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| Sherm Anderson | Sherm Anderson established Sun Mountain Logging Co. in 1976. He purchased the saw-milling and finger-jointing operations in Deer Lodge from Louisiana-Pacific in 2004, forming Sun Mountain Lumber, Inc. The two companies, when in full operation, employ over 300 people. |
| Kent Atwood | Kent Atwood has been the Hazard Mitigation Officer for the State of Montana since October, 2005. Kent grew up in Oregon and attended Oregon State University, earning a BA in communications in 1980. After a variety of jobs including radio announcer and county dump truck driver, plus four tours aboard Japanese fishing ships in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska as a National Marine Fisheries Observer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Kent joined the U.S. Navy and attended Officer Candidate School in 1984. During his 20-year career in the Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer, ship-driver and ship Engineering Officer, he served full tours on board three different ships, was stationed to overseas shore duty twice, and saw most of the world, sometimes several times over. During one shore duty assignment in San Diego, CA he received a master's degree in international business administration from National University. Toward the end of his Navy career, he accepted three-year orders in 1998 to the brand new Navy Reserve Center in Helena, MT as its first Commanding Officer. He and his family decided that Montana was indeed the "last best place" and returned to Helena to settle down after their last tour of duty in South Korea. Kent retired from the Navy in December 2004. He is married to the former Maria Delos Santos of Cebu City, Philippines, and they have three children they are raising as Montanans. |
| Byron Bonney | Byron Bonney retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 2001 after 31 years with the agency. He worked as a crew boss for the Redmond Hotshots and as a smokejumper at the Redmond Air Center in Oregon. He was Assistant Fire Management Officer on the Wallowa-Whitman N.F., Fire Management Officer on the Helena N.F, Forest Fuels Specialist on the Clearwater N.F, Fire Staff Officer and Forest FMO on the Clearwater N.F., and Zone Fire Staff Officer for the Clearwater/Nez Perce Fire Zone. He is now the Community Forester and Fuel Mitigation Program Manager for the Bitter Root RC&D. He is a qualified Fire Behavior Analyst and Strategic Operations Planner in the red card system, and stays active during the fire season assisting fire protection agencies on management of wildland fires. He does contract work with federal agencies in development of fire management plans, wildland fire response guides, and long-term implementation plans for managing long duration wildland fires. |
| Lorri Ward Brown | Lorri's background in law enforcement includes working as a dispatcher for the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office and as Clerk of the Justice and City Courts in Toole County. She also worked as a Brands Enforcement Inspector for 20 years with the Montana Department of Livestock, serving in both the Animal Health Division and the Brands Enforcement Division. In 2007, Lorri became the training officer for the Citizen Corps Program in the Governor's Office of Community Service, teaching disaster preparedness to the citizens of Montana. |
| Bret Butler | Bret Butler is a research engineer in the Fire Behavior Research Work Unit at the Rocky Mountain Research Station's Intermountain Fire Sciences Laboratory in Missoula, MT. His research focuses on fundamental heat and combustion processes in wildland fire. Applications for his work include fire behavior models, links between fire behavior and effects, and firefighter safety. He came to the Forest Service in 1992 after receiving a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Brigham Young University where he studied energy transport in particle laden flames. He and his wife Suzanne are the parents of four boys and live in Frenchtown. |
| Mike Dannenberg | Mike has worked at all levels of government in fire suppression; as a Captain for the Missoula Rural Fire District; for the States of |

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| | <p>Montana and Idaho in fire management; and now for the Bureau of Land Management as the Montana State Lead for Community Assistance. Current duties include providing management, technical expertise, oversight, and policy development to the BLM's wildland fire mitigation, education, and community assistance program within the Montana/Dakotas. Mike has worked numerous fires as a Division/Group Supervisor, Safety Officer, and as a Structure Protection Specialist for both of the Northern Rockies Type 1 teams. A forestry graduate of the University of Illinois, he received his Master's from the University of Montana in Forestry- Fire Science. His thesis was <i>The Wildland Urban Interface - A Montana Viewpoint</i>.</p> |
| Angela Farr | <p>Angela Farr has coordinated the Biomass Utilization and Fuels for Schools programs for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for the past five years. She is currently Acting Regional Biomass Coordinator for the US Forest Service's Northern and Intermountain Regions. Angela graduated from Whitman College in 1989, and received her M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana in 2005. She grew up in Missoula, and has worked for the Forest Service since high school, in various positions around the West. This is by far is her most challenging and rewarding work to date. She particularly enjoys working with a broad spectrum of interests to develop consensus recommendations regarding biomass energy, working with the legislature to help members understand the issues, and learning new things on a daily basis. She is married and raising two wonderfully challenging daughters.</p> |
