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GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK
STATE OF MONTANA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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.


- **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: Sportsperson. Andrews is an Information Officer for Region 7, Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

• **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: Sportsperson. Fiehrer is a Dentist and a landowner.

• **Lisa Flowers**, Choteau. Qualification: Sportsperson. Flowers is the Director of Development for the Montana State University Alumni Foundation at Great Falls College MSU.

• **Kathy Hadley**, Deer Lodge. Qualification: Sportsperson. Hadley is the Executive Director for the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT).

• **Blake Henning**, Missoula. Qualification: Sportsperson. Henning is Vice President of Lands and Conservation for Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

• **Representative Tom Jacobson**, Great Falls. Qualification: Sportsperson. 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: Sportsperson. 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.


• **Kevin Myhre**, Lewistown. Qualification: Representative of the Montana League of Cities and Towns. Myhre is the City Manager for Lewistown.


**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**


• **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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