

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK**  
**STATE OF MONTANA**

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Governor Steve Bullock today announced the following appointments.

**State Library Commission**

- **Fredericka Hunter**, Missoula. Qualification: Public Representative. Hunter is the Director of American Indian Student Services at the University of Montana.

**Pacific Northwest Economic Region**

- **Diane Smith**, Whitefish. Qualification: Governor's Representative. Smith is a small business owner and entrepreneur in the Whitefish area, forming a hi-tech company with her husband.

**Public Defenders Commission**

- **Brian Gallik**, Bozeman. Qualification: Attorney nominated by the Supreme Court. Gallik is an attorney in private practice.
- **Richard "Fritz" Gillespie**, Helena. Qualification: Attorney nominated by the State Bar. Gillespie is an attorney in Helena and has previously worked with Montana Legal Services.
- **Margaret Novak**, Chester. Qualification: Member of an Organization that advocates on behalf of indigent persons. Novak is the Owner of Mike's Thriftway and volunteers her time with the United Methodist Church.

**State Parks and Recreation Commission**

- **Diane Conradi**, Whitefish. Qualification: District 1. Conradi is a Partner at Conradi Anderson PLLC, representing businesses and individuals, and specializes in conservation-orientated real estate transactions.
- **Mary Sexton**, Choteau. Qualification: District 3. Sexton is the former Director of the Department of Natural Resources, and a current rancher/farmer.
- **Douglas Smith**, Dagmar. Qualification: District 4. Smith is a local government planner with Sheridan and Daniels Counties.

- **Tom Towe**, Billings. Qualification: District 5. Towe is an attorney in Billings, a former state Legislator and will serve as Chair.
- **Jeff Welch**, Livingston. Qualification: District 2. Welch is the President and Founder of Mercury CSC in Bozeman.

#### **State Tribal Economic Development Commission**

- **Roger Running Crane**, Browning. Qualification: Blackfeet Tribe. Running Crane is a Councilman for the Blackfeet Tribe.
- **Cheryl Reevis**, Browning. Qualification: Blackfeet Tribe, Alternate. Reevis is the Economic Development Administer for the Tribe.
- **Channis Whitman**, Crow Agency. Qualification: Crow Tribe Alternate. Channis works with Economic Development for the Crow Tribe.

#### **Statewide Independent Living Council**

- **Astghik Iknatian**, Billings. Qualification: DPHHS Representative. Iknatian is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor for the Montana Rehabilitation Program.

#### **Committee on Telecommunications Access Services for Persons with Disabilities**

- **Ron Bibler**, Great Falls. Qualification: Disabilities Community (Deaf or Hard of Hearing). Bibler is a Principal at Bibler Financial Group.
- **Chris Caniglia**, Helena. Qualifications: Business Person, non-disabled. Caniglia is a Speech and Language Pathologist at St. Peter's Hospital.
- **Cheryl Dickens**, Bozeman. Qualifications: Disabilities Community (Deaf or Hard of Hearing). Dickens has been a telecommunication relay user for the past forty years, and has been serving as an advocate for the deaf community throughout the state and as President of the Gallatin Association of the Deaf.
- **Linda Kirkland**, Helena. Qualifications: Department of Administration Representative. Kirkland serves in the State Information Technology Services Division and previously had 21 years of experience working for Mountain Bell, now known as CenturyLink.
- **Jim Marks**, Helena. Qualifications: Department of Public Health and Human Services. Marks is the Administrator of Disability Employment and Transitions Division and has been working in Disability Support Services for many years.

#### **Upper Clark Fork River Basin Remediation and Restoration Advisory Council**

- **Katherine Eccleston**, Anaconda. Qualification: Resident of the Upper Clark Fork Basin. Eccleston is a Writing Instructor at Montana Tech.
- **Jim Kambich**, Butte. Qualification: Resident of the Upper Clark Fork Basin. Kambich is the President of the Montana Economic Revitalization and Development Institute (MERDI).
- **Jon Krutar**, Ovando. Qualification: Resident of the Upper Clark Fork Basin. Krutar is a former professor and a rancher.
- **Michael McLean**, Anaconda. Qualification: Resident of the Upper Clark Fork Basin. McLean is an attorney and graduate of the University of Montana.
- **Maureen Connor**, Philipsburg. Qualification: Resident of the Upper Clark Fork Basin. Connor is a former County Commissioner and educator.
- **Roy O'Connor**, Missoula. Qualification: Resident of the Upper Clark Fork Basin. O'Connor is a rancher and investor, and has been involved in the Montana Land Reliance and the Clark Fork Coalition.
- **Elton “Mick” Ringsak**, Butte. Qualification: Resident of the Upper Clark Fork Basin. Ringsak worked for Zions Bank and the US Small Business Administration for Region VIII.
- **William Rossbach**, Missoula. Qualification: Resident of the Upper Clark Fork Basin. Rossbach is an Attorney at Rossbach Hart, PC

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