| Bob Fry | <p>Bob Fry is the District III representative for Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. Bob has been active in all-hazards incident management development nationally, working with the National Emergency Management Association, and has developed task books for local type III all-hazard teams. Bob has been involved locally for over 20 years as volunteer Park County Fire Chief and Fire Warden. He is presently on McNitt's Type II team as Type II Deputy Incident Commander (IC) and has served as an IC, Operations and Plans Section Chief with teams over the past 12 years. He has worked as an instructor and exercise facilitator for DES and DNRC for 22 years and with the Northern Rockies Training Center for 16 years.</p> |
| Robert Harrington | <p>Bob Harrington received a BS in forest resources management from the University of Montana in 1983. In his career with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation he has worked on the Stillwater State Forest, the Central Land Office in Helena, and Southern Land Office in Billings, Montana. Bob is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Tanzania), and has enjoyed travels in Nepal, China, Ecuador, and Europe. He is learning to spend less time at work and more time helping his wife Pam ride herd over their two daughters. He can't pinpoint exactly which job the gray hairs are coming from. He has been the Montana State Forester and DNRC Forestry Division Administrator since January 2003.</p> |
| Elizabeth Hertz | <p>Elizabeth Hertz is the Montana DNRC, Fire and Aviation Management Bureau's GIS Specialist. Liz Graduated from the University of Montana in 2008 with a M.A. in geography, with an emphasis in GIS and cartography. She has been working for the Fire and Aviation Management Bureau for 3 ½ years, and is presently on Poncin's Type 1 Management Team as a GIS Specialist.</p> |
| Brian Hobday | <p>Brian Hobday has been with F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Company since 2008. Before that he worked in Idaho with Everhart Logging, Inc. as a forester. From 2001-2004, Brian also worked seasonally for the US Forest Service in Sandpoint, ID as a Type II Wildland Firefighter on a fuels crew. He earned his BS from the University of Idaho in forest products – timber harvesting, and minored in fire ecology and management and forest resources.</p> |
| James Hubbard | <p>James E. Hubbard stepped into the position of U.S. Forest Service Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, with responsibility for</p> |

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| | <p>Fire and Aviation Management, Cooperative Forestry Programs, Forest Health Protection, Conservation Education, Urban and Community Forestry, and the Office of Tribal Relations. Jim came to the U.S. Forest Service after serving as the Director of the Office of Wildland Fire Coordination with the Department of the Interior. In this position he had oversight for the implementation of the National Fire Plan. Jim was a member of the Colorado Forest Service for over 34 years before coming to federal service in 2004. He served as Colorado State Forester from 1984 until 2004. As State Forester he held Governor-appointed positions on numerous natural resources committees and chaired the working group on Wildland-Urban Interface Fire as well as the Governor’s Conference on Forest Health. He was a member of the National Research Council Study on nonfederal forestry in the United States. During his tenure as Colorado State Forester, Jim served as President of the National Association of State Foresters (NASF), chaired the Council of Western State Foresters, and was Liaison to the Western Governors Association. He holds a BS degree in forest management from Colorado State University and is an Honor Alum of the College of Natural Resources. Jim grew up in Neodesha, rural Kansas, where he enjoyed working the land. He and his wife, Cindy, have three grown daughters.</p> |
| <p>Ron Hvizdak</p> | <p>Ron Hvizdak earned a BS in wildlife management from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. Ron retired in 2006 as the District Fire Management Officer of the Rexford District on the Kootenai National Forest. He served as a Fire Behavior Analyst on Type 1 Incident Management Teams for 12 years. His primary interests while working were fire behavior, prescribed fire, and fire use. He has been a member of the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department since 1983. He spends much of his time now enjoying fishing, hunting, hiking and skiing, as well as doing some part-time consulting. His dog is glad that he has more time to spend with him, as he enjoys all the same pursuits, except the part-time work.</p> |
| <p>Rusty Jardee</p> | <p>Rusty Jardee is the Carter County Sheriff/Firewarden, and has held that position since 1990.</p> |
| <p>Steve Knecht</p> | <p>Steve Knecht is the current Deputy Administrator for the DES Division. Prior to his current appointment, he held the position of Operations Section Chief, responsible for the State Emergency Coordination Center and the Divisions’ Duty Officer Program. Steve has been with the Division since 1996. Prior to his tenure with the DES Division, he was the Sheriff/Coroner of Judith Basin County and also worked with the local fire departments as well as DNRC and the USFS-Judith Ranger District in wildfire prevention and suppression. Steve and his wife Caro Lee live in Helena.</p> |
