



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 Celebrations: Dr. Jim Elser and 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 September 2025 Meeting Minutes

Action: Vote on Budget Amendments (if needed)

1:20 PM

Western Montana Funding for Water & Wastewater

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