



**2011 CONFERENCE – BIG SKY, MONTANA  
REGIONALISM: PLANNING BEYOND BOUNDARIES  
September 14 - 16, 2011**

**Big Sky Resort**

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## PROGRAM

### Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

#### 9:00 – 10:30

- **Planning 101 - Introduction and Value of Planning/Constitution (Realtor CE)**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
  - **PRESENTER:** Bob Horne, Applied Communications LLC
  - The rationale and basis for planning with a focus on the rights and responsibilities that a government must balance in land use regulation, including notice, due process, good of the whole, and restraint of rights. The session will also include a review of the statutory rules and responsibilities of a planning board, including creating work plans, budgets, staffing, public hearings, and general discussion of the legal concepts of planning.

#### 10:30 – 12:00

- **Planning Director Roundtable**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
  - **HOST:** Sean O’Callaghan, Gallatin County Planning Director; Tim McHarg, Planning Director, City of Bozeman Department of Planning and Community Development
  - Chance for Montana Planning Directors to meet and compare notes over issues and opportunities occurring in their communities.
  
- **Regional Transportation**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
  - **PRESENTERS:** Ted Lange, Current Transportation Solutions, Inc.; Jeff Osgood, District 6 Mobility Manager | Community Transportation Association of Idaho; Kimberly Brown, Yellowstone Business Partnership; and Day Soriano, Opportunity Link
  - This session will feature the following presentations on regional transportation:
    - Intercity bus transportation provides a vital role in connecting Montanans to other communities in the state and across the continent. This presentation will review the regulatory and financial aspects of intercity bus service and describe Rimrock’s role as the primary provider of intercity services in Montana and North Dakota.
    - The Greater Yellowstone Regional Transportation Cooperative (Linx) was incorporated in January of 2010. It is a partnership between existing providers, investors, and riders, whose aim is to leverage existing resources to better connect the Greater Yellowstone region. Linx is a blended cooperative owned and controlled by its members who represent the transportation industry, private business, government agencies, and individuals who have a vested interest in improved mobility in the region. Linx was invited by Yellowstone National Park to coordinate member services to operate a pilot transportation project in Yellowstone this summer. This pilot has resulted in improved regional connections and demonstrates the efficiencies of joint planning and operations.

- I-way is a statewide coordination network that connects people in Idaho to a mix of transportation options, giving Idaho an economic and quality-of-life advantage, while helping to keep the state clean and beautiful. I-way's community coordination process brings together people and organizations at the local, district and state level through three core groups: Local Mobility Networks (17), District Coordination Councils (6), and the Public Transportation Advisory Council (1).
- Opportunity Link, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to fighting the effects of persistent poverty in 11 rural counties and three Indian reservations in Montana, identified transportation as a key strategy to revitalize the region. In 2007, the organization engaged a broad range of community stakeholders in a regional planning process. This planning effort successfully convened an unprecedented partnership of government, business, and educational institutions from remote tribal and rural communities to explore public transit options. The outcome of the planning effort was the adoption of four new rural alternative transportation systems, each designed to respond to the most pressing transportation needs of low-income residents as identified through a needs assessment. The four new transit services are North Central Montana Transit in Hill and Blaine Counties, Fort Belknap Transit Service at Fort Belknap Indian Community, Rocky Boy's Transit at the Chippewa Cree Tribe's Rocky Boy's Reservation, and Northern Transit Interlocal serving Toole, Pondera, and Teton Counties.

- **Planning 101 – Growth Policy**

- **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
- **PRESENTER: Janet Cornish, Community Development Services of Montana**
- Overview of growth policy preparation and implementation. This critical element of community planning provides the context and the mechanisms for creating local land use laws and programs for assisting communities in achieving development goals.

#### **12:00 – 2:00**

- **Lunch & Opening Session Speaker – Madison County Commissioner – Jim Hart**

- **LOCATION: Huntley Dining Room**
- Jim Hart will welcome conference attendees to the 2011 MAP Conference to Big Sky, MT located in Madison County.

#### **2:00 – 3:30**

- **AICP Exam Preparation**

- **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
- **PRESENTERS: Allyson Bristor, AICP, Associate Planner and Neighborhood Coordinator, City of Bozeman; Jeff Bollman, AICP, Land Use Planner, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)**
- Get an overview of the subject matters that are covered in the Comprehensive Planning Exam. Discuss the application process. Bring questions.

- **Wildlife Recommendations for Subdivision Development**

- **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
- **PRESENTERS: Doris Fischer, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; Jerry Grebenc, CTAP; and Julie Cunningham, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

- How can we identify, assess, avoid, and minimize the adverse impacts of subdivision development on fish and wildlife in Montana?

A technical working group of biologists and land use planners has spent over three years drafting a set of recommendations that address this question. The guidance is intended to help Montana FWP's own field biologists offer consistent and timely input into the subdivision process. The guidance may also help planners, planning boards, subdividers, and governing bodies strike a reasonable balance between accommodating growth and conserving important habitat.

During this session, a panel of biologists and planners will discuss the draft recommendations and the conservation biology, planning principles, and statutory authority that underlie them. Though the recommendations remain a work in progress, the story of their evolution and emergence is ready to be told. Feedback from M.A.P. folks will be most welcomed!

- **Planning Resources and GIS Mapping Tools**

- **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
- **PRESENTERS: Ken Wall Geodata Services, Inc.; and Stewart Kirkpatrick Montana State GIS Coordinator and Chief of the Montana Base Map Service Center**
- This presentation will explore how technology, software and mobile devices are transforming citizen interaction and GIS collaboration for community planning. The technological and social networks that are continuing to develop present new opportunities as GIS becomes part of our transportation, entertainment, communication and even our clothing. Ken will use case studies and examples from a GIS collaboration between Teton, Pondera, and Lewis and Clark counties to show how capacity building in a grassroots citizen effort was applied to increase collaboration between citizens and governments for community planning. The examples show integration between CommunityViz, free mapping tools ArcGISExplorer, Google Earth and ArcGIS.COM, keypad polling, wiki and other Web 2.0 tools. Additionally, the presentation will provide information on data access opportunities through the Montana State Library and the availability of the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure Framework layers for planning purposes.

- **Planning 101 – Subdivision**

- **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
- **PRESENTERS: Anne Cossitt, President of Cossitt Consulting; and Lanette Windemaker AICP, Planning Consultant**
- Overview of the basic purposes of subdivision review, the state statutory requirements, local regulations and review procedures, and the affects of recent legislation.

#### **3:30 - 4:00 – Break**

- **Location: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Grand Atrium**

#### **4:00 – 5:30**

- **Planning Board Roundtable**

- **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
- **HOST: Charity Fechter, Madison County Planning Director**
- Chance for Planning Board members to meet and compare experiences with other planning board members from across the state.

- **Floodplain Planning and Preparedness**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
  - **PRESENTERS:** Traci Sears, CFM , NFIP/CAP Coordinator, State of Montana; Celinda Adair, CFM, CPP Map Mod./Risk MAP Program Coordinator; and Marijo Brady, P.E. CFM, FEMA Region VIII
  - This session will provide an overview and information regarding the DNRC's Floodplain Program. This presentation will cover the DNRC Floodplain Program's floodplain mapping efforts including a discussion regarding the FEMA floodplain mapping programs, State funding, and mapping priorities and partnerships. Specifics will be provided on topics including, but not limited to, available GIS data, current project locations, and how to know if there is floodplain mapping data available for an area. This presentation will also cover floodplain management and how floodplain mapping and GIS data is utilized in the regulatory and planning world. Additionally, this session will provide information on FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS).
  
- **WUI Fire Preparedness**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
  - **PRESENTERS:** William Michael Inman, Senior Planner Park County Community Development Department; and Greg Coleman, Assistant Park County Fire Warden, Paradise Valley Fire Chief
  - The presentation will focus on development in the Wildland Urban Interface and will include a presentation of a recently developed online *Wildfire Hazard Calculator* for development in the Wildland Urban Interface. The *Calculator* provides individuals with the ability to assess the wildlife hazards on their property. The *Calculator* serves two primary functions: (1) provides information about wildlife and development in the Wildland Urban Interface and (2) assess and calculates the wildlife hazards for each specific property. The *Calculator* also provides mitigation information for individuals to help decrease the wildlife hazards on their property.
  
