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Bullock Picks Stone-Manning to Lead DEQ

HELENA - Governor-elect Steve Bullock today announced that Tracy Stone-Manning, of Missoula, will head the Department of Environmental Quality in his administration.

Stone-Manning has been a top advisor to U.S. Sen. Jon Tester on natural resource issues and was his lead staffer on the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act, legislation that brought the timber industry and wilderness advocates together to mandate forest restoration and timber harvest and create wilderness and recreation areas. Stone-Manning also advised Tester on his legislation which removed the Gray Wolf from the endangered species list.

"Tracy has a proven record of bringing people together to responsibly manage our natural resources," said Bullock. "She will work together with whoever it takes to make sure DEQ is doing right by everyone who values and prospers from Montana's land and water."

Tracy Stone-Manning has served as a senior advisor and Acting State Staff Director to U.S. Senator Jon Tester on conservation, natural resources, and alternative energy issues. Before working for Tester's office, Stone-Manning was the Executive Director of the Clark Fork Coalition and the Executive Director of the Five Valleys Land Trust in Missoula. She has a master's degree from the University of Montana and bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland.

Bullock has already announced Meg O'Leary to lead the Department of Commerce, Pam Bucy for Commissioner of Labor and Industry, Mike Batista to lead the Department of Corrections, Mike Tooley as the next Director of the Department of Transportation and John Tubbs to lead the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

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