

BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE 2017 NOMINATION INFORMATION

Contained in this package is a brief description of the Board of Directors and the selection criteria which will be used by the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors to consider at their January 2018 Annual Meeting. If you have any questions regarding the information, please contact one of the members of our Nominating Committee:

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| Jim Stone, Board of Directors | (406) 793-5830 |
| Andy Erickson, Board of Directors | (406) 244-5414 |
| Richard Briskin, member | (406) 793-0888 |
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By resolution of the Board of Directors, “The Board shall consist of no less than ten (10) and no more than twenty-one (21) voting members.”

A maximum of twenty-one (21) Board members shall be elected to serve 4-year terms, on a staggered term basis, with four or five of such Board members subject to election each year. Currently, 20 of the allowable 21 positions are filled through 2017. Current Board Members with terms expiring at the end of 2017 are: Jim Stone, Brent Anderson, and Patrick Bannister, representing landowners/community/business; Mike O’Herron and Mark Bostrom, representing Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and Rachel Feigley, representing US Forest Service.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Blackfoot Challenge is to coordinate efforts that conserve and enhance the natural resources and rural way of life in the Blackfoot Watershed for present and future generations. The Board of Directors provides the administrative, fiduciary, and strategic planning oversight to the Challenge. Serving on the Board is a rewarding experience but does require a substantial commitment of time and energy.

The Challenge will strive to select Board Members who represent the communities and diverse interests of the Watershed. However, the most important aspect of a Board Member is the individual’s commitment to the mission, process and willingness to participate in the work of the Challenge, watershed-wide. It is important to realize that we have a “working Board”. The Board values individuals who show up to do the work, and participate in the larger mission for the sake of the watershed. Leadership, institutional knowledge, and relationships are extremely important.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Ability to support the mission of the Challenge
- Ability to represent the diverse interests of the watershed
- Ability to build consensus
- Ability to attend and participate in monthly Board Meetings (September through June)
- A Board Member may be removed for not attending a minimum of 4 meetings per year.
- Ability to participate on at least one working committee or work group

If you wish to be considered as a candidate for the Board of Directors or wish to nominate a candidate, please complete the enclosed Nomination Form and return it to Nominating Committee, c/o Blackfoot Challenge, PO Box 103, Ovando, MT 59854 or operations@blackfootchallenge.org by **October 1, 2017**.

