



“ROYALTIES”

VIDEO	AUDIO	FACTS
Money & Power The New Billionaire Brothers Backing Candidates	Announcer VO: The Texas billionaire Wilks Brothers	The Wilks Brothers, Worth \$2.7 Billion, “Joined An Elite Group Of Super PAC Bankrollers” In The 2016 Presidential Election. In a profile of the Wilks brothers, CNN’s Kyungh Lah said: “In this town of 4,000, the Wilks are Cisco pride and folklore, local sons of a modest bricklayer made their way into the new oil, fracking. Their expansive home tells their story of a billionaire fortune. These remote compounds are some of the few outward signs of wealth here in Cisco, small reminders that these brothers are worth \$2.7 billion, according to "Forbes." So, a \$15 million political contribution? That's less than 1 percent of the brothers' net worth. The Wilks joined an elite group of super PAC bankrollers to super PAC Conservative Solutions.” [CNN Erin Burnett Out Front, 10/19/2015]
“Montana’s largest private landowners” --Billings Gazette	They’re the largest private landowners in Montana.	In Three Years, The Wilks Brothers Became The Largest Private Land Owners In Montana. According to the Billings Gazette, “In three years, Wilks and his brother, Dan, have become the largest private landowners in Montana after earning an estimated \$3 billion from selling their Texas oil fracking business. To consolidate their holdings in Fergus County, the brothers approached the BLM last year to discuss a land exchange.” [Billings Gazette, 8/28/15]
East Coast Developer Matt Rosendale	Their candidate -- East Coast developer Matt Rosendale.	<p><u>MARYLAND MATT ROSENDALE MADE MILLIONS AS AN EAST-COAST REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER BEFORE BUYING A RANCH IN MONTANA</u></p> <p>Rosendale “Earned Millions As A Real Estate Developer In Maryland” Before Moving To Montana In 2002. According to the Great Falls Tribune, “Rosendale, 56, earned millions as a real estate developer in Maryland before relocating with his wife and three children to Montana in 2002.” [Great Falls Tribune, 11/9/17]</p> <p>Rosendale, “A Maryland-Born Real Estate Developer, Vacationed In Montana For Years Before Moving To The State” According to Montana Standard, “Rosendale, a Maryland-born real estate developer, vacationed in Montana for years before moving to the state 16 years ago, buying a ranch outside Glendive.” [Montana Standard, 7/31/17]</p> <p>“Rosendale, Originally From Maryland, Moved To Montana In 2002, After Buying A Ranch” Near Glendive, Montana. According to KTVQ Billings News, “Rosendale, originally from Maryland, moved to Montana in 2002, after buying a ranch north of Glendive.” [KTVQ Billings News, 7/31/17]</p>



<p>Wilks Brothers - Rosendale Deal.</p>	<p>They backed his campaign and even gave him a lucrative deal worth thousands in royalties.</p>	<p><u>FARRIS AND JO ANNE WILKS GAVE \$640 TO ROSENDALE'S 2014 HOUSE CAMPAIGN</u></p> <p>Rosendale Received Two Contributions Totaling \$640 From Farris And Jo Ann Wilks In 2014 House Primary Campaign. According to the FEC, Farris and Jo Ann Wilks each made a single contribution on \$320 to the House Primary campaign of Matt Rosendale on May 22, 2014. [FEC, 5/22/14; FEC, 5/22/14]</p> <p><u>ROSENDALE IS GETTING OIL ROYALTIES FROM THE WILKS BROTHERS</u></p> <p><i>MBA CONSULTANTS IS ROSENDALE'S MARYLAND CORPORATION THAT FUNNELS INCOME FROM HIS RANCH</i></p> <p>Matt Rosendale Is President Of MBA Consultants Inc, A Maryland Corporation Doing Business In Montana. According to records from the Montana Secretary of State, Matthew M Rosendale Sr of 1954 Hwy 16, Glendive, Montana, is the President of MBA Consulting, Inc, a corporation organized in the State of Maryland on December 30, 1999, and registered to do business in Montana on March 12, 2003. [Montana Secretary of State business entity #F040979; Maryland Department of Assessments & Taxation Business ID#D05607569]</p> <p>By Acreage, 99.99% Of Matt Rosendale's Ranch Is Owned Through MBA Consultants, Inc. According to Montana property tax assessment records, MBA Consultants Inc owns 8,944 acres in 27 parcels of land in Dawson County, MT, however Matthew R and Jean F Rosendale jointly own a 1.05 acre homesite carved from the land owned by MBA Consulting, Inc. Of the total combined acreage of the ranchland and home, 99.99% of the land is owned by MBA Consulting, Inc. [Montana Department of Revenue Property Record Card, Parcel #16-2836-19-3-01-04-0000; Montana State Library Cadastral Mapping Project]</p>