| <p>Peter Kolb</p> | <p>Peter F. Kolb is the Montana State University Extension Forestry Specialist and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Forest Ecology & Management housed at the College of Forestry and Conservation, University of Montana. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Idaho in forest and range ecology in 2004, his M.S. from the University Idaho in silviculture and forest protection in 1987, and his B.S. in Forestry from Michigan State University in 1983. Between studies he has worked as a private consulting forester, research forester for the Idaho Department of Lands, forester for the Wisconsin DNR, forester for Boise Cascade in McCall Idaho, forest nursery assistant for Champion Intl., and fire crew with the USDA Forest Service. Over the past 24 years he has studied forest ecosystem function and dynamics across the inland northwestern United States with a specific interest in the role disturbance processes such as logging, wildfires, insect and diseases. Since 1997 he has worked extensively with private forest landowners in forest assessment and management plan development, forest health protection, forest silvicultural practices, and post-wildfire rehabilitation. More recently he spent six months in 2008 with the Bavarian Forestry Research and Extension Institute studying the impacts of long term intensive forest management on forest productivity, and insect, disease and wildfire occurrence across the</p> |

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| | forests Germany, Austria and Switzerland. |
| Brad Langsather | Brad Langsather is Natural Resources Coordinator for the City of Helena's Open Lands. |
| Angela Mallon | Angela Mallon coordinates all financial and technical assistance programs provided to family forest owners by the Montana DNRC. Previously she worked in community wildfire protection research at Oregon State University, served as a Peace Corps volunteer with her husband in Paraguay, and was a firefighter with the Forest Service for five seasons. Angela was born and raised in central Washington, where her family gained brief local fame after their home and ranch survived the 1994 Tye Creek Fire largely unscathed, thanks to survivable space created by Firewise landscaping, good forest management, and strong support from local fire personnel. |
| Chirs Mehus | Chris Mehus has a BS in wildlife biology from the University of Montana and a MS in range science from Montana State University. Over ten years ago, as the coordinator for the Boulder River Watershed Association, Chris helped initiate the first fuels reduction efforts in south-central Montana. Since then, he has worked with several area partners to coordinate similar efforts in Stillwater, Carbon, and Big Horn Counties, where he works as the economic development director and office manager for the Beartooth RC&D. |
| Terina Mullen | Terina Mullen, a "retired" biology teacher and self-proclaimed "fish-a-holic", started her federal career on the Lewis & Clark National Forest, where she spent nine years as a summer seasonal and two years as a permanent employee. She now resides in Butte America, where she is responsible for fire education, mitigation, fire trespass, and community assistance programs for western Montana. She graduated from the University of Montana-Western with a BS in secondary education. She completed her graduate work at Northern State University in South Dakota, graduating with a master's degree in classroom instruction. Terina teaches Facilitative Instructor and Public Information Officer classes. She is the lead Public Information Officer 2 on Grant's North Idaho Type 2 Incident Management Team, and also details to the Intel desk at the National Interagency Coordination Center when time permits. |
| Doug Nace | Doug Nace currently works for the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. Before that he was with the Deschutes National Forest. Doug specializes in communications, and is assisting with the coordination of the commemoration of the 100-year anniversary of the 1910 fires. |
| David Nielsen | David Nielsen has been City Attorney for the City of Helena since 1996. He was formerly County Attorney for Valley County from 1983 to 1990. |
| Dave Osen | Dave Osen is manager of the Four Creek Ranch, located southwest of Big Timber, Montana. As a lifelong resident of the state, he has a deep appreciation of rural Montana life and how wildland fires can change the environment around them. |
| Gordy Sanders | Gordy Sanders is a Society of American Foresters Certified Forester. He received his BS in forest and range management at the University of Minnesota in 1971. While working many positions at Champion International Corporation, Gordy obtained his Master's in forest and range management from Washington State University. After Champion was sold in 1993, he worked for Plum Creek Timber Co., and in 1996 joined Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc. |
| Glenda Scott | Since 2000, Glenda has been working in the silviculture staff area in the Regional Office specializing in technical assistance and program management in the areas of reforestation and timber stand improvement throughout the Rocky Mountains. There has been a large emphasis on reforesting after large wildfires with both a technical and programmatic approach. Prior to this, Glenda |

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| | was a silviculturist on a variety of national forests in eastern and western Montana as well as eastern Oregon. She received a bachelor's degree from Humboldt State University in 1978. |
| Doug Shearer | Doug Shearer is a Team Manager for State Farm Insurance in DuPont, WA. Doug is responsible for homeowners insurance in eastern Washington and Alaska. |