- **Planning 101 - Zoning**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
  - **PRESENTER:** Chris Saunders, Assistant Director, City of Bozeman Department of Planning and Community Development
  - An overview of the purpose of zoning, various types of zoning, state statutory requirements, implementation, enforcement, variances and boards of adjustments.

### **5:30 – 6:00 – Free Time**

### **6:00 – Evening**

- **Opening Reception** – Montana Heritage Commission Living History Interpreters with live music from Jawbone Railroad
  - **LOCATION:** Summit Peaks Terrace

## **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **7:00 – 8:00**

- **Breakfast / MAP Board Meeting**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Dining Room

**8:00 – 9:00**

- **Breakfast – Panel Discussion: Federal Initiatives to Support Sustainable Rural Communities**
  - **LOCATION: Huntley Dining Room**
  - **PANELISTS: Rick Garcia, Regional Administrator, Region VIII U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Matthew Jones, Montana State Director U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development; Lilly Shoup, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary of Transportation; Tim Torma, Deputy Director U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities**
  - Rural communities across America are working to strengthen their economies, provide a higher quality of life to residents, protect their farmland and open space, and build on their local assets such as traditional Main Streets, agricultural lands and natural amenities. Yet along the way they continue to face a range of challenges, from declining employment and shrinking populations to the loss of rural character in the face of growth and development pressures. The presentation will broadly discuss how the Partnership for Sustainable Communities - made up of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency - is breaking down the silos of housing, transportation, and environmental policy to better address the needs of urban, suburban, and rural communities.

**9:00 – 9:15 Break**

- **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Grand Atrium Upper Level**

**9:15 – 10:45**

- **Wind Energy**
  - **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
  - **PRESENTERS: Peggy Beltrone, President - Exergy Integrated Systems; and Van Jaminson, Vice President - Public Affairs and Strategic Assets - Gaelectric**
  - Panelists will give an overview of the projected outlook for wind energy development in Montana. They will discuss what planners can do to facilitate development of wind energy projects and what land use/environmental issues planners should be aware when reviewing a proposal for a wind farm.
  
- **Working With Consultants – Fostering Good Relationships and Good Outcomes**
  - **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
  - **PRESENTERS: Janet Cornish, Community Development Services of Montana; Dan Norderud, Consulting Planner, Robert Peccia & Associates, Inc; Nick Kaufman Vice President and Principal Land Use Planner, WGM Group; and Brian Bender, Powell County, Montana Planning Director**
  - What are the keys to working with consultants? What should be included in a Request for Proposal? How should decision makers be involved in the procurement process? What are the critical elements of a good contract? How do we develop a reasonable scope of work? What are the general guidelines for monitoring ongoing projects? How do board-staff relationships figure in the mix? What are the key differences between an employee and a consulting planner?

- **Urban Service Challenges in Unincorporated Communities**

- **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
- **PRESENTERS:** Ron Edwards, Big Sky Sewer and Water District; Don Reed, Lockwood Steering Committee; Bob Riehl, Lockwood Transportation District; and Julie Regan, Chief of External Affairs, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.
- Many communities in Montana are unincorporated but face many of the same service challenges of larger municipalities. Road maintenance, emergency services, and water and sewer infrastructure can all be difficult, if not impossible to manage when the primary governing body may be a County that has its own service challenges outside of a single community within its borders. Representatives from Lockwood and Big Sky, Montana, as well as the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency will share experiences, challenges, and successes of managing unincorporated communities and maintaining regional and local cooperation among service districts and agencies.

**10:45 – 11:00 Break**

- **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Grand Atrium Upper Level

**11:00 – 12:30**

- **Water Availability and Exempt Wells**

- **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
- **PRESENTERS:** Mary Sexton, DNRC Director; and Allan English, Gallatin Water Quality District Manager.
- The panel will discuss issue of water availability within the Gallatin Valley and beyond. Additionally, the session will discuss Montana's ongoing challenges the exempt well and the potential for new laws regarding exempt wells in the State of Montana.

- **Record Keeping / Data Management, Legal Issues Digital Communication and Sunshine Laws.**

- **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
- **PRESENTERS:** Brendan Steele, City of Bozeman IT; Stacy Ulmen, City of Bozeman City Clerk; and Wyeth Friday, City of Billings, Planning Division Manager
- Records management is a daily task that all planners must handle. With evolving technology more electronic records are being created which poses unique challenges for government and the public. Come learn about some of the standards, challenges, and how electronic records can be used in daily operations from three different perspectives, Clerk, Information Technology, and Planner.

- **Comprehensive Infrastructure Planning**

- **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
- **MODERATOR:** Janet Cornish, Community Development Services of Montana
- **PANELISTS:** Kevin Johnson, P.E., Senior Municipal Engineer, DOWL HKM; Sarah Nicolai, E.I., DOWL HKM; Jerry Grebenc, Montana Department of Commerce; and Richard Knatterud, P.E., Planning Bureau of the Community Development Division, Montana Department of Commerce.
- Unending regulations, deteriorating infrastructure, and dwindling financial resources. Is this a familiar theme with your planning project? Within the current nationwide context of tightening our belts, we will provide a brief historical perspective of the past and current drivers of infrastructure improvement projects along with the past and projected means of funding major

capital improvement projects. Incorporated into the discussion will be keys to planning projects from a regulatory permitting perspective and the impact this process can have upon the overall project schedule and cost.

**12:30 – 2:00**

- **Lunch – Presentation from Mary Craigle, MT Census and Economic Information Center**
  - **LOCATION: Summit Talus Room (terrace level)**
  - Ms. Craigle will provide an overview of the services available from the Montana Census and Economic Information Center. The presentation will focus how to access and use data from 2010 U.S. Census of the Population and American Community Survey. Some issues she will address include: How the American Community Survey data and the 2010 census work together.

**2:00 – 3:30**

- **Coal, Mining, and Mineral Development in Montana**
  - **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
  - **PANELISTS: Chris Yde, DEQ; Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council; and Robin McCulloch, Montana Mining Association**
  - This panel will explore the depth of the Montana mining industry in relationship to past trends and future opportunities. The discussion will lead to topics of interest to planners who must anticipate and address the cycles of this industry in the rural and often remote regions of the state. This panel will focus primarily on the coal industry. Annual coal production in Montana has consistently averaged close to 40 million tons. Many of Montana's coal mines are expanding or planning to expand in the near future. While the majority of Montana's coal production is based in southeastern Montana, there is potential for development in central, south-central, and eastern Montana.
  
- **Planning Departments in a time of shrinking budgets: Strategies for Survival?**
  - **LOCATION: Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level**
  - **PANELISTS: Philip Fletcher, CECD, Park County Community Development Director; Marty Malone, Park County Commissioner; Brit Fontenot, City of Bozeman Director of Economic Development and Community Relations; and Earl Mathers, Gallatin County Administrator**
  - Not many years ago you could look in any professional planning publication and see lots of advertisements for available jobs throughout the state and anywhere in the Country. Now there are practically none – anywhere. For a variety of reasons – economic and growth stagnation, increasing pressure on state and local governments to cut costs and re-prioritize programs, falling local revenues with upward spiraling costs, planning programs are being eliminated, reduced, or otherwise challenged for existence and to justify purpose. This session is focused on how three local planning programs have successfully adapted, or are in the process of adapting, to the challenges of justifying existence, re-defining purpose, becoming more responsive to changing needs and governmental priorities --- and re-inventing themselves with imagination and carefully crafted strategic *planning*. Participants in the panel discussion include a rural County Commissioner, a County Administrator, an Economic Development Director, and a Director of Community Development.

- **Water Planning: Innovations and Ideas in the New Regulatory Environment**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
  - **PRESENTERS:** Kate McMahon, Applied Communications; Whitefish; Dave Mumford, PE, City of Billings Public Works Director; Amanda McGinnis, PE, Missoula Department Manager, HDR; and Kristin Gardner, Executive Director, Blue Water Task Force
  - State and Federal regulations of wastewater and stormwater discharge into rivers, streams, and lakes are getting stricter and communities must determine the best way to manage runoff and effluent cost effectively and in compliance. Further, consumption of potable water for irrigation of lawns increases discharge levels, and puts higher demands on water infrastructure, making communities plan for maximum daily drinking water demands that are driven by lawn watering. This session will provide examples of what several Montana communities are doing to address this new regulatory environment and the challenges of managing wastewater, stormwater and drinking water.