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MBA Consultants Generates Between \$100,001 And \$1,000,000 In “Rent/Royalties” Income For Matt Rosendale. According to a financial disclosure statement with the Secretary of the Senate as a candidate for the US Senate on June 6, 2018, Matt Rosendale hold an investment through MBA Consultants Inc worth \$5 million to \$25 million in a farm at the location 1954 Hwy 16, Glendive, MT and earns “Rent/Royalties” income between \$100,001 and \$1,00,000 from the property. [[Matt Rosendale Financial Disclosure Statement Filed 6/2/2018](#)]

INTERSTATE EXPLORATION LLC IS A DRILLING COMPANY OWNED BY THE WILKS BROTHERS WITH TWO WELL SITES LEASED FROM MBA CONSULTANTS

Great Falls Tribune: “Interstate Explorations LLC Is Owned By Dan Wilks, One Of The Wilks Brothers Who Own Montana’s N Bar Ranch.” On August 20, 2015, the Great Falls Tribune reported on a series of well permits, noting: “In Dawson County, the permit for the Star Bar Ranch 3-1, with a proposed location at NE NW 27-19N-56E (330 FNL/1710 FWL) expired. Interstate Explorations, LLC was the operator of record. Interstate Explorations, LLC is owned by Dan Wilks, one of the Wilks Brothers who own Montana's N Bar Ranch.” [[Great Falls Tribune, 8/20/2015](#)]

Interstate Exploration, LLC Has Had A Productive Oil Well On Land Leased From MBA Consultants In Dawson County Since 2013. According to records filed with the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, Interstate Exploration, LLC applied in April of 2013 for a permit to drill for oil at a location under lease from MBA Consultants in Section 34, T19N, R56E of Dawson County, Montana. The well, named “MBA Consultants 1-1” targeted the Red River formation and was drilled to a depth of 12,000 feet. The well was spud on October 15, 2013 and final depth was reached on October 26, 2013. The well began production in July of 2014 and with an initial production of 18 barrels of oil per day. The well had produced 391 barrels of oil in its first full month of operation. [[Montana Board of Oil & Gas Conservation Well File, API #25021211950000](#), [Montana Board of Oil & Cast Conservation Well Production Report, API #25021211950000](#)]

Interstate Explorations, LLC Leased A Well Site In 2015 From MBA Consultants, Drilled For Oil, And Later Converted It To An Injection-Disposal Well. To According to records filed with the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, Interstate Exploration, LLC applied in June of 2015 for a permit to drill for oil at a



location under lease from MBA Consultants in Section 11, T18N, R56E of Dawson County, Montana. The well, named “MBA 2” targeted the Tyler Sand formation and the target depth on the permit application was 13,000 feet. The permit was approved on July 10, 2015. No written completion reports or production data on this well were available, however a notation in the BOGC wells database indicated that the well was completed on November 16, 2016 and converted to an injection well on April 10, 2017. [[Montana Board of Oil & Gas Conservation Well File, API #25021212020000](#)]

ONE OF THE WELLS LEASED BY INTERSTATE EXPLORATIONS IS GENERATING AN ESTIMATED TENS OF THOUSANDS IN ROYALTIES FOR MBA CONSULTANTS

MBA Consultants Had To Split Oil Royalties On The MBA Consultants 1-1 Well With The State Of Montana, Resulting A Rate Of 9.375% To Be Paid To MBA Consultants For All Oil Production. In A On March 23, 2015, the Montana Board of Land Commissioners approved a communitization agreement involving Interstate Explorations, LLC’s MBA Consultants 1-1 Well. Because the well was drilled on a quarter section of land privately owned by MBA Consultants which was immediately adjacent to a tract owned by the State of Montana, spacing rules required a communitization agreement to split the royalty payments for resources extracted from the well. Under the agreement, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation would receive 8.335% of all oil production from the well (16.67% royalty rate x 50% tract participation) and MBA Consultants would receive 9.375% of all oil production (18.75% royalty rate x 50% tract participation). [[Montana Board of Land Commissioners March 23, 2015 meeting agenda item 315-3](#)]

