

1. Why are you the best GOP candidate for governor?

2. What is your vision for the state of Montana? What would Montana look like if you are successful?

3. Do you believe that natural resources are Montana's primary economic engine? If so, what steps will you take to reopen responsible natural resource development in Montana? If not, what is the primary economic engine for Montana and how will you advance it?

4. Mining operations are capital intensive and carry long term benefits for the state. What would you do to make Montana more welcoming to operations with high upfront costs and long term benefits?

5. Montana lags its neighbors in natural resource development and business expansion. What would you do to convince potential employers and investors that Montana will support them if they come into the state?

6. What are the top three issues facing Montana government today?

7. What are three things that the state government should not be doing that it is doing now?

8. Do you believe that projected revenues are adequate to support projected state spending? If not, would you bridge the gap by increasing revenues, decreasing spending, or a combination of the two?

9. Over 40% of Montana's government spending is financed with federal funds. Do you believe this is sustainable and in the interest of Montanans? If not, what would you do to reduce our dependence on federal dollars?

10. What is the proper role of state government in education?

11. What is your stance on school choice, to include charter schools, vouchers, home schooling, tax treatment, etc.?

12. The Montana Firearms Freedom Act challenges perceived federal abuses of the Commerce Clause. Do you agree or disagree with its intent? Would you use the governor's office to address other areas of federal overreach?

13. Obamacare requirements will add \$70 million dollars to Montana's Medicaid costs by 2019. How do you intend to address these increased costs?

14. In many areas of Montana, a significant schism has developed between the traditional GOP base and newly activated grass roots conservatives. If you win the nomination, how would you bridge this gap and unite both groups at the polls in November?

15. What is your understanding of the status of the Otter Creek coal project? What are the next steps you will take as governor to move the project forward?

16. Do you support our current method of electing state Supreme Court justices? Why or why not? What changes, if any, would you propose to change the method of choosing justices?

17. Is there anything in our current state constitution that you would like to see changed? If so, what?

18. What is your position on state land purchases? Would you support transferring more land from private to state ownership, and for what purposes? Or would you support divesting some state lands to the private sector?

19. Over 30% of Montana's land is owned by the federal government. Do you believe this works in the interest of Montanans? If so, how? If not, what would you do to increase Montana's involvement in federal land management?

20. Do you support or oppose current or proposed travel management plans on federal lands? Why or why not?

21. The Endangered Species Act has been used as a tool for federal management of wildlife in Montana. Do you support or oppose the use of this Act? What do you see as the primary costs and benefits of federal control over state management of wildlife?

22. Do you think the current state baseline budgeting process serves Montana's interests? If not, what are its major shortcomings and how would you fix them?

23. The current unemployment rate in Montana is over 7%. What would you do to reduce that rate?

24. What do you see as the proper role of government? What are its benefits? What are its constraints?

25. The concept of eminent domain for public good is enshrined in our national constitution. Under what circumstances is the use of eminent domain proper?

26. Montana's population is aging at a faster rate than that of its neighbors and most of the country. How can Montana's K-12 and higher education systems better prepare our children for Montana's jobs of the future and allow them to remain in the state?

27. Do you support Montana being a right to work state? If so, how would you accomplish that and what benefits would accrue to the state?

28. Do you believe that the current state tax structure is equitable and effective? Under what conditions would you make changes, and what changes would you make in how the state collects revenues?

29. What do you think are the top three barriers to economic development in the state?

30. Montana's public employee pension systems are currently about \$3 billion underfunded. What would you do to bridge the gap?