**3:30 – 4:00 – Break**

- **Location:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Grand Atrium Upper Level

**4:00 – 5:30**

- **Oil and Gas Development in Montana**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
  - **PANELISTS:** Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association; Dustin de Yong, Mt Dept. of Commerce; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance
  - This panel will explore the expanse of the Montana oil and gas industry in relationship to past trends and the future opportunities. The discussion will lead to topics of interest to planners who must anticipate and address the cycles of this industry in the rural and often remote regions of the state. What are some of the “economics” and hurdles to future expansion? How is this industry regulated by current local, state, and federal statutes?
- **Legal – Update on “Takings” Cases**
  - **LOCATION:** Huntley Lodge, Yellowstone Conference Center Upper Level
  - **PRESENTER:** Kelly Casillas, Administrator Community Development Division Deputy Chief Legal Counsel Montana Department of Commerce
  - This session is intended to educate planners about the law of regulatory takings and will provide description and discussion of basic issues and legal theories in regulatory takings and how they relate to different types of land use decisions. Land use planners in the state of Montana are frequently threatened with claims of “taking” of private property as a result of their recommendations. The session will provide them with an understanding of different aspects of takings law, the different legal tests and theories, and scope of court decisions that affect their work.

**5:30 – 6:00 – Free Time**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm** – MAP Award Dinner, Raffle, Silent Auction and Keynote Speaker, James Howard Kunstler

- **LOCATION:** Huntley Dining Room

- James Howard Kunstler says he wrote *The Geography of Nowhere*, "Because I believe a lot of people share my feelings about the tragic landscape of highway strips, parking lots, housing tracts, mega-malls, junked cities, and ravaged countryside that makes up the everyday environment where most Americans live and work."

His next book in the series, *The City in Mind: Notes on the Urban Condition*, published by Simon & Schuster / Free Press, is a look a wide-ranging look at cities here and abroad, an inquiry into what makes them great (or miserable), and in particular what America is going to do with its mutilated cities. Mr. Kunstler was born in New York City in 1948. He moved to the Long Island suburbs in 1954 and returned to the city in 1957 where he spent most of his childhood. He graduated from the State University of New York, Brockport campus, worked as a reporter and feature writer for a number of newspapers, and finally as a staff writer for *Rolling Stone Magazine*. In 1975, he dropped out to write books on a full-time basis. He has no formal training in architecture or the related design fields. He lives in Saratoga Springs in upstate New York.

## **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **7:00 – 8:15**

- **Breakfast and MAP Membership Meeting**
  - **LOCATION: Huntley Dining Room**

### **8:15 - 9:00**

- **General Session Presentation by Julie Regan, Chief of External Affairs, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.**
  - **LOCATION: Huntley Dining Room**

### **9:00 – 9:15 Break**

- **LOCATION: Summit Talus Room (terrace level)**

### **9:15 – 10:45**

- **Recent Montana Land Use related Legal Decisions**
  - **LOCATION: Summit Talus Room (terrace level)**
  - **Kelly Casillas, Administrator Community Development Division and Deputy Chief Legal Counsel Montana Department of Commerce**
  - This session is intended to focus on what the Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) has identified in the last 12 months as the significant court decisions that are affecting land use decisions. The session is intended to educate planners about statewide issues and court cases that are likely to affect land use decisions in all jurisdictions in the state and will include a detailed discussion of the court decisions in existing planning law as it relates to land use planning in Montana.

### **10:45 – 11:00 Break**

- **LOCATION: Summit Talus Room (terrace level)**



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#### **11:00 – 12:30**

- **General Legislative Recap**
  - **LOCATION: Summit Talus Room (terrace level)**
  - **PANELIST: Susan Swimley, MACO; Kelly Casillas, Administrator Community Development Division and Deputy Chief Legal Counsel Montana Department of Commerce; and Linda Stoll, 2010-2011 MAP Legislative Lobbyist**
  - A panel discussion on the good, bad, and the ugly of the 2011 Legislative session, with a focus on the recent changes to zoning, subdivision, and other laws, and how these changes will affect planners throughout the State.

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## SPEAKER BIOS

### **Adair, Celinda**

Celinda Adair has been working as the Map Modernization/Risk MAP Program Manager for the State of Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). She is a certified floodplain administrator and procurement professional. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a Masters of Environmental Studies from the Evergreen State College. She specializes in program management, contract and grant administration, grant writing, and a variety of activities related to land-use planning. She also has experience working with GIS to map environmental features and perform impervious area analysis. Celinda previously worked as a planner and floodplain administrator for Thurston County Washington. Prior to that she worked as a contract manager-buyer in Washington State and a Program Coordinator for the World Affairs Council of San Antonio.

### **Beltrone, Peggy**

Peggy Beltrone is a nationally known and trusted voice on rural renewable energy development and sustainable communities. She championed rural economic development on the Board of Cascade County Commissioners for nearly 16 years where she directed the County's wind energy marketing program. She chairs the Community Wind initiative of the 25x'25 National Alliance (25% renewable energy in the US by 2025) of over 900 energy, agricultural, and environmental organizations, and serves on the US Department of Energy's Wind Powering America steering committee and on the US Environmental Protection Agency's Farm Ranch and Rural Communities Advisory Committee. Beltrone is a former board member of the National Association of Counties (NACo). In the spring of 2010, she was selected by NACo to provide expert testimony on sustainable rural strategies at the White House. Having played a leading role in promoting and garnering local support for the Montana-Alberta Tie Line – Montana's first new transmission line in thirty years – Beltrone now contributes her on-the-ground transmission expertise in national roles at the Energy Future Coalition. Beltrone has traveled to every region of the US, giving speeches and meeting directly with rural officials to share hopeful stories of renewable energy-driven development.

### **Bender, Brian**

Brian has held the position of Planning Director of Powell County, Montana since January 2011. Before arriving in Montana, Brian held the position of Planning Director of Winona County, Minnesota for four years during which time he initiated a complete revision of the Zoning Ordinance and oversaw the preparation of the Comprehensive Plans for the cities of Lewiston and St. Charles. Prior to working in Winona County, Brian was the Village Planner for Bensenville, Illinois and the Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission of Clinton County, Indiana. Brian has over ten years of experience collaborating with elected and appointed officials in both rural and urban communities on zoning enforcement, plan making and implementation, and citizen participation. Brian has a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Plattsburgh State University, with a minor in Mapping Sciences. Brian also holds a Master of Science in Geography with a concentration in coastal geomorphology from Western Washington University and a Master of Regional Planning from the University at Albany with a specialization in rural and small town planning.

**Bollman, Jeff**

Jeff is currently a Land Use Planner with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Southern Land Office in Billings and is responsible for helping manage +/-380,000 acres of school Trust lands in a seven county area that includes Yellowstone, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Musselshell, Big Horn and Treasure Counties. He primarily deals with special use leases and easement/right-of-way requests but also is involved in developing real estate projects on Trust land and has recently been involved with energy development. Prior to joining DNRC, Jeff was a Senior Planner/Zoning Coordinator with the Billings-Yellowstone County Planning Department where his main responsibilities focused on current planning, mostly zoning administration, but also included building permit review, annexation and subdivision.

Jeff was born in Indiana and has lived in Billings since 1992. He has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design and a Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development from Ball State University in Muncie, IN. Outside of the office, Jeff enjoys long distance running in marathon and ultramarathon distances. So far this year, he has completed 6 marathons and five 50 kilometer races, including a highlight of running the Boston Marathon in April. Jeff is also on the Board of Directors of a local trails advocacy group, BikeNet, as well as serving as the Chair of the Billings Board of Adjustment.

**Brady, Marijo**

Marijo is the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Program Manager for the state of Montana. Marijo enthusiastically provides training and technical assistance to state officials, local community officials, residents, insurance agents, banking officials, and provides technical support to engineers and surveyors. Her favorite topic is relating how elevation information is used between the three branches of the program – administration, LOMCs, and insurance.

Prior to joining FEMA, she worked at the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver as a hydrologist on extreme hydrologic event forecasting and at the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers as a geotechnical engineer, environmental engineer, technical manager, and as a hydraulic engineer (completing FEMA studies, no less!).

