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Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District (Bridger District)

Introducing Mia Bell, NRMEDD's new COVID Recovery Coordinator

Bozeman—October 14th, 2020— The Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District (Bridger District) welcomes Mia Bell as its new Recovery and Resilience Coordinator. Institutions across Gallatin and Park County are using a broad range of initiatives to tackle COVID-19. The Coordinator position synchronizes the various efforts, identifies gaps and shares information. The Recovery Coordinator will learn how teams are adapting to the pandemic, understand challenges, promote best practices and identify opportunities for regional collaboration. The ultimate goal of this position is to form proactive strategies to deal with COVID's present and future challenges.

Mia comes to the Bridger District team after 30 years in executive leadership working for Xanterra and serving both state and national park concession contracts. In the past decade, she held management roles at both Yellowstone and Grand Canyon National Parks. Mia's introduction to COVID was at the Grand Canyon where during a peak spring season the virus shut down the Park. Mia postponed her retirement to help lead a response but has since returned to her Montana home.

Mia lives in Livingston, MT and is enjoying being back near family. Her work is supported by Bessie a black lab who doubles as an office assistant. Mia is excited to have returned to her home and is already proving her value on the NRMEDD team.

The Bridger District is a major economic development resource to cities and towns within Gallatin and Park Counties. The District is one of the founding members of the Southwest Montana Recovery and Resilience (RR) Team that was established early during the pandemic. The RR team continues to be active, meets biweekly, and provides members with updates on matters of tourism, childcare, real estate, manufacturing, local and state government, business and economic development opportunities.