

CSKT Water Compact History (Summary)

So if the CSKT / Flathead water compact is so egregious, how is it that the Montana legislature ratified it in 2015?

- After the compact failed in 2013, the CSKT paid Denny Rehberg's firm millions of dollars to spin the compact as "Montana's Water Compact". His firm, Mercury LLC created a phony "grassroots" organization (FARM) that in turn paid for a vast public relations blitz throughout the state.
- Several state legislators colluded to change the house rules allowing the compact to be blasted out of committee for a simple majority vote on the floor, despite immunity language that mandates a 2/3 vote per the Montana Constitution.
- Attorney General Tim Fox put the weight of his office in the mix by declaring the compact legal and constitutional.
- Montana officials counted on the Montana Supreme Court to make a political decision rather than a proper legal decision concerning the legality of the compact vote in the legislature.
- The compact was given an immediate effective date and is currently being implemented in advance of federal ratification. The intent of the state was to ensure that the compact cannot be walked back even if it is never ratified by Congress.
- Montana has placed it's thumb on the scale of the tribes in the adjudication process and is counting on the water court to "rubber stamp" the compact if it is ratified by Congress.

The importance of understanding CSKT now is political office up for election now are filled with candidates who are complicit in the actions of supporting CSKT.

US Senate race:

Dr Al Olszewski is the only candidate clearly opposed to CSKT.

Mr. Fagg repeatedly lies about the unconstitutionality of CSKT and vocally favors CSKT and his wife being employed by the tribe adds to the rancor and leaves him compromised.

Mr. Rosendale used to be staunchly opposed to CSKT but then a trip to DC happened, where money for his campaign seems to have swayed him from being vocally opposed to doubts about his current position.

How can Mr. Downing be a good choice for Montana when he appears to not be able to figure out where he lives when it comes to getting a hunting license?