**Bristor, Allyson**

Allyson is currently an Associate Planner and the Neighborhood Coordinator for the City of Bozeman, Montana. She's originally from the suburbs of Baltimore, Maryland and moved to Montana 8 years ago after completing her Masters of City Planning at the University of Pennsylvania. When she first arrived in Bozeman, she served as the City's Historic Preservation Officer and held that position for over 6 years. Historic architecture and its rehabilitation will forever remain a passion of hers. Allyson is also the current Western Central Chapter Newsletter and Website Editor.

Allyson signed up for the November 2006 AICP exam and passed it on her first attempt. She's kept her AICP membership current and maintains the necessary CM credits by attending conferences and listening to webinars. She encourages others in the planning field to become certified in an effort to promote the professional planning institution.

**Brown, Kimberly**

Kimberly is a Field Representative for Linx, a regional transportation cooperative. She has been involved with the co-op since September of 2010. In addition to her regular duties acting as the representative for Southern Montana and the Big Horn Basin, Wyoming, she has been the acting Operations Coordinator for a summer pilot demonstration involving Linx members in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

**Casillas, Kelly**

Kelly was raised in East Helena, Montana and graduated from Helena High School in 1989. She received her B.A. in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1993; her M.A. in Urban Planning in 1997 from the University of California, and her J.D. in 2001 from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. She was admitted to the State Bar of California in 2001 and the State Bar of Montana in 2003.

Kelly joined the Montana Department of Commerce in July 2007, serving as the Staff Attorney for the Community Technical Assistant Program (CTAP), support legal counsel in the Director's Office, and then Deputy Chief Legal Counsel for the Department. In May 2010, Kelly was appointed as the Administrator for the Community Development Division with the Montana Department of Commerce. As Administrator, she oversees the Coal Board, Hard Rock Mining Impact Board, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP), the Treasure State Endowment Programs (TSEP), and the Quality Schools Grant Program. Kelly is responsible for managing the allocation and administration of over \$120 million in state and federal grant funding and technical assistance to local governmental entities in Montana for community planning and infrastructure development.

Prior to her employment at the Department of Commerce, Kelly was employed at the law firm of Richards, Watson & Gershon in Los Angeles, California, from August 2001 to August 2003, where she served as special counsel to several California cities and public agencies in land use planning, environmental review, water supply planning requirements, agricultural land, and open space preservation

From August 2003 to November 2006, Kelly served as Deputy County Counsel for the County of Santa Barbara, California, where she provided land use, planning, subdivision, and environmental review advice to the Planning & Development, Redevelopment Agency, Public Works, and other county departments.

Kelly is a current member of the volunteer Ski Patrol at the Great Divide Ski Area, and a former member of the Helena/Lewis and Clark Consolidated Planning Board (2007-2009).

**Clinch, Bud**

Bud currently is the executive director of the Montana Coal Council, an industry trade association. In that capacity Bud represents Montana's six operating coal mines and associated coal reserve holders in a variety of forums including the Montana Legislature, interim committees, and other public forums. Prior to joining the Montana Coal Council in 2005, Bud served as the Director of Montana Department of Natural Resources. For 12 years he served Governor's Martz and Racicot; overseeing a staff of 400 that implements a multitude of programs pertaining to forestry, agriculture, water rights, fire fighting, mineral development, and land and water conservation activities on state and private lands. From 1983 to 1993 Bud served in a variety of capacities for the Montana Logging Association, including co-authoring Montana's "Best Management Practices" handbook and initiating enactment of the Montana Streamside Management Act. He is a 1974 graduate of the University of Montana Forestry School.

**Coleman, Greg**

Greg Coleman is currently the Assistant Park County Fire Warden, the Paradise Valley Fire Chief and a member of the Park County Fire Planner. He is an active member of the Park County Search and Rescue and the Greater Yellowstone Response Group. He is a member of the Montessori Island School Board, a husband and father of two boys, ages 5 and 7.

**Cornish, Janet**

Janet is the owner and principal of Community Development Services of Montana, established in 1987. She holds a B.A. Degree from the University of Wisconsin in Political Science and an M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana. She has 34 years of experience in public administration focused in community planning, downtown redevelopment, historic preservation, and municipal finance, particularly in the area of tax increment financing. Janet also has considerable expertise in public-private partnership development, meeting facilitation, program design, and non-profit corporate management and strategic planning. She presents seminars in grant proposal writing, communication and non-profit management, through various units of the university system and is on the adjunct faculty of Montana Tech where she teaches courses for the Liberal Studies Department. Janet's current clients include the State of Montana, the City of Great Falls, Butte-Silver Bow, the Ravalli County Economic Development Authority and Human Resources Council, District XII.

**Cossitt, Anne**

Anne Cossitt is the President of Cossitt Consulting, which has provided planning and facilitation services in the Rocky Mountain West since 1994. Prior to starting her business, Anne was responsible for public lands issues at the Western Governors' Association. Anne has prepared seven growth policies and is currently working on neighborhood plans for Butte. She has reviewed subdivisions in central and eastern Montana counties since 2000. Anne has a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Minnesota with emphases in planning and administration (1981). She has been on the MAP board since 2008.

**Craigle, Mary**

Mary is the Bureau Chief for the Census and Economic Information Center (CEIC) at the Montana Department of Commerce. She has been working in economics and research for more than 25 years. Her career includes several research manager positions with the state and running her own market research company for 12 years.

CEIC provides demographic and economic data and analysis, GIS support, technical assistance and training. The Census and Economic Information Center is Montana's lead agency in the U.S. Census Bureau's State Data Center (SDC) and Business/Industry Data Center (BIDC) Programs. Montana's State Data Center Program has a network of twenty-nine affiliates throughout the state comprised of local libraries, economic development organizations, local and tribal governments, and university organizations which all provide census and economic data to the public.

Mary holds a masters degree in Quantitative Analysis from the University of Missouri and undergraduate degrees from the University of Montana. Along with work, her current roles include serving as member for the US Census Bureau's State Data Center Steering Board and as Secretary and a board member for the Montana Community Foundation.

**Cunningham, Julie**

Julie is a wildlife biologist, hunter, hiker, skier, and taekwondo instructor. She graduated from the University of Montana in 2001 in Wildlife Biology. Julie got her Master's in Fish and Wildlife Management from Montana State University in 2006, with a research emphasis on elk-wolf interactions and bison population demography.

In 2007, Julie joined Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to conduct additional elk-wolf research. Since April Fool's Day in 2009 (!!), she has worked as area biologist for FWP and covers large portions of Gallatin and Madison Counties.

**de Young, Dustin**

Energy Development Specialist, Energy Promotion and Development Division, Montana Department of Commerce.

Born and raised on the family farm in the Flathead Valley; obtained a BA in Advertising – Communications Division, Pepperdine University; returned home to MT in 2008. Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Bohlinger from 2008-2010; joined the Department of Commerce in December of 2011.

I believe that responsible development of Montana's vast and diverse energy resources is the way that Montanans can preserve the Montana that we know and love.

**Edwards, Ron**

Ron has been the General Manager of the Big Sky County Water & Sewer District since December of 1995. He has a bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of Montana and a masters degree in Water Resources Management from the University of Wisconsin - Madison (go Badgers!). His wife Karla is a Physical Therapist at Advanced Performance Rehabilitation Services in Bozeman. He has three children Jamie (25), Alex (23) and Kip (19) and resides in the Four Corners area.

**English, Allan**

EDUCATION: BA in Geography, University of Montana 1986, BA in Geology, University of Montana, 1987, and a MS in Geoscience/Hydrogeology, Montana Tech, 2000

WORK EXPERIENCE: Manager of the Gallatin Local Water Quality District since 2000

Assistant Research Hydrogeologist for the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology 1996-2000

Senior Water Quality Specialist for Missoula Valley Local Water Quality District 1991-1996

Other previous work includes several field seasons as an abandoned mine inspector, one year as a contract Mine Geologist for an underground gold and silver mine, Geophysics Field Assistant for USGS (summer of 1987), various positions on seismic exploration crews in Wyoming and California (1980-1985). Part time Air Quality Technician for the Missoula City-County Health Department from 1984-1987.

**Fischer, Doris**

Doris is the Land Use Planning Specialist for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. As such, she works with FWP biologists, community planners, and others to support efforts to integrate fish/wildlife information into residential and transportation planning and development processes.

