

BCCA COUNCIL APPLICANT INFORMATION

The Blackfoot Community Conservation Council is the committee of the Blackfoot Challenge that is responsible for managing, on behalf of the community, the 5,600 acre Core area of the BCCA. To best represent the wide range of community opinion, the Council is comprised of 15 people, five each from three different categories. The first category is private landowners in and around the BCCA and they are a mix of grazing lessees, long-time owners and some new owners. The second group is public agency managers from the Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana DNRC, and Montana FW&P. The final category includes users of the BCCA; such as dependant business interests, recreationists, sports men and women, and educational representatives.

The existing Council will make a preliminary selection recommendation to the Board of the Blackfoot Challenge for their final approval. Council members are appointed for a two year term and eligible for reappointment to a second term. After serving two terms, a person must take a two year break (one term) before reapplying for Council membership. Council terms begin in January.

The major qualifications necessary to serve on the Council is an interest in the area and a commitment to serve the community for a full two-year term. It will take a minimum of two hours per month for full Council meetings. As a member of one or more of the Council's permanent workgroups in forestry, range, or recreation, you may have additional occasional monthly meetings. Council members will be expected to attend meetings on a regular basis, participate in the discussion, be able to listen to opposing points of view, and make decisions that are in the best interest of the valley at large

The current open position on the Council is in the private landowner category. If possible, to maintain the current diversity of interests and viewpoints on the Council, it would be preferable for the new Council member to have a background and interest in the commodity uses (forestry, ranching, etc.) of the forest. This position will be for a full term retroactive to January 2008.

Our BCCA committee would like you to take a few minutes and respond to the following few questions if you would:

- Why do you want to serve on the Council
- What qualifications do you bring
- Which category or categories would you best represent

You can respond by either sending an e-mail to me at hank@blackfoot.net or drop a note in care of the Blackfoot Challenge at PO Box 103, Ovando, MT 59854. .

Thanks much for volunteering to participate in this exciting project of community involvement and service. We are breaking new ground and look forward to your help.

Hank Goetz, Lands Director