

Bullock and Walsh Announce Directors of Transportation, Natural Resources & Conservation

HELENA - Governor-elect Steve Bullock and Lieutenant Governor-elect John Walsh today announced their appointments to run the Departments Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and Transportation.

"Looking after our land, water, and critical infrastructure is an important responsibility, and I know John and Mike are up to the job," said Bullock. "John and Mike have the passion, energy and expertise to make sure Montana's public and natural resources create even more opportunity for all our families. Gen. Walsh and I are thrilled that they're joining the great team we're assembling."

Mike Tooley has been appointed to head **the Department of Transportation**. Tooley has worked for the Montana Highway Patrol for the last 28 years, most recently leading the organization as Colonel and Chief of the Patrol. He previously held positions with the Patrol as an Operations, District and Detachment Commander. Tooley attended Carroll College and is a graduate of Grand Canyon University. He has also undergone training for senior executives in state and local government at Harvard University and graduated from the FBI National Academy. Tooley has served in the Montana Army National Guard and the United States Naval Reserve, where he was honored as the Sailor of the Year in 2003. Tooley was born in Havre and is a Capital High School graduate. He lives in Helena with his wife Olivia.

John Tubbs was picked to lead **the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**, where he worked from 1985 to 2009. Tubbs was most recently the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science for the U.S. Department of the Interior. During his previous tenure at DNRC, Tubbs was Water Resources Division Administrator, Resource Development Bureau Chief and an economist focusing on energy and water issues. He has been honored with awards by the Upper Missouri Water Association, Friends of Rural Water and previous governors of Montana. Tubbs received both his Masters of Art and Bachelors of Science from the University of Montana in Missoula. Tubbs is a native of Helena and lives there with his wife, Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs.