



WESTERN MONTANA  
**Conservation  
Commission**

**May 20-21, 2026  
Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, May 20 | 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM**

**LOCATION:** Bitterroot River Inn & Conference Center  
139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr, Hamilton, MT 59840

**For virtual attendees:** [Zoom Registration](#)

**11:15 AM**

**Lunch (provided)**

Retirement Celebration: Julie Spencer

**12:00 PM**

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Overview of agenda

**12:15 PM**

**Tribal Welcome**

**12:20 PM**

**Conflict of Interest**

Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

**12:50 PM**

**Commission Business, Finances, & Updates**

**Action:** Vote on January 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Action:** Vote on Budget Amendments (if needed), FY27 Budget

**1:20 PM**

**Western Montana Funding for Water & Wastewater**

Steve Howke, District Director for Rep. Zinke

Matt Zacharias, Field Representative & Veteran Liaison for Rep. Zinke

Commissioner Jeff Burrows, Ravalli County

**1:55 PM**

**Break**

**2:10 PM**

**Commission Member Spotlight**

Ron Pifer, Environmental Solutions

**2:25 PM**

**Public Comment**

**2:35 PM**

**Adjourn**

**2:45 PM**

**Field Trip: Skalkaho Bend Park**

Alex Ocañas, Bitterroot Water Partnership

Damon Tucker, Bitterroot Water Partnership

**5:00 PM**

**Social Hour**



**Thursday, May 21 | 9:00 AM to 12:45 PM**

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<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Call to Order &amp; Roll Call</b> Overview of agenda
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>WMCC Program Updates</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>DEQ Nonpoint Source &amp; Wetlands Updates: Project Funding &amp; Volunteer Monitoring</b> Ella Lunny, DEQ NPSW Section WQ Specialist
<b>11:35 AM</b>	<b>Committee Updates</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>
<b>12:45 PM</b>	<b>Wrap-up &amp; Adjourn</b> <i>Join us for lunch (provided) &amp; agency updates roundtable</i>