

CALL SENATOR TESTER TODAY! There will be two votes in the Senate tomorrow, Tues., 11/3/15 that will affect whether the new Clean Water Act rule developed by EPA and strongly supported by Montana TU will survive. **IT WOULD BE IMMENSELY HELPFUL IF YOU CONTACTED SENATOR TESTER'S OFFICE BEFORE MID-MORNING 11/3/15 AND URGED HIM TO OPPOSE THESE MEASURES.** The new rule clarifies that small headwater streams and many wetlands that have been in legal limbo for the last 10-15 years indeed fall under the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act. These are the streams that produce many of our cutthroat fisheries and much of our waterfowl in the state. The rule is simply a clarification of what Congress intended when it passed the Clean Water Act by a huge, bipartisan majority more than 40 years ago.

Here's a little detail:

Ask him to oppose S1140. It negates the rule and directs EPA to go back to the drawing board on developing the rule. It is unnecessary delay, and a cynical attempt to kill Clean Water Act protections.

Ask him to oppose SJ 22, a resolution that completely kills the rule.

Please do this: **Call Sen. Tester's office at 202-224-2644, and leave a message telling him to support clean water, fish and wildlife in Montana by opposing these bills because they will harm drinking water, clean supplies of irrigation water and the fish habitat that help support the \$950 million that angling annually generates to our economy (FWP is the source).**

The Senator needs to hear loud and clear that Montanans he knows oppose these measures. His office is getting lots of pressure to support them. We are probably the most effective counter in the conservation community. Do it tonight if you can, or first thing in the morning. **It won't take much of your time, but will be VERY helpful.**

Thank you! -Montana Trout Unlimited