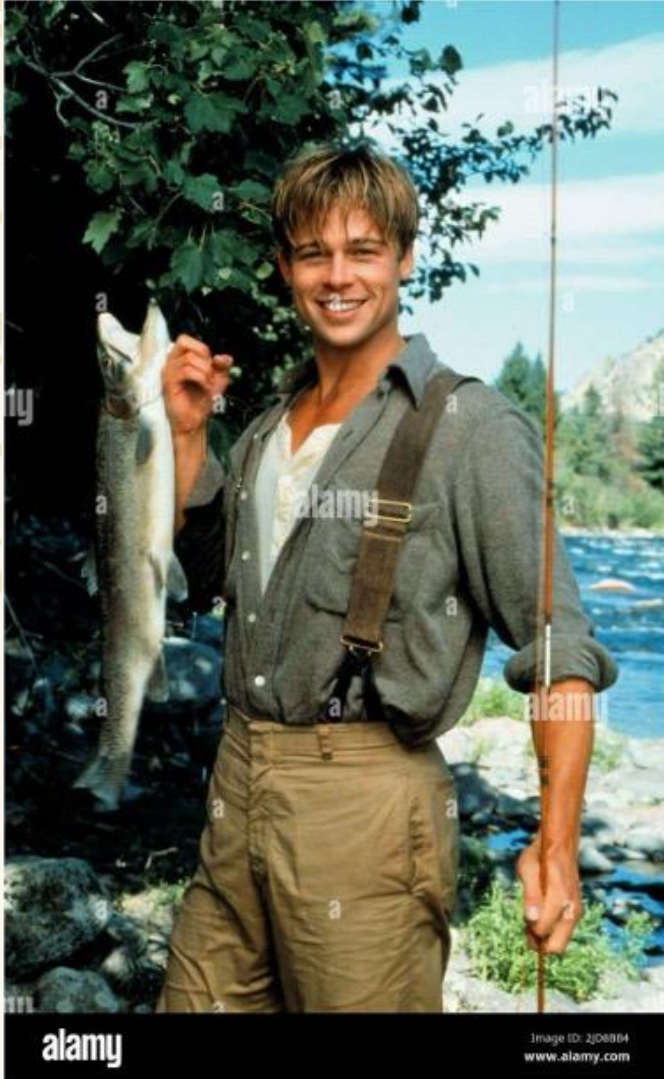


# Montana Stream Access Law

**“What’s love got to do with it?”**



# The example of the Blackfoot River





Historically, the Blackfoot was a heavily industrialized river - logging, hardrock mining, grazing...all took their toll on the fish.



