

NEWS RELEASE
GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK
STATE OF MONTANA

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Governor Steve Bullock today announced the following appointments.

Education Commission of the States

- **Elly Driggers**, Helena. Qualification: Educator Engaged in K-12 Education. Driggers is a Kindergarten Teacher at Central School in Helena.
- **Carmen Taylor**, Polson. Qualification: Educator Engaged in Higher Education. Taylor is Dean of Academic Affairs at Aaniih Nakoda College.
- **Mike Thiel**, Kalispell. Qualification: Educator Engaged in K-12 Education. Thiel is a Math Teacher at Flathead High School.

Flathead Basin Commission

- **Chas Cartwright**, Columbia Falls. Qualification: Public Representative. Cartwright is the retired Superintendent of Glacier National Park.
- **Jan Metzmaker**, Whitefish. Qualification: Public Representative. Metzmaker is the Director of the Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- **Thompson Smith**, Charlo. Qualification: Public Representative. Smith is the Coordinator of Tribal History and Ethnogeography Projects for the Salish-Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee, for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Postsecondary Scholarship Advisory Council

- **Connie Wittak**, Flaxville. Qualification: Experience in Education. Wittak is a Teacher and Advisor at Scobey Schools.

Private Land Public Wildlife Advisory Council

- **Dwayne Andrews**, Miles City. Qualification: Sportsman. Andrews is an Information Officer for Region 7, Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
- **Jack Billingsley**, Glasgow. Qualification: Outfitter. Billingsley is a rancher in Valley County.

- **Rod Bullis**, Helena. Qualification: Landowner. Bullis is a retired U.S. Forest Service employee, and worked on seven ranger districts in Montana.
- **Dan Fiehrer**, Helena. Qualification: Sports person. Fiehrer is a Dentist and a landowner.
- **Lisa Flowers**, Choteau. Qualification: Sports person. Flowers is the Director of Development for the Montana State University Alumni Foundation at Great Falls College MSU.
- **Kathy Hadley**, Deer Lodge. Qualification: Sports person. Hadley is the Executive Director for the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT).
- **Blake Henning**, Missoula. Qualification: Sports person. Henning is Vice President of Lands and Conservation for Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- **Representative Tom Jacobson**, Great Falls. Qualification: Sports person. Jacobson is a State Representative from Great Falls and the Executive Director of Rural Dynamics, Inc.
- **Denley Loge**, St. Regis. Qualification: Landowner. Loge is Rancher in Mineral County.
- **Senator Jim Peterson**, Buffalo. Qualification: Landowner. Peterson is a State Senator and a rancher in Fergus County.
- **Senator Kendall Van Dyk**, Billings. Qualification: Sports person. Van Dyk is a State Senator and works with the Montana Land Reliance.

Public Safety Officers Standards and Training Council (POST)

- **Tia Robbin**, Kalispell. Qualification: Public Representative. Robbin is an attorney and Corporate Executive Officer for the Northwest Montana Association of Realtors.

Board of Sanitarians

- **James Zabrocki**, Miles City. Qualification: Sanitarian. Zabrocki is the Custer County Environmental Health Director.

Statewide Interoperability Governing Board

- **Commissioner Joe Briggs**, Great Falls. Qualification: Representative of Montana Association of Counties. Briggs is the Cascade County Commissioner.
- **Sheriff Leo Dutton**, Helena. Qualification: Representative of the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association and will serve as Chairperson. Dutton is the Sheriff for Lewis and Clark County.
- **Geoff Feiss**, Helena. Qualification: Representative of the Montana Telecommunications Industry. Feiss is the Director of the Montana Telecommunications Association.

- **Patrick Lonergan**, Bozeman. Qualification: Representative of the Montana Fire Chiefs Association. Lonergan is Staff Captain and DES Coordinator for the Bozeman Fire Department.
- **Bonnie Lorang**, Helena. Qualification: Representative of the Montana Telecommunications Industry. Lorang is General Manager for the Montana Independent Telecommunications Systems.
- **Kevin Myhre**, Lewistown. Qualification: Representative of the Montana League of Cities and Towns. Myhre is the City Manager for Lewistown.
- **Jayne Rogers**, Great Falls. Qualification: Representative of the Montana EMS Association. Rogers is the President of the Montana Emergency Medical Services Association.

Water and Wastewater Operators' Advisory Council

- **Don Coffman**, Harlem. Qualification: Water Treatment Plant Operator. Coffman is the Water Treatment Plant Supervisor for the City of Harlem.
- **Crystal Richards**, Billings. Qualification: University Faculty in Water and Wastewater Treatment. Richards is an Assistant Professor for the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences at Montana State University Billings.

Water Pollution Control Advisory Council

- **Karin Bucklin Sanchez**, Bozeman. Qualification: Professional Engineer with Experience in Sanitary Engineering. Bucklin Sanchez is a Professional Engineer with USDA Rural Development for Rural Utilities Service.
- **Norris "Mack" Cole**, Forsyth. Qualification: Irrigated Agriculture. Cole is a Rancher and served in the Montana Senate.
- **Barbara Hall**, Missoula. Qualification: Conservation Organization. Hall is Legal Counsel with the Clark Fork Coalition.
- **Mitchell Leu**, Columbia Falls. Qualification: Organic Waste Disposal Industry Representative. Leu is an Environmental Engineer with Plum Creek Timber Company.
- **Stevie Newman**, Vaughn. Qualification: Soil and Water Conservation District. Newman is an owner operator of a farm/ranch business, and retired as an educator.
- **Earl Salley**, Great Falls. Qualification: Inorganic Waste Disposal Industry Representative. Salley is the Manager of the Operating Engineers.
- **Trevor Selch**, Helena. Qualification: Fisheries Biologist. Selch is a Fisheries Biologist with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.

- **Keith Smith**, Hamilton. Qualification: Public Works Director. Smith is the Public Works Director for the City of Hamilton.
- **Dudley “Dude” Tyler**, Livingston. Qualification: Real Estate Representative. Tyler is a Broker with the Ranch Brokers.
- **Michael Wendland**, Rudyard. Qualification: Production Agriculture. Wendland is a farmer and Hill County Commissioner.

Board of Water Well Contractors

- **Pat Byrne**, Great Falls. Qualification: Water Well Contractor. Byrne is a Water Well Contractor and Owner of Pat Byrne Drilling, Inc.

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