

Ryan Zinke (MT-1)

New seat for 2022



Biography

BIRTH DATE

11/01/1961

EDUCATION

MS, Global Leadership, Univ. of San Diego, 2004 (GPA: 4.0); MBA, Finance, National Univ., 1991 (GPA: 4.0); BS, Geology, Univ. of Oregon, 1984 (GPA: 3.4)

FAMILY

Wife: Lolita; 3 Children: Jennifer, Wolfgang, Konrad

Background

Montana native, veteran, and former secretary of the interior that returned to Congress representing Montana's new Congressional district; policy platform is broadly conservative, but supports protections for public lands

Grew up in Montana as a star athlete and earned a college football scholarship to play for the University of Oregon; joined the Navy after graduation, served throughout the Middle East, and retired after attaining the rank of commander

At the end of his service, Zinke started Continental Divide, a consulting and property management firm, with his family

Ran for state Senate in 2008 and served a four year term before stepping down to pursue the lieutenant governor's office; after launched a successful campaign to replace then Rep. Steve Daines (R-MT)

During his time in Congress, Zinke championed several bills to improve funding for rural schools and incorporate technology into the classroom; he broadly voted with the GOP

Appointed to lead the Department of the Interior by President Trump, and worked to implement several regulatory changes that relaxed restrictions for land use and drilling rights; Zinke sought major changes to federal resource management policy to open Atlantic coast waters and national monuments to drilling and mining

Resigned as secretary of the interior in 2019

District Profile

COOK PVI	2022 VOTE RATING	DISTRICT LOCATION
R+6	Lean R	Western Montana

Election Results

2022 GENERAL	
Zinke	50%
Tranel	46%

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal

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