Prior to joining FWP four years ago, Doris worked in planning for Madison County, Missoula City and County, Yellowstone National Park, the Gallatin Development Corporation in Bozeman, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission in Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Mining Impact Board. A long time ago (!), she earned her Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Doris first experienced Big Sky Country in 1980 and is lucky enough to live, now, in the Ruby Valley of Southwest Montana.

**Fletcher, Philip**

Originally hired by Park County as its Planning Director, Philip introduced a plan of re-organizing the Department into a Community Development Department in 2010, which he now directs. The Department now has divisions in Planning, Floodplain Management, Historical Preservation, Economic Development, Parks & Recreation, Natural Resources & Environment, Grant Writing and Administration, Crisis Management, and Administration of Special Projects (the latter two of which often over-lap).

Originally from southern Arizona, Philip's experience includes Planning, Farming and Ranching, Agriculture and Resource Economics, Economic Development, law, and university-level teaching in Arizona, Maine, Texas, Colorado, and Illinois and now Montana. He served six years in U.S. Naval Intelligence. Philip officially retired from practicing criminal defense law to farm hay and organic vegetables with his wife Catie in a remote part of Northern Nova Scotia. Four years ago, after the never-ending challenge of watching hay grow and harvesting 70 varieties of tomatoes, in a fit of adventure, they moved from Nova Scotia to Montana, where it is increasingly apparent that no varieties of tomatoes grow.

He has been certified by the International Economic Development Council for the past 30 years as an Economic Development Planner (CEcD).

**Fontenot, Brit**

Brit Fontenot is the Director of Economic Development and Community Relations for the City of Bozeman, Montana. He has worked for the Bozeman community for the past 5 years.

Prior to coming to the City of Bozeman, Mr. Fontenot served 5 years (2000 – 2005) with the United Nations Compensation Commission at the UN European Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. While serving at the UN, Mr. Fontenot assisted a team of legal experts in the processing of claims and payment of compensation for environmental losses and damage suffered as a direct result of Iraq's 1990 -1991 unlawful invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

Mr. Fontenot has served the citizens of Bozeman since 2006. He has worked in various capacities for the Bozeman community, first as City Clerk then as Assistant to the City Manager with a focus on neighborhoods, then as Assistant to the City Manager with a focus on economic development and is currently the Director of Economic Development and Community Relations.

Mr. Fontenot engages both public and private sectors to collectively and creatively offer solutions to many of the pressing economic issues in and around Bozeman, i.e. job creation, employment sector diversification and access to business related information and resources. Additionally, Mr. Fontenot provides support to local business by aiding in the navigation of various local regulatory processes. Mr. Fontenot holds a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Louisiana in Lafayette, Louisiana and earned an M.A. degree in History from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. He is married with two sons.

**Friday, Wyeth**

Wyeth Friday is the Manager for the City-County Planning Division. The Planning Division provides planning services to the City of Billings and most of Yellowstone County. He manages a staff of six planners and administrative staff. Wyeth has worked for the Planning Division for almost 8 years, serving as Manager for the past four years. During his tenure, he has worked on current and long range planning projects, including management of a grant and project administration for an update of the County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and West Billings Flood Mitigation and Groundwater Recharge Study, organization of a regional, two-day Infill Development Workshop that moved Billings toward development of an Infill Policy, and ongoing leadership of the City's Annexation Committee through updates and amendments to the City's Annexation Policy in coordination with the City's annual review of its Capital Improvement Program. Wyeth has been a member of the American Planning Association since 2001 and of the American Institute of Certified Planners since 2006. He is currently President of the Montana Association of Planners for 2011-2012. Covering land use issues as a journalist in Wyoming sparked his interest in planning and he completed a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning at Cornell University. Wyeth lives in Billings with his wife, Donna, and daughter, Parker.

**Galt, Dave**

Dave was born and raised in Lewistown, Montana, and graduated from Fergus County High School in 1976. He began working for the Montana Department of Highways in the spring of 1977 and has held various positions in the Department of Transportation's, Motor Carrier Services Division. Dave left MDT in 2000 for the position of Executive Vice President of the Montana Motor Carrier Association. When Judy Martz was elected Governor in the fall of 2000, she asked Dave return to the Department of Transportation as Director. He served in that position for the full term and retired state government in December of 2004. After the Martz Administration, Dave co-founded the West Yellowstone Group that offers government relations, business development and congressional advocacy. In October, 2005, Dave accepted an offer from the Montana Petroleum Association as their Executive Director. Dave is a graduate of Carroll College and resides in Helena.

**Garcia, Rick**

Rick M. Garcia serves as Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Region VIII in the administration of President Barack Obama. In addition, Mr. Garcia was designated as Senior Policy Advisor to HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan on Sustainability representing the field offices. He also serves as HUD liaison to the Denver Metropolitan's Regional Air Quality Council, which advises the Governor and the General Assembly on Environmental Protection Agency's air quality standards.

Prior to joining HUD, Mr. Garcia was elected to the Denver City Council in June 2003. Throughout his tenure, he made economic revitalization, access to new transit projects and business development his priorities. Garcia was recognized in 2006 by the Hispanic Contractors of Colorado and the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as Government/Community Advocate of the Year.

Mr. Garcia was an elected RTD Board Commissioner and is credited for bringing necessary stability and credibility to the RTD board, which led to the voter's successful passage of the FasTracks initiative. In 1985, Garcia founded the Denver Enterprise Center, a small business incubator with the support from then Mayor Federico Peña.

**Gardner, Kristin**

Kristin Gardner currently serves as Executive Director of the Blue Water Task Force, a nonprofit watershed organization located in Big Sky, Montana. As Executive Director, she works closely with the local community to promote awareness of water quality issues through scientific data collection, public education events, and science/math curriculum development and implementation at Ophir School. Kristin recently finished her doctorate from the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences at Montana State University. Prior to moving to Montana, Kristin completed a Master's in Water Resources Engineering and Environmental Planning at Tufts University in Medford, MA. For her Master's research, she worked closely with the Nantucket Land Council, a non-profit land trust in Nantucket, Massachusetts, and the Nantucket community on groundwater quality issues. In her free time, Kristin enjoys playing outdoors, listening to live music and traveling with her family.

**Grebenc, Jerry**

Jerry is currently the acting Planning Bureau Chief for the Community Development Division of the Montana Department of Commerce. The Bureau provides technical assistance regarding community planning and infrastructure to local governments, planning boards, private sector developers, engineers, consultants and non-profit organizations. Jerry received a bachelor's degree in History/Geography from the University of Minnesota–Duluth and a graduate degree in Geography/Planning from the University of Montana. He has twelve years of experience in community planning and development issues, including serving as an associate

planner and then as Planning Director for Lewis and Clark County. He has also worked as a planner for engineering firms in Missoula and Helena designing residential developments and shepherding them through local review processes.

**Hart, Jim**

Jim Hart was born and raised in Eastern Montana, graduating high school from Circle in 1970. In 1974, Jim graduated from MSU, Billings (then Eastern Montana College), with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education, double majoring in Business and English. He taught for 30 years, 3 in Gardiner and 27 in Ennis. In January of 2007, Jim took office as Madison County Commissioner, a position he currently holds, representing the Madison Valley and Big Sky.

**Horne, Bob**

Robert Horne, Jr. Robert Horne (Bob) is a native of Florida and received his Master of Science in Planning from Florida State University. So, he's seen firsthand what unmanaged growth can do to the character, livability, and natural resources of a beautiful place. He moved out west in 1980 and worked in Colorado Springs for 9 years (4 ½ with the City, and 4 ½ in private practice). He was Planning Director in Jackson, WY for 8 years and was the lead planner for the Town of Jackson on the Jackson-Teton County Comprehensive Plan. From 1997 to 2003 he was City-County Planning Director in Great Falls, where he once again directed and wrote a comprehensive plan, and revised it to meet Growth Policy standards before leaving that position. In 2005 he was hired by the City of Whitefish to set up their first local planning program and to----you guessed it----write a growth policy. After two years in Whitefish, he reentered private practice with Applied Communications LLC, a firm founded by his wife, Kate McMahon, over 12 years ago. AppCom is now a two-person, two-dog planning firm whose client base is primarily small communities and rural counties. At this time they are working with several cities and counties in Montana and Idaho.

