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## **Hill, Bullock Tied in Sleepy Governor's Race**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – A new survey of Montana voters shows the state's race for Governor still in its early stages, with large portions of voters undecided about the candidates and potential matchups. Democrat Steve Bullock and Republican Rick Hill are tied with 39% apiece and 21% of voters undecided. Bullock leads Republican Ken Miller 41% to 35% with 24% undecided. The numbers are largely unchanged from the last time PPP polled the race in November 2011 – at that point Hill led Bullock 39-38 and Bullock had a slightly larger lead over Miller at 40-31.

Independent voters hold the key to breaking the deadlock. Bullock leads Hill among Democrats 81-6 and leads Miller among Democrats 82-4. Meanwhile Hill leads Bullock among Republicans 77-8 and Miller leads Bullock among Republicans 69-10. But independent voters are split 33-33 in a Bullock-Hill contest and in a Bullock-Miller contest 35% go for Bullock and 29% for Miller with 36% undecided.

All 3 candidates still have work to do introducing themselves to voters. Steve Bullock has a net favorable rating with Montanans, with 34% viewing him favorably and 21% unfavorably but 45% not sure (little change from last November when he was at 34-17-49). Rick Hill is viewed favorably by 20% of voters, unfavorably by 28% and 52% aren't sure. And Ken Miller is at 11% favorable, 21% unfavorable and 67% not sure.

Rick Hill gets the most support in the Republican primary for Governor, with 33% of voters choosing him and 12% supporting Ken Miller. 5 other candidates are in single digits while 35% are still undecided.

“The Montana Governor's race continues to look like a toss up,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It looks more and more likely that it will be a Steve Bullock vs. Rick Hill match up since none of the other GOP candidates seem to be getting much traction.”

PPP surveyed 934 Montana voters, including 403 Republican primary voters, from April 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the overall survey is +/-3.2%, and +/-4.88% for the primary portion. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



## Montana Survey Results

**Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Steve Bullock?

*Favorable*..... 34%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 21%  
*Not sure* ..... 45%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Hill?

*Favorable*..... 20%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 28%  
*Not sure* ..... 52%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ken Miller?

*Favorable*..... 11%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 21%  
*Not sure* ..... 67%

**Q4** If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Steve Bullock and Republican Rick Hill, who would you vote for?

*Steve Bullock*..... 39%  
*Rick Hill*..... 39%  
*Undecided*..... 21%

**Q5** If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Steve Bullock and Republican Ken Miller, who would you vote for?

*Steve Bullock*..... 41%  
*Ken Miller*..... 35%  
*Undecided*..... 24%

**Q6** The Republican candidates for Governor are Bob Fanning, Rick Hill, Neil Livingstone, Jim Lynch, Ken Miller, Jim O'Hara, and Corey Stapleton. If the election was today, who would you vote for? (Asked of 403 Republican primary voters)

*Bob Fanning* ..... 1%  
*Rick Hill*..... 33%  
*Neil Livingstone* ..... 5%  
*Jim Lynch*..... 4%  
*Ken Miller*..... 12%  
*Jim O'Hara*..... 4%  
*Corey Stapleton*..... 7%  
*Undecided*..... 35%

**Q7** Who did you vote for President in 2008?

*John McCain*..... 45%  
*Barack Obama*..... 42%  
*Someone else/Don't remember* ..... 13%

**Q8** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

*Very liberal*..... 8%  
*Somewhat liberal* ..... 16%  
*Moderate*..... 32%  
*Somewhat conservative*..... 26%  
*Very conservative* ..... 18%

**Q9** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 53%  
*Man*..... 47%



**Q10** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 30%  
*Republican*..... 33%  
*Independent/Other*..... 37%

**Q11** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 89%  
*Other*..... 11%

**Q12** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 13%  
*30 to 45*..... 31%  
*46 to 65*..... 36%  
*Older than 65*..... 20%