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# Mike Horse Mine cleanup

Before



After








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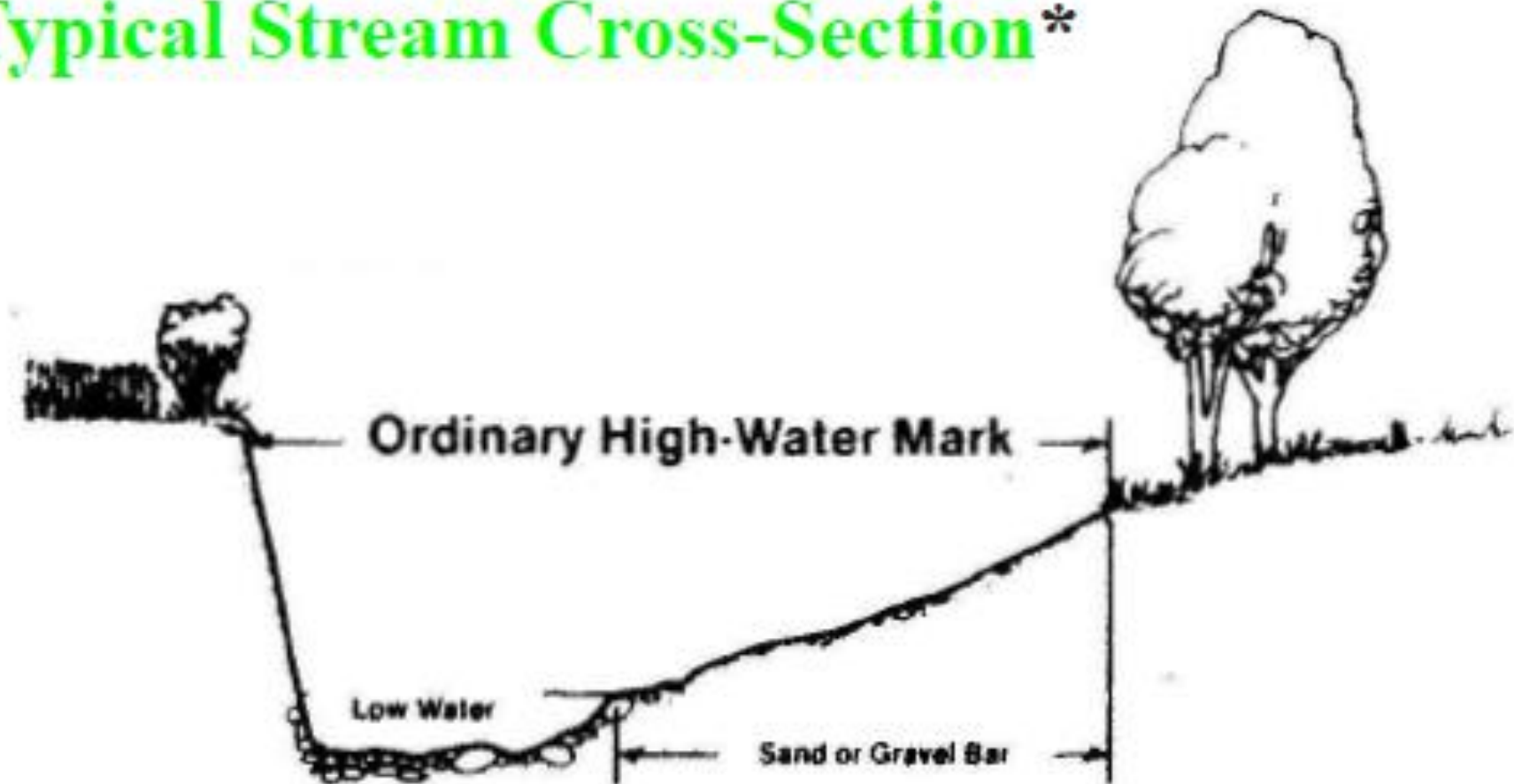
# Public water, private land



 **All surface water in Montana is a public resource held in trust by the State, while most of the mainstem rivers in the state run through private land.**

# What is “ordinary high-water mark?”

## Typical Stream Cross-Section\*





# Has the MT Stream Access Law helped build a constituency for conservation?



## Water



- **Increased support for river-friendly flow modifications on federal and state dams, and natural storage of water in BDAs, wetlands, and floodplains.**

## Fish



- **Increased trout habitat restoration projects on public and private land with funding from public and private sources.**

## People



- **Following passage of MT Stream Access Law, TU volunteer chapters in the state have grown membership, fundraising, and stewardship activities.**