**Inman, Wm. Michael**

Michael was born in Great Falls, Montana and graduated from the University of Montana in 2002, and received a Masters in Public Administration from Montana State University in 2006. After working as the Assistant City Planner for Belgrade, Montana, Michael started working for the Park County Planning Department. The Planning Department shifted gears in 2008 and is currently the Community Development Department, focusing on economic development, natural resource planning, growth and a variety of land use issues. Michael is certified nationally as a floodplain administrator and is currently working as the Senior Planner/Co-Floodplain Administrator and focuses on subdivision and zoning administration, natural resource planning, parks and recreation and floodplain administration.

**Jaminson, Van**

Van Jamison works in the Montana of Gaelectric. Gaelectric is a group of companies, founded in 2004 with assets in Europe and the US. Each Group company is active in different fields of renewable power generation and energy storage with experienced teams specialized in all aspects of project planning, permitting, finance, engineering and management. Gaelectric is active in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and North America (Gaelectric North America) where Gaelectric operates regional development offices. In 2006, Gaelectric North America opened its offices in Great Falls, Montana and now employees 18 people in its overall North American operation. In Montana, Gaelectric has secured approximately 250,000 acres of high wind resource areas, and has a medium-term objective of bringing up to 2,000MW of wind generation capacity to shovel ready stage.

**Johnson, Kevin**

Kevin Johnson, P.E., is a Senior Municipal Engineer with DOWL HKM in the Bozeman office. Kevin has over 15 years of experience in the facility planning, grant writing, design, and construction administration of diverse and complex municipal projects. His project experience includes water and wastewater treatment facilities, water and sewer rehabilitation, and procurement of funding for the same through a variety of funding sources. Kevin is well-versed in the application and administration process for the traditional Montana public facility funding agencies including TSEP, CDBG, RRGL, STAG, NRD and USDA-Rural Development. He is an active member of the American Water Works Association and is past president of the Montana Water Environment Association.

**Jones, Matthew**

Matthew Jones is the State Director for USDA Rural Development in Montana. USDA Rural Development programs support business, affordable housing, and infrastructure investment throughout rural America. Mr. Jones previously served as Economic Development Director for U.S. Senator Max Baucus and as Tax Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Finance. He represented energy industry clients while practicing law at the firm Brickfield, Burchette, Ritts & Stone PC in Washington, DC. Mr. Jones holds a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center and a Bachelor of Arts with honors in Economics from the University of Montana.

**Kaufman, Nick**

Mr. Kaufman has more than 33 years of experience as a consultant for State and local governments as well as for private clients. As the Vice President and Principal Land Use Planner at a design firm with 45 years of consulting experience, he serves as the Principal-in-Charge or Project Manager on a wide variety of projects, communicating daily with clients, writing proposals and contracts, overseeing budgets, managing staff and sub-consultants, coordinating public involvement, and navigating governmental regulations. Projects range from the design of traditional neighborhoods, mixed use developments, shopping centers, power centers, walking street commercial design, and industrial parks, to the planning of sports facilities—including a university sports stadium—and planning and public involvement on major transportation and bypass studies. Mr. Kaufman's education and extensive consulting experience allow him to incorporate innovative options and thorough public review into each project for maximum return to the community and the client.

**Kirkpatrick, Stewart**

Stewart Kirkpatrick is the Montana State GIS Coordinator and Chief of the Montana Base Map Service Center, under the Montana State Library. For the past fifteen years he has provided project management and oversight for the Montana Cadastral Database, one of the first statewide efforts aimed at creating a framework cadastral database. He now has general oversight over the Montana Transportation Framework database, Montana Structures/Address database and digital boundary development. Mr. Kirkpatrick has over 21 years of GIS experience in Montana, previously working for the Montana State Library and serving as GIS Manager at Butte-Silver Bow County Government for 5 years.

Mr. Kirkpatrick has been active in the Montana GIS community and is a past chair of the Montana GIS Users Group and past vice-chair of the Montana Local Government GIS Coalition. Regionally he is Montana's delegate to the Western Governor's Association GI Council and has served on the Steering Committee of the past two WGA Cadastral Forums. He is Montana's delegated representative to the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) and previously served two terms on the Executive Board of that organization. He also serves as the western states representative to the Federal Geographic Data Committee's (FGDC) cadastral

subcommittee. Mr. Kirkpatrick received the NSGIC Outstanding Service Award in 2006 and the Distinguished Service Award from the Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals in 2008

**Knatterud, Richard**

Richard is currently one of the engineers within the Planning Bureau of the Community Development Division, Montana Department of Commerce. Richard received a bachelor's of science degree in Civil Engineering from North Dakota State University in 1980 and is a Professional Engineer. He has worked for the State of Montana for the past twenty years, including his current assignment with the Department of Commerce, and previous assignments with the Departments of Transportation and Environmental Quality. Richard also spent eleven years as a consulting engineer in the upper Midwest.

**Kunstler, Howard James (Keynote Speaker)**

James Howard Kunstler says he wrote *The Geography of Nowhere*, "Because I believe a lot of people share my feelings about the tragic landscape of highway strips, parking lots, housing tracts, mega-malls, junked cities, and ravaged countryside that makes up the everyday environment where most Americans live and work." His next book in the series, *The City in Mind: Notes on the Urban Condition*, published by Simon & Schuster / Free Press, is a look a wide-ranging look at cities here and abroad, an inquiry into what makes them great (or miserable), and in particular what America is going to do with its mutilated cities. Mr. Kunstler was born in New York City in 1948. He moved to the Long Island suburbs in 1954 and returned to the city in 1957 where he spent most of his childhood. He graduated from the State University of New York, Brockport campus, worked as a reporter and feature writer for a number of newspapers, and finally as a staff writer for *Rolling Stone Magazine*. In 1975, he dropped out to write books on a full-time basis. He has no formal training in architecture or the related design fields. He lives in Saratoga Springs in upstate New York.

**Lange, Ted**

Ted recently joined Current Transportation Solutions after spending eight years with the Bozeman-based Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLT). He has extensive experience with many aspects of bicycle-pedestrian planning, policy and project development. As Community Trails Planner for GVLT, he played a lead role building and working with broad-based partnerships to design and implement a wide variety of trails and conservation projects in Bozeman and Gallatin County. Mr. Lange has a broad range of organizational skills and political experience gained through twenty years of work with Montana nonprofit organizations including three sessions as a lobbyist at the Montana Legislature in the 1990's. He also worked for two years with the MSU Extension Service Pollution Prevention Program. His areas of greatest experience include communications, writing and editing; policy analysis; project management; and producing GIS maps. Mr. Lange graduated from Williams College in Massachusetts in 1988, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Geology with a concentration in Environmental Studies.

**Malone, Marty**

Served as MSU Extension Agent for 31 years, 28 of which were spent in Park County. Specialized in Ranch Management education. During those years, educated many ranchers to use computers for budgeting, developing spreadsheets do analyze business decisions, and taught many seminars on Ranch Management skills.

Since January, 2009 served as Park County Commisisoner. Park County has a population of 15,000. The Commission has the responsibility of overseeing a 30 million dollar budget and maintaining nearly 1000 miles of roads.

Marty and Gayleen, his wife of 41 years live on a ranch in Southern Park County where they raise alfalfa hay and horses. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

**Mathers, Earl**

Earl Mathers is County Administrator and CAO for Gallatin County, Montana, a position he has held since August 2006. Prior to that time he was a senior executive with the Washington, DC- based Graduate School, USDA. Mr. Mathers has more than thirty years experience in the public and non-profit sectors in which he has served in a variety of senior level management positions. His experience also includes the management of long-term local government projects in Lithuania and Romania as well a broad range of short-term international activities. Mr. Mathers has extensive experience managing local economic development programs and is certified as an Economic development Finance Professional (EDFP). He holds a BA from the University of Montana and an MPA from the University of Wyoming. The author of more than twenty articles, Mr. Mathers' most recent publications have appeared in ASPA and ICMA periodicals the *Public Manager*, *Public Management* and the *Public Administration Times*. He and his wife Kallie have four grown children and two grandchildren.

**McCulloch, Robin**

Robin McCulloch is a research mining engineer and staff field agent for the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology. In that capacity he visits mining and exploration operations across Montana helping small mines get started as well as coordinating information for larger operations. His roots in the mining industry run deep. He was born and raised in northwestern Montana and has degree in fisheries management and a master's degree in mining engineering. He has worked in mining for over 23 years. His vision for Montana is to see two or three new major mines and 20 to 40 medium sized underground operations develop.