MBA Consultants 1-1 Well Has Produced 4,705 Barrels Of Oil Worth An Estimated \$241,000, Generating Estimated Royalties Of Around \$22,000 For MBA Consultants. The Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation has monthly oil production reports for the MBA Consultants 1-1 Well. When the barrel production figures for each month of production on the well are multiplied by Montana Crude Oil price data for that month, a reasonable estimate can be ascertained for the value of the oil produced by the well. These values are only estimates. The value of oil produced in March of 2018 was calculated using February, 2018 prices, the most recent available data point from EIA. Since production began, the well has generated 4,705 barrels of oil. That oil could have potentially generated somewhere around \$241,772.85 in revenue, which would mean \$22,666.20 in royalties for MBA Consultants at a rate of 9.375%. [[Montana Board of Oil & Gas Conservation Well Report, API #25021211950000](#); [Energy Information Administration, Montana Crude Oil First Purchase Price, Monthly, 1977-Present](#)]



<p>Rosendale Backed Wilks Brothers' Legislation</p>	<p>No wonder Rosendale backed legislation benefiting the Wilks Brothers -- as they blocked hunters' access to public lands, even Elk herds.</p>	<p><u>ROSENDALE VOTED FOR BILL SUPPORTED BY WILKS BROTHERS WHICH SPORTSMEN SAID WAS A "BILL TOWARDS PRIVATIZING OUR ELK POPULATIONS"</u></p> <p>Rosendale Voted For SB 245 Bill To That Would Reinstate Late Cow Elk Hunts; Bill Was Passed By Senate But Vetoed By Bullock. Matt Rosendale voted in favor of Senate Bill 245. According to the Billings Gazette, SB 245 "would reinstate late cow elk hunts in Montana after the 11 week archery and gun seasons reignited the contentious debate over wildlife harboring during a Senate Fish and Game Committee hearing Tuesday. Senate Bill 245, sponsored by Sen. Doug Kary, R-Billings, would create a late cow elk hunting season running from Dec. 15 to Feb. 15. Hunters would be required to purchase a \$10 endorsement to participate." The bill was passed on a vote of 33 to 17. It was vetoed by Governor Bullock. [Billings Gazette, 2/11/15]</p> <p>2015 Session: Darryl James, The Wilks Representative And Lobbyist, Testified In Support Of SB245, "A Bill Towards Privatizing Our Elk Populations." According to the local blog EMWH.org, "This 2015 legislative session, HD 29 Rep. Bill Harris, an outfitting landowner representing the Wilks Brothers district where a fencing dispute on our BLM public lands involving the Wilks legal fence height, introduced a HB 557 to change Montana Legal Fencing description, REMOVING the height max of 48 inches. We also saw SB245, a bill towards privatizing our elk populations, thankfully vetoed. This bill saw Darryl James, the Wilks representative and lobbyist at the legislature advocating for this bill." Darryl James was offered testimony in support of SB 245 at the Montana State Senate Committee on Fish and Game in February 2015. [EMWH.org, Viewed 4/11/18]; Montana Senate Committee On Fish And Game Minutes, 2/10/15]</p> <p>Wilks' Lobbyist Testified That The Wilks Want An Elk Management Plan That "Recognizes The Importance Of Private Property Rights." During a committee hearing on Senate Bill 245 in the 2015 session of the Montana Legislature, Darryl James testified, saying: "Good afternoon Mr Chairman, members of the committee. For the record my name is Darryl James. Darryl is with two Rs, Y-L. Last name is common spelling. I come to you this afternoon representing the Wilks Montana Ranch Limited. It's a holding company for several operating ranching units across the state. Two of which have been of particular public interest in the last year or two in Blaine and Fergus Counties. Public access has been a big issue to some of the most sizeable elk herds in the state and we're actively right now working on a strategic elk management plan, particularly for the ranch in Fergus County, and this bill provides what we think is a very important tool to help manage those elk populations. The Wilks have an interest and the ability to improve access, but wish to do so in a strategic way, a scientifically sound way, that guarantees a high quality hunt and recognizes the importance of private property rights. We think this bill does that." [Montana House Committee on Fish Wildlife and Parks hearing 3/12/2015]</p>
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Representative Of The Montana Wildlife Federation Said Opposed The Bill, Said It Did nothing To Address The Current Problem: “Nontraditional Landowners Who Harbor Game.” According to the Billings Gazette, “But George Golie of the Montana Wildlife Federation said the bill would do no good because it doesn’t address the current problem: nontraditional landowners who harbor game. J.W. Westman of the Laurel Rod and Gun Club said the state moved away from the late cow seasons because it wasn’t effective. Joe Perry, of the Montana Sportsman’s Alliance, said the bill would simply cater to outfitters on private land who allow their clients to hunt bull elk during the general season and then ask the public to come thin the cow elk during a game damage hunt. ‘Let’s not dance around,’ Perry said. ‘All of the tools are already in the tool box. Antlerless-only seasons will cure the problem.’” [Billings Gazette, [2/11/15](#)]

