



MONTANA FOREST, COMMUNITY AND WORKING LANDSCAPES CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROJECT

APPENDIX E

KEY PERSONNEL BIOGRAPHIES

DNRC CARDD Staff Bios

DNRC CARD Division staff are primarily composed of grant/financial professionals in support of the grant and loan programs it administers. CARDD is arranged into four bureaus and has five administratively attached councils and commissions. Those bureaus and commissions that are relevant for the proposed program implementation are:

Mark Bostrom, DNRC Conservation Resource Development Division Administrator. Over 35 years of experience in government administration and public policy. Mark provides the vision and direction for the Conservation and Resource Development Division (CARDD), a division of DNRC with 30 FTE of all levels in Helena, Miles City, Glasgow, Missoula, and Bozeman. Responsible for administration of the division's \$24,081,939 biennial budget as well as over \$429 million of federal special revenue grants and \$650 million in loans (State Revolving Fund). These grants and loans are used by state and local government, nongovernmental organizations, and private persons to develop and improve natural resources and natural resource related infrastructure in Montana. They require close coordination with other DNRC divisions, DEQ, Department of Commerce, FWP and those local and private entities who implement natural resource related projects.

Autumn Coleman, Conservation and Resource Development Division Program Administrator. Over 25 years of experience in natural resource development, conservation, and restoration. Administers grant programs including the state-funded Renewable Resource Grants & Reclamation Development Grants, \$419 million of federally funded ARPA water/sewer grants, and Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant under WIIN. Previous experience as the Abandoned Mine Lands Program Manager managing federal grant funds from the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to

reclaim and restore lands impacted by Abandoned Mines and supervised the Federal Superfund Cleanup Program who designed and constructed multi million cleanup projects in the Clark Fork Superfund Site in Montana.

Anna Miller, Conservation and Resource Development Finance Director. Anna has over 40 years of experience managing and overseeing state and federal loan and grant programs to untold Montana communities to solve their most complex infrastructure funding problems. Anna oversees and manages the financial management team at DNRC CARDD which issues state/federally funded loans to local governments for infrastructure improvement projects. Co-administers the SRF programs with DEQ by managing the loans to public and private entities. Also manages state bond issuance and loans to the 3 Regional Water Systems authorized by Congress.

DNRC Forestry Division Staff Bios

Jamie Kirby, UCF Program Coordinator: Manages the Montana UCF Program for DNRC, 15 years of experience. Oversees statewide community-based projects, education, liaison to national urban forestry networks, administers several subaward/grant programs, manages grants and contracts, has experience working in tribal relations and diverse communities.

Michael Butts, DNRC Conservation Seedling Nursery Manager: Horticultural and agroforestry knowledge, seed sourcing and propagation, will collaborate in planning and management for growing culturally significant seedlings to plant within tribal communities.

Erik Warrington, Forest Stewardship Program Manager: Nearly 20 years of experience working in forestry and natural resource management. Manages state and federal grant funding (\$7-\$10M annually) which supports active, sustainable forest management projects to reduce the risks of catastrophic wildfire impacts, improve forest health and resiliency, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and protect and restore important forest ecosystems.

DEQ Staff Bios

Hannah Riedl is the DEQ Nonpoint Source and Wetlands Program supervisor. She has 7 years of experience in the program and a Masters in Ecology. For decades, DEQ has managed approximately \$2 million dollars annually in EPA grant funding, supporting nonpoint source program projects and staffing.

Steve Carpenedo is the DEQ Wetland Specialist and co-chair of the Montana Wetland Council. He has 16 years of experience in the program and a Masters in Conservation Ecology and Sustainable Development. For decades, DEQ has managed approximately \$0.5 million dollars annually in EPA grant funding, supporting wetland program development.

Montana Department of Agriculture Staff Bios

Zach Coccoli, Administrator at Montana Department of Agriculture's Ag Development Division, is committed to strengthening Montana's number one industry and providing agricultural producers and consumers access to market enhancement and business development resources. Zach's work covers grant and loan management for investments in new and innovative processes and product development, promoting and encouraging research and advancements in crop production and profitability, and oversight of Montana's State Grain Laboratory, the only USDA-designated official grading and inspection

service in the state. Zach possesses a strong understanding of 2 CFR 200 and has responsibly overseen receipt, deployment, and reporting on over \$20M federal grant sub-awards supporting USDA Specialty Crop Block Grants, USDA Resilient Food System Infrastructure, USDA Regional Food Business Centers, National Institute of Food and Agriculture and CARES/ARPA Covid-related emergency relief and economic support programs.

Ian Foley, Administrator at Montana Department of Agriculture's Ag Sciences Division, is committed to strengthening Montana's number one industry and providing agricultural producers and consumers, both commodity and environmental protection. Before his work for the Montana Department of Agriculture, Ian worked in international export certification starting in 2001 for the USDA in different roles from St. Louis, Missouri to the Mexican border in South Texas before coming back to Montana to follow his passion for bugs and agriculture by working for the Montana Department of Agriculture. Ian understands the challenges and risks Montana producers face and the critical role federal grant management plays in the delivery of critical agricultural services. Ian possesses a strong understanding of 2 CFR 200 and is responsible for oversight of over \$1 million annually supporting FDA Food Safety Program, EPA certifications, inspections, and enforcement of pesticides, AmeriCorp, USDA and BLM Noxious Weed Control, and USDA Plant Pest and Disease Control and Research in addition to \$300,000 federal grant subawards supporting noxious weed control, organic farm cost sharing, and plant pest and disease control and research. Through facilitation of the export of Montana's high-quality ag commodities internationally and the administration of Montana laws, he preserves the Montana producer's value and way of life.