**McInnis, Amanda**

Amanda McInnis is a senior project manager with HDR Engineering. She has a broad range of water, wastewater, and stormwater experience, including project management, planning, permit assistance, funding assistance, design and construction for cities around the state of Montana. She holds a bachelors degree from the University of Wisconsin and a masters degree from the University of Washington. McInnis has recently assisted the City of Billings as project manager on development of an Integrated Water Plan. This plan considers alternatives that include all City water system components from expanding water delivery from the irrigation canals that pass through the City to meet lawn irrigation needs in the summer months rather than relying on the potable supply, working with local industry to use City effluent rather than potable supply, discharging City effluent in the irrigation canals to feed water to downstream irrigators and many others. The planning process has included stakeholders from area refineries, the County, food processing operations, MT DEQ, the local conservation district, and others.

**McMahon, Kate**

Kathleen McMahon, AICP has 25 years of community planning experience and has been consulting since 1994. Her consulting practice has focused on comprehensive planning, community development and land use planning. She has worked on over ten Growth Policies in Montana and has also completed housing assessments, park plans and comprehensive economic development strategies. She was a co-chair of the American Planning Association Rebuilding America Infrastructure Task Force where she chaired the Telecommunications sub-committee. She has written numerous articles on planning, economic development and rural telecommunications. Ms. McMahon has a Bachelors Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois and a Masters Degree in Educational Technology from George Washington University.

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She is a member of the Montana Association of Planners, the American Institute of Certified Planners, and Montana Economic Development Association.

**Millar, Roger**

Roger Millar is the Director of the Smart Growth America's Leadership Institute, which includes the Governor's Institute on Community Design and other technical assistance programs for state and local government. Prior to joining SGA, Roger held leadership positions in the public and private sectors, most recently as Director of the Missoula, Montana City/County Office of Planning and Grants. His experience provides him with a broad understanding of the built environment; federal, state, and local policies and standards; and the relationships between land use, transportation, and the environment. Projects in which Roger played a leadership role, particularly the development plan for Portland's Pearl District and the planning and design of the Portland Streetcar, are seen as national models for urban livability. He has also managed or participated in signature projects for rural, resort and gateway communities throughout the American West.

Roger is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a Certified Floodplain Manager. He is a member of the ASCE Committee for America's Infrastructure, which produces the ASCE Report Card for America's Infrastructure. He is also Past President of the Oregon Section of ASCE and of the Montana Association of Planners. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1982.

**Mumford, Dave**

David D. Mumford, P.E., is the Public Works Department Director for the City of Billings. He is responsible and oversees the operations, maintenance, and capital improvements for the Engineering, Street Maintenance, Water, Wastewater, Storm water, Environmental Quality, Forestry, and Solid Waste functions of Billings. David has been the main force behind the integrated water plan process that Billings has undertaken. The Billings Public Works Department has 280 full time employees and an annual operating/capital budget of \$110 million. Since 2002, just in the water, waste water, and storm water areas, the department has designed and constructed a new water treatment plant, about 40 miles of water and sewer lines, and storm water retention facilities. Additionally, the department has developed a methane extraction system from the wastewater treatment plant to provide electricity to offset plant power requirements. David was the Traffic Engineering Department Director for the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska before coming to Billings. He holds a B.S. in Engineering from Montana State University.

**Nicolai, Sarah**

For the past six years, Sarah Nicolai, E.I., has worked for DOWL HKM in Helena as a planner. During her time with DOWL HKM, she has focused on public and agency involvement and preparation of planning and environmental compliance documents for state, federal, local, and private clients throughout Montana. Sarah has been involved in infrastructure planning on a number of transportation and water resource projects. While working in the planning field, Sarah returned to school for a second bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

**Norderud, Dan**

Dan is a consulting planner for Robert Peccia & Associates, Inc. and serves as the firm's Environmental Studies Division Manager. Dan has more than 32 years of professional experience working on transportation, public infrastructure, land use, and environmental planning projects across Montana and elsewhere in the U.S. He holds a B.S. in Earth Sciences from Montana State University and has been a member of the American Planning Association and American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) since 1997. Dan was a member of the research team tasked with developing MDT's *Resources for Growing Communities* toolkit—an online resource launched

in 2010 to provide local communities with land use and transportation planning assistance. Dan recently completed a NEPA Environmental Assessment for the ARRA-funded Montana West Project, a \$13.8 million broadband project underway within the Flathead and Blackfoot Indian Reservations and several adjacent counties. He is also currently helping the City of East Helena implement Institutional Controls within the East Helena Smelter Superfund Site.

**Osgood, Jeff**

Jeff Osgood is the District 6 Mobility Manager for the Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI). He received a B.A. degree in Economics from Pacific University and an MBA from Idaho State University. He has been active in East Idaho serving with non-profits including the Salvation Army, and he currently serves as the President of the Idaho Falls Symphony. The enjoyment of this work led him to leave a fifteen-year career in commercial banking to work fulltime with a non-profit. In his current position, he works to coordinate efficient and effective mobility options for citizens throughout the nine counties of East Idaho. Particularly because of the important cross-border connections between East Idaho residents in Teton Valley Idaho to Jackson, WY and those in Salmon, ID to Missoula, MT, a regional way of thinking has been important to his work with CTAI.

**Reed, Don**

Don Reed has lived in Lockwood for 23 years. He is the Chairman of the Lockwood Steering Committee and has also served as Secretary. The Lockwood Steering Committee serves as a coordination and communication clearing house for the five service districts in Lockwood and for other community activities. It was formed in 2003 to help guide drafting of the Lockwood Community Plan and has remained active ever since. Don also recently joined the board of the Lockwood Transportation District. He has been involved in special education, coaching, and sports in the Billings School District for more than 25 years and has volunteered his time to help the Lockwood School District on various projects. He also has been involved in state legislative activities for Lockwood, including working to pass legislation in the 2011 Legislature that does not require a community to have a full post office to be incorporated.

**Regan, Julie**

Julie has 23 years of professional communications and government affairs experience in both the public and private sectors. Since 2004, Julie has worked for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and currently serves as a member of the Agency's executive team in her capacity as Chief of External Affairs. Her areas of expertise include strategic planning, media relations, writing, government relations, public speaking and community outreach.

Her previous experience includes the following:

- Owner of Coast to Coast Communications, a public relations firm and publishing company of *Treasures by the Sea* magazine
- Director of Sales of Marketing of ResortQuest International in Bethany Beach, DE.
- Vice President and General Manager of Shipley Associates, an advertising and public relations firm in Wilmington, DE
- Information Officer for the South Tahoe Public Utility District, South Lake Tahoe, CA.
- Communications Specialist for Delmarva Power & Light Company in Wilmington, DE.

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Regan has a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from the University of Delaware and a master's degree in journalism from Temple University in Philadelphia. She is accredited by the Public Relations Society of America.

Originally from Delaware, she eloped to Lake Tahoe in 1993 and now lives in South Lake Tahoe's Christmas Valley with her husband and two dogs. She is active in the community and is the current Chair of the Barton Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees. She enjoys skiing, mountain biking, hiking, and traveling.

**Riehl, Bob**

Bob Riehl has lived in Lockwood, MT, for more than 30 years. He retired in 2008 from serving as the Power Marketing Manager for the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) in Billings after more than 30 years with the WAPA. Bob graduated from Carol College and taught math and science in several high schools around Montana before beginning work with the WAPA. Bob facilitates meetings and activities for the Lockwood Transportation District and also serves on the Lockwood Steering Committee as Treasurer. The Lockwood Steering Committee serves as a coordination and communication clearing house for the five service districts in Lockwood and for other community activities. It was formed in 2003 to help guide drafting of the Lockwood Community Plan and has remained active ever since.

**Saunders, Chris**

Chris Saunders, AICP is the Assistant Director of the City of Bozeman Department of Planning and Community Development. He has been with the City for over 14 years and has been lead or co-lead planner for several of Bozeman's most significant recent planning processes including a new Unified Development Ordinance, Transportation Plan Update, and growth policy. Mr. Saunders received his Masters degree in Town and Regional Planning in 1993 from Utah State University.