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THE WILKS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CONTROL ACCESS TO THE DURFEE HILLS, PUBLIC LANDS HOME TO ONE OF MONTANA’S LARGEST ELK HERDS

“Farris And Dan Wilks, Billionaire Brothers From Texas, Own Hundreds Of Thousands Of Acres Of Land Across The West And Have A Reputation For Closing People Out.” According to an online post from Western Priorities, “Farris and Dan Wilks, billionaire brothers from Texas, own hundreds of thousands of acres of land across the West and have a reputation for closing people out. [...] Hunters are similarly frustrated in Montana, where the Wilks own approximately 300,000 acres of property. The Wilks’ private land surrounds a 2,700 acre parcel of prime elk habitat and U.S. public land known as the Durfee Hills. Earlier this year, the Wilks brothers built nine miles of fence that illegally encroached onto public property. With reclamation currently underway, hunters worry that the construction will interfere with the peak of archery elk season.” [Western Priorities via Medium.com, [10/3/16](#)]



Wilks Brothers Built Nine Miles Of Fencing That Illegally Encroached On Durfee Hills Public Lands. According to the Billings Gazette, “A landowner’s fence that illegally encroached on public land in Fergus and Musselshell counties resulting in a lengthy federal investigation has been moved and altered, and remediation has been paid, according to a ranch representative. Under the terms of the settlement agreements, Wilks Ranch Montana Ltd. will perform rehabilitation and stabilization work valued at about \$150,000 and will reimburse the Bureau of Land Management a little more than \$71,000 to cover costs associated with the inquiry and survey, according to a BLM news release. The nine miles of new fence built in 2014 by a local contractor was meant to separate 2,700 acres of landlocked Bureau of Land Management and state property, known locally as the Durfee Hills, from the surrounding NBar and Pronghorn ranches, which are owned by billionaire brothers Farris and Dan Wilks.” [Billings Gazette, [7/21/16](#)]

Conservation Advocate Said Wilks’ Brothers Fencing Had Been Installed Across A Road Used By Pilots To Intentionally Halt Plane Traffic And Cut Off Hunting Access. According to the Billings Gazette, “Kathryn Qanna Yahu, a Bozeman conservation advocate who had pressed the trespass issue, said the fence initially encroached on more BLM property near a road used by pilots to land their planes, but that section was moved before the BLM finished its survey. She claims the fence was first put in across the road to intentionally halt plane traffic and cut off hunting access. ‘We are fighting for keeping public lands in public hands and an accountability of what was done,’ she said. ‘If we had done this on the Wilkses’ land, there would be hell to pay.’” [Billings Gazette, [7/21/16](#)]

Wilks’ Brothers Private Land Holdings Encircled Durfee Hills Public Lands. According to the Billings Gazette, “A landowner’s fence that illegally encroached on public land in Fergus and Musselshell counties resulting in a lengthy federal investigation has been moved and altered, and remediation has been paid, according to a ranch representative. Under the terms of the settlement agreements, Wilks Ranch Montana Ltd. will perform rehabilitation and stabilization work valued at about \$150,000 and will reimburse the Bureau of Land Management a little more than \$71,000 to cover costs associated with the inquiry and survey, according to a BLM news release. The nine miles of new fence built in 2014 by a local contractor was meant to separate 2,700 acres of landlocked Bureau of Land Management and state property, known locally as the Durfee Hills, from the surrounding NBar and Pronghorn ranches, which are owned by billionaire brothers Farris and Dan Wilks.” [Billings Gazette, [7/21/16](#)]

Wilks Brothers’ NBar Ranch Surrounds One Of The Largest Herds Of Elk In The State. In March of 2018, the Billings Gazette reported, “The Wilkses’ first Montana purchase, in 2011, was the historic NBar Ranch, southeast of Lewistown. Within that ranch is a block of 2,700 acres of BLM land known as the Durfee



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		Hills that has been a bone of contention between local hunters and the Wilkses. Because the Wilkses allow only limited public hunting and own so much acreage along Flatwillow Creek and the Little Snowy Mountains, the landowners have grown one of the largest herds of elk in the state, estimated at around 2,600 animals in Hunting District 411, north of the Little Snowies, and 4,800 in HD 530 south of the mountains.” [Billings Gazette, 3/20/2018]
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