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## OBJECTIVE

Work with President Donald J. Trump and his excellent team, including DOGE, to Make American Forests and Rangelands Healthy and Productive Again

## WORK HISTORY

**Commissioner**  
**Vice President**  
**Agency Head Member**  
Montana Public Service  
Commission (PSC)

**State Senator**  
Montana Legislature

**Chief Executive Officer**  
American Lands Council

**Planner/Project Manager**  
Silverline Projects, Inc.  
JAO Planning & Project Mngt.

**Coordinator**  
Douglas County Public Works  
Douglas County Parks

# JENNIFER O. FIELDER