**Sears, Traci**

Traci Sears, CFM serves as the NFIP/CAP Coordinator for State of Montana in Helena, Montana. Her duties include conducting training workshops around the state, working with NFIP communities, conducting Community Assistance Visits (CAVs), and working on various projects through-the State floodplain program. Prior to her role as the Montana CAP/NFIP Coordinator, Traci was a Planner for Flathead County Planning & Zoning Office in Kalispell for six years. Her duties included subdivision review, Conditional Use Application Reviews, Lakeshore Program, managing the floodplain program for Flathead County, the CRS program and working on the County's first Flood Awareness Week. Ms. Sears received a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Florida Atlantic.

**Sexton, Mary**

Mary Sexton is the Director of Montana's Department of Natural Recourse and Conservation. Originally from Great Falls, Montana, Mary graduated from CMR High School and has degrees from Stanford University and the University of Montana.

She taught high school in Hamilton, MT and was administrator of The Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Swamp Preserve, west of Choteau.

She is involved with both agriculture and tourism businesses. Mary has served on boards including the Public Wildlife/Private Lands Council, BLM Resource Advisory Council, and the Teton County Commission from 1999-2004. Mary is married with one daughter.

**Sgamma, Kathleen**

Kathleen is Director of Government & Public Affairs for Western Energy Alliance (formerly IPAMS), where she handles federal legislative, public lands, environmental, and regulatory issues. Prior to joining Western Energy Alliance in 2006, Kathleen spent eleven years in the Information Technology sector, including establishing the European consulting practice for a software vendor, and three years as a Military Intelligence Officer in the US Army. She holds a BS in Political Science/Defense and Arms Control Studies from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MS in Information Technology from Virginia Tech.

**Shoup, Lilly**

Lilly Shoup is a Policy Analyst in the Office of the Undersecretary for Transportation Policy in Washington, DC. She supports the Partnership for Sustainable Communities and related livability initiatives at DOT, working closely with Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Ms. Shoup has worked on federal transportation authorization and policy proposals to ensure transportation investments support sustainable communities.

Ms. Shoup previously served as Research Director at Transportation for America and a Senior Associate at ICF International. She is author of national publications including “Dangerous by Design” and “The Fix We’re In For: National Bridge Assessment”. She holds a Master in City and Regional Planning from the University of Maryland at College Park and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Public Policy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Soriano, Day**

Day Soriano is Opportunity Link’s Development Director and Evaluation Manager. She currently manages a 2010 Alternative Energy Grant from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality supporting lead agency OL, BNSF Railways, and MSU-Northern Bio-Energy Center to demonstrate the use of biodiesel as an alternative fuel in a BNSF locomotive switch engine for one year, and to organize an alliance of regional oilseed growers, refiners, local businesses, and governments to anticipate and meet the increased demand for commercial biodiesel production. Day also coordinates and supervises Montana Energy Corps AmeriCorps members and their projects in the region. In 2009 and 2010, Day placed a total of 19 members throughout the region to identify and support community energy development projects. They completed energy audits on public facilities; facilitated a green construction training program; produced locally grown biodiesel for use of public transit buses; weatherized over 200 homes in the region; and instituted a recycling program with area schools. Day has an M.A. in International Political Economy from the University of Tsukuba in Japan, an M.S. in Environmental Science and a B.S. in Statistics from the University of the Philippines. Day oversees the overall program implementation of Opportunity Link including reporting and evaluation requirements. Before working for Opportunity Link, Day was the Programme Assistant for the Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements, an international non-governmental organization established by the UNESCAP in 1987 and based in Japan, which addressed urban and housing development issues in the Asia Pacific region through technical cooperation programs.

**Steele, Brendan**

I have worked for the City of Bozeman just over 10 years. I attended MSU and have a Bachelors in Technology Education along with two Associates Degrees from the Air Force. One is in Information Management and the other is Structural Engineering. My current position is the Director of Information Technology and I have been in that position for 6 years. I am still currently in the Air National Guard as a Master Sergeant performing Information Management as well as the First Sergeant for JFHQ-AIR.

**Stoll, Linda**

1982 – 1994 - County Commissioner – Lewis & Clark County – As a county commissioner, I was active in the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) both as a board member and as the chair of its Resolutions Committee (legislative committee) for ten years. In 1993, I was one of only two commissioners to receive MACo's Commissioner Emeritus Award for outstanding service. I served on then-Governor Ted Schwinden's Blue Ribbon Committee on Infrastructure (which compiled the statewide inventory of infrastructure needs which ultimately led to the creation of the Treasure State Endowment Program). I chaired the joint City-County Blue-Ribbon Commission on Land Use and Planning in Helena, chaired the Transportation Coordinating Committee for seven years, and served on the local Planning Board.

1997 to present – Self-employed lobbyist and public relations contractor – My clients have included the Montana Association of Planners, Missoula County, Montana Local Public Health Officers' Group, Montana Wilderness Association, the Montana Area Agency on Aging Directors Association and the Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders.

Hobbies and recreational pursuits – Playing duplicate bridge (I just attained "Life Master" designation in July of this year, painting in water colors, traveling, white-water rafting, kayaking and canoeing/camping, and spending time with my grand-daughters.

**Swimley, Susan**

Susan Swimley was born in Miles City and raised in Broadus (no one is born in Broadus on purpose). She attended the University of Montana from 1882-1986 and graduated from the University of Montana School of Law in 1989, with honors. After a couple of years of private practice, Susan joined the Gallatin County Attorney's office in 1991. She served as the Chief Deputy with an emphasis on representing the County Commission and zoning commissions, road department, clerk and recorder's office and other departments. Susan returned to private practice in January of 2001 where she has emphasized land use and road law issues as well as a general practice which includes litigation. Susan is also currently a JPIA Land use Attorney for the Montana Association of Counties.

**Torma, Tim**

Tim Torma has worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency since 1995 and is currently Deputy Director of the Office of Sustainable Communities. The Office of Sustainable Communities collaborates with other EPA programs; federal agencies; regional, state, and local governments; and a broad array of nongovernmental and private sector partners to help communities become stronger, healthier, and more sustainable through smarter growth and green building. Mr. Torma is on the leadership committee of the EPA-HUD-DOT Partnership for Sustainable Communities. His writing has appeared in the Washington Post, the Journal of the American Planning Association and the Planning Commissioner's Journal.

Prior to working at EPA, Mr. Torma was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cameroon, West Africa and an intern in the U.S. House of Representatives. He received a B.A. degree in Government from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. In addition to his work at EPA, Mr. Torma is currently a member of the Transportation Commission and the Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force in Arlington County, Virginia.

He hopes to have a close, personal encounter with some of Montana's legendary trout.

**Ulmen, Stacy**

Certified Municipal Clerk, Certified Montana Municipal Clerk, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer of Manhattan, Montana for 7 years, City Clerk of the City of Bozeman, Montana for 4 years, Vice President of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Cities for



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Montana Clerk Treasurers and Finance Officers Association for 3 years, and the Big Sky ARMA- Vice President of Programs and Planning, which is a state wide non-profit group that provides Records Training to both public and private businesses.

#### **Wall, Ken**

Ken Wall has 25 years of GIS experience and is president of Geodata Services, Inc. in Missoula, Montana. He has earned the distinction of ESRI Certified ArcGIS Desktop Associate is certified as a CompTIA CTT+ Certified Technical Trainer, and an ESRI Certified ArcGIS Trainer. Geodata Services, Inc. has been an ESRI Business partner for 13 years, and has been awarded new partner and foundation partner of the year awards in 2000 and 2008.

#### **Windemaker, Lanette**

Lanette G. Windemaker, AICP, is a planning consultant in Bozeman with over 22 years of professional experience in planning. Before consulting, Lanette worked in planning for the City of Bozeman and Gallatin County, and with local governments in Alaska, Virginia, Kansas, and Colorado. Lanette has a Masters Degree in Regional and Community Planning from Kansas State University and a B.S. in Earth Science-Geographical Planning from Montana State University. Lanette has been a member of the Montana Association of Planners since 1993 and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) since 1989.

#### **Yde, Chris**

Chris Yde is currently the Section Supervisor for the Coal and Uranium Program, Montana Department of Environmental Quality. He has accumulated over 33 professional experiences, working for a variety of state and federal agencies in three western states. He has worked for the Coal and Uranium Program for almost 19 years, starting as the staff wildlife biologist and moving to the supervisor's position 6 years ago.