**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	34%	20%	52%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	28%	14%	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	45%	52%	34%	58%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Hill Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	34%	6%	15%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	28%	13%	49%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	52%	53%	45%	68%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Miller Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	11%	17%	5%	12%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	14%	32%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	67%	69%	64%	73%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Bullock/Hill</b>				
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	39%	14%	73%	20%
<b>Rick Hill</b>	39%	69%	8%	33%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	17%	19%	47%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Bullock/Miller</b>				
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	41%	15%	76%	21%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	35%	62%	6%	30%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	23%	19%	49%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>2012 GOP Gov Primary</b>				
<b>Bob Fanning</b>	1%	-	-	5%
<b>Rick Hill</b>	33%	37%	22%	20%
<b>Neil Livingstone</b>	5%	5%	6%	2%
<b>Jim Lynch</b>	4%	3%	14%	2%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	12%	12%	7%	19%
<b>Jim O'Hara</b>	4%	5%	2%	1%
<b>Corey Stapleton</b>	7%	5%	18%	6%
<b>Undecided</b>	35%	34%	32%	43%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	34%	59%	53%	41%	18%	16%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	20%	16%	13%	24%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	45%	21%	30%	46%	58%	48%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Hill Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	12%	7%	12%	30%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	28%	57%	53%	31%	13%	12%
<b>Not sure</b>	52%	31%	40%	57%	58%	53%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Miller Favorability</b>						
Favorable	11%	15%	4%	4%	16%	23%
Unfavorable	21%	39%	34%	24%	11%	12%
Not sure	67%	47%	62%	72%	72%	66%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Bullock/Hill</b>						
Steve Bullock	39%	75%	73%	54%	14%	4%
Rick Hill	39%	12%	9%	19%	62%	80%
Undecided	21%	13%	17%	26%	24%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Bullock/Miller</b>						
Steve Bullock	41%	80%	76%	54%	16%	6%
Ken Miller	35%	6%	8%	13%	55%	78%
Undecided	24%	14%	16%	33%	28%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>2012 GOP Gov Primary</b>						
Bob Fanning	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%
Rick Hill	33%	28%	46%	21%	38%	35%
Neil Livingstone	5%	29%	-	9%	3%	4%
Jim Lynch	4%	-	5%	6%	6%	1%
Ken Miller	12%	29%	5%	5%	12%	15%
Jim O'Hara	4%	-	5%	8%	3%	3%
Corey Stapleton	7%	-	25%	5%	4%	9%
Undecided	35%	14%	14%	44%	35%	32%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	34%	36%	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	18%	25%
<b>Not sure</b>	45%	47%	43%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Hill Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	20%	20%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	28%	26%	30%
<b>Not sure</b>	52%	54%	50%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Miller Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	11%	12%	10%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	19%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	67%	68%	66%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bullock/Hill</b>			
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	39%	43%	35%
<b>Rick Hill</b>	39%	38%	41%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	19%	24%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bullock/Miller</b>			
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	41%	45%	36%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	35%	32%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	22%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>2012 GOP Gov Primary</b>			
<b>Bob Fanning</b>	1%	0%	1%
<b>Rick Hill</b>	33%	32%	35%
<b>Neil Livingstone</b>	5%	7%	3%
<b>Jim Lynch</b>	4%	4%	5%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	12%	12%	11%
<b>Jim O'Hara</b>	4%	3%	5%
<b>Corey Stapleton</b>	7%	5%	8%
<b>Undecided</b>	35%	36%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	34%	59%	16%	29%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	14%	27%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	45%	27%	57%	49%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Hill Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	9%	33%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	28%	49%	12%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	52%	43%	55%	56%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Miller Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	11%	8%	18%	8%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	29%	16%	19%
<b>Not sure</b>	67%	63%	66%	73%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bullock/Hill</b>				
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	39%	81%	8%	33%
<b>Rick Hill</b>	39%	6%	77%	33%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	14%	15%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bullock/Miller</b>				
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	41%	82%	10%	35%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	35%	4%	69%	29%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	13%	21%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>2012 GOP Gov Primary</b>				
<b>Bob Fanning</b>	1%	-	1%	-
<b>Rick Hill</b>	33%	48%	38%	25%
<b>Neil Livingstone</b>	5%	21%	5%	4%
<b>Jim Lynch</b>	4%	-	3%	6%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	12%	-	13%	11%
<b>Jim O'Hara</b>	4%	-	3%	5%
<b>Corey Stapleton</b>	7%	-	5%	11%
<b>Undecided</b>	35%	31%	33%	38%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>34%</b>	35%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>21%</b>	20%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>45%</b>	45%	47%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Hill Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>20%</b>	20%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>28%</b>	28%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>52%</b>	52%	50%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Miller Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>11%</b>	11%	15%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>21%</b>	21%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>67%</b>	68%	64%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Bullock/Hill</b>			
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	<b>39%</b>	40%	35%
<b>Rick Hill</b>	<b>39%</b>	39%	44%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>21%</b>	21%	21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Bullock/Miller</b>			
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	41%	42%	35%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	35%	34%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	24%	26%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>2012 GOP Gov Primary</b>			
<b>Bob Fanning</b>	1%	1%	-
<b>Rick Hill</b>	33%	34%	27%
<b>Neil Livingstone</b>	5%	5%	2%
<b>Jim Lynch</b>	4%	4%	2%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	12%	11%	15%
<b>Jim O'Hara</b>	4%	4%	5%
<b>Corey Stapleton</b>	7%	6%	17%
<b>Undecided</b>	35%	35%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bullock Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	34%	26%	34%	36%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	18%	18%	24%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	45%	56%	48%	40%	42%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Hill Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	17%	15%	25%	22%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	28%	22%	30%	28%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	52%	61%	55%	47%	49%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Miller Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	11%	19%	5%	14%	12%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	11%	26%	20%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	67%	69%	69%	66%	66%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bullock/Hill</b>					
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	39%	38%	38%	41%	38%
<b>Rick Hill</b>	39%	33%	36%	40%	47%
<b>Undecided</b>	21%	29%	26%	18%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bullock/Miller</b>					
<b>Steve Bullock</b>	41%	36%	41%	44%	39%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	35%	31%	31%	36%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	24%	33%	28%	20%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>2012 GOP Gov Primary</b>					
<b>Bob Fanning</b>	1%	-	-	1%	1%
<b>Rick Hill</b>	33%	38%	21%	38%	38%
<b>Neil Livingstone</b>	5%	8%	5%	4%	5%
<b>Jim Lynch</b>	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%
<b>Ken Miller</b>	12%	4%	14%	13%	10%
<b>Jim O'Hara</b>	4%	-	2%	6%	5%
<b>Corey Stapleton</b>	7%	12%	9%	5%	5%
<b>Undecided</b>	35%	35%	46%	27%	33%