| Jon Skinner | Jon Skinner has worked in various wildland fire positions at the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho for the past 19 years. Since the National Fire Plan arrived in 2001, his focus has been on community and rural fire department assistance, public education, and wildland fire investigation. Jon is a graduate of University of Idaho where he received a Communications Degree in 1989. He lives in Boise with his wife and 3 children. |
| Harry Steele | Harry Steele escaped from New York City in 1972 to attend graduate school at the University of Montana. While she was a graduate teaching assistant in the Communications Department, she vowed never to return to the east coast again. After deciding that teaching high school speech and English was not her favorite thing to do, she started her career with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) as a seasonal interpreter at Heyburn State Park. Harry retired from IDPR in 2002 and then fulfilled her lifelong dream of becoming a National Park Service Ranger working at some of the premier parks in the West – Yellowstone, Glacier, and Olympic National Parks, and even a stint at Everglades NP. In the winter seasons, Harry worked for the US Forest Service (USFS) and started her involvement with the wildland fire community. She developed a genuine interest in fire prevention and served on Fire Prevention Teams for the USFS and the National Park Service. Harry joined Idaho Department of Lands in April of 2007 as the Fire Prevention/Education Coordinator and Director of Keep Idaho Green. She is the Firewise Communities/USA liaison for Idaho. She is on the executive board of Idaho Firewise, and is one of its founding board members. |
| Bruce Suenram | Bruce Suenram has worked in the field of fire protection and prevention since 1969. He is currently a Deputy Chief of the Fire & Aviation Bureau of MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. He administers the preparedness activities of the Bureau such as training, fire prevention, fire investigation, GIS, assessments, information technology, and equipment development. Bruce served as Montana's State Fire Marshal (1992-1997), as chief of the Missoula Rural Fire District (1980-1992), and as the chief of the Kelseyville, CA, Fire Protection District (1974-1980). He and his wife, Karen own a fire protection consulting firm, Fire Logistics, Inc. located in Montana City, MT. Bruce was on the original code development committee for the Urban/Wildland Interface Code and on the International Fire Chief's Association Urban/Wildland Interface Committee. He acted as the liaison for the National Association of State Fire Marshals to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's Urban/Wildland Interface Advisory Committee. In addition, Bruce has taught courses for the National Fire Academy, the Northern Training Center, the Montana Fire Services Training School and the Montana Law Enforcement Academy. He served as an Incident Commander for a Type II Incident Management Team for 8 years. Bruce is also qualified as a Type 1 Planning Section Chief. Bruce received a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from California State College Stanislaus in 1973. Bruce is currently serving as the National Association of State Foresters representative to the International Association of Fire Chiefs Wildland Fire Policy Committee. Bruce is an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of FireSafe Montana. He is also the MT State Coordinator for the Montana Chapter of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. |
| Dave Thomas | Dave Thomas retired from the USFS four years ago. He was the Regional Fuels and Fire Ecology Specialist. Dave attended the University of Montana in Missoula, worked as a Fire Management Officer on the Lolo and Clearwater National Forests, and has been |

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| | a member of both Type I and Type II overhead teams. |
| Alan Tresemer | Alan Tresemer has been involved in emergency services since 1976. He is currently Battalion Chief with the Painted Rocks Fire & Rescue Company in SW Montana. He teaches the Prepare, Go Early, or Stay and Defend system to state, federal, and local fire services and to the homeowners in his fire district. |
| Dan Tronrud | Dan Tronrud was born into the ranching community of Melville, Montana, in 1956. Tronrud's family has been in the Melville area for over 110 years. Dan graduated from MSU-Bozeman in 1979 with a BS in animal science and returned to the family ranch, married his wife Sherri in 1976 and has two sons, Cory and David. Dan became active in emergency services and a member of Melville Fire Department and EMT with Sweet Grass County. He later became Sheriff Reserve Officer and then part-time Deputy Sheriff. Dan was elected to the Sweet Grass County Conservation District in 1990 and held that position till 1998, when he successfully ran for Sheriff. Dan is currently running for his fourth term and lives at the family ranch where he is now the fifth generation to operate day-to-day duties on the ranch. |
| Barbara Van Der Mars | Barbara has been with the state auditor's office for over 10 years and oversees the department that investigates complaints against all insurance entities (companies, agents, and adjusters) regarding violations of insurance law and the contract of insurance. The current insurance commissioner, Monica J. Lindeen, takes consumer protection very seriously. Her office handles about 40,000 phone calls each year and processes about 2,000 complaints and inquiries annually. In 2009 the office recovered over \$3 million for Montana consumers. The state auditor's office also provides consumer education related to insurance issues. |