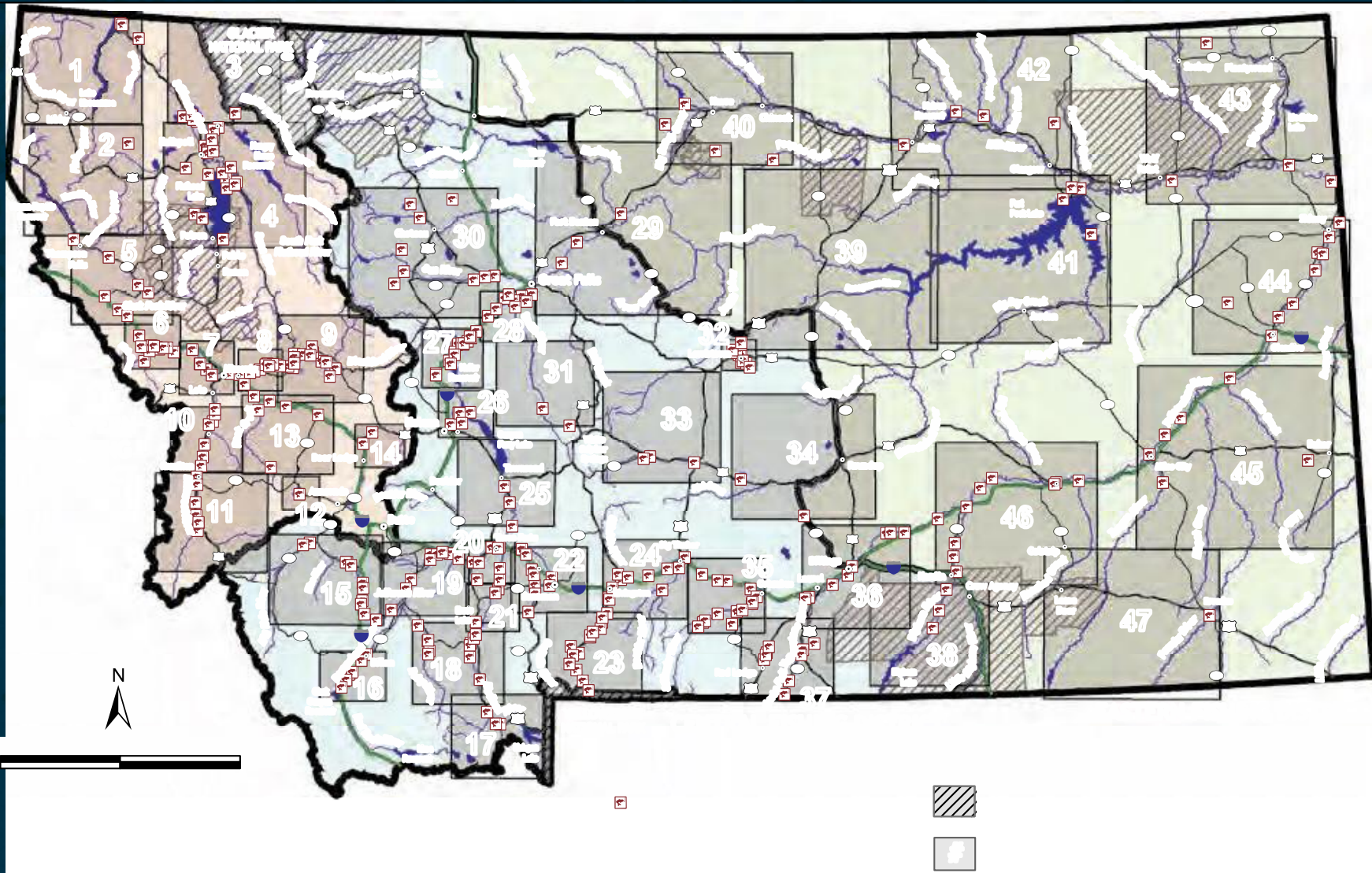
# NOT ALL TIME BOMBS TICK.

**REMOVE MILLTOWN DAM. RESTORE THE RIVER.**

Milltown dam removal, part of the largest Superfund cleanup in U.S. history, garnered more than 10,000 supportive public comments, a Superfund record.





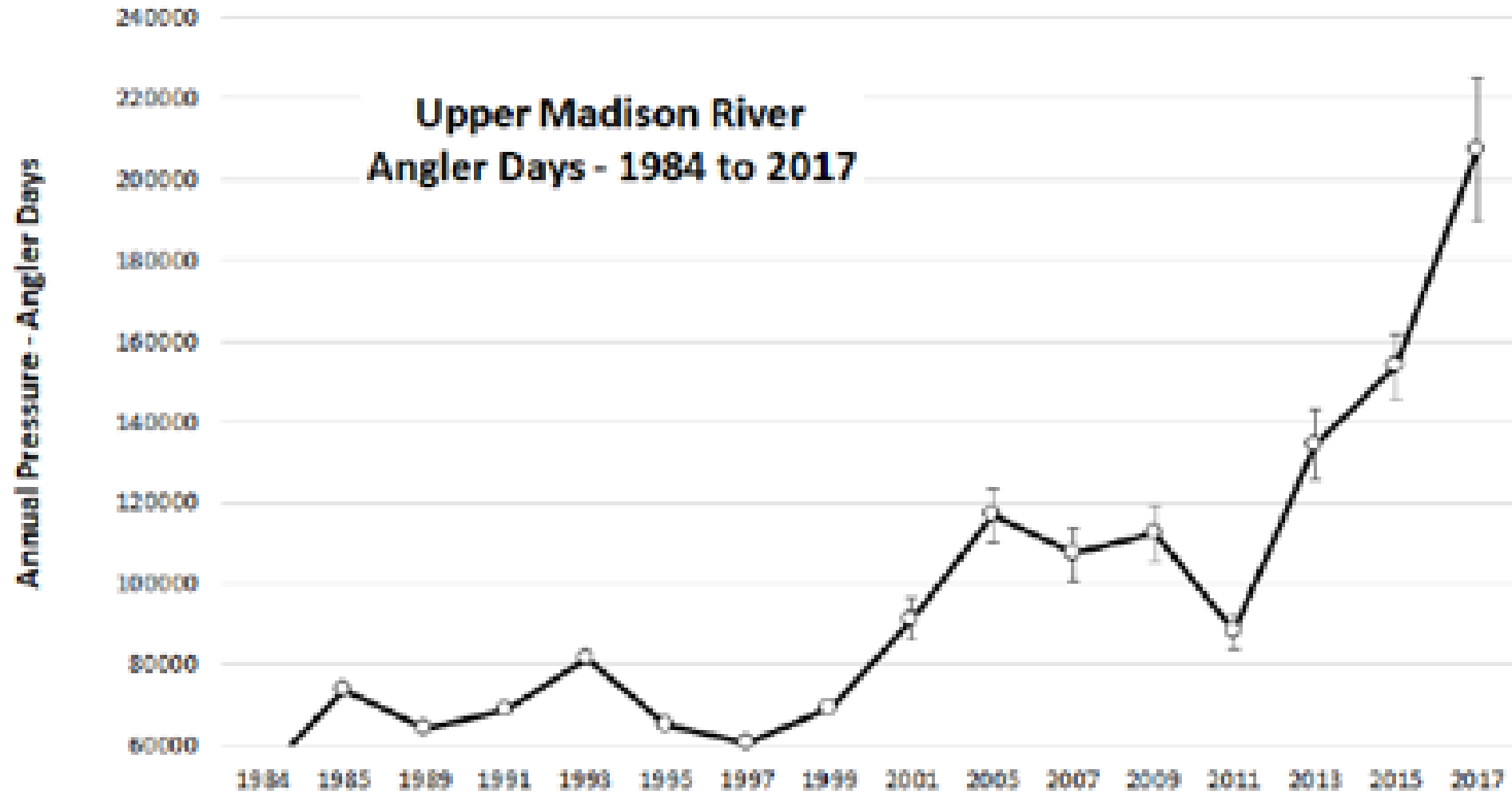







Are we  
loving it to  
death?







# Thank you!

 **I am happy to hear questions,  
thoughts...or invitations to float a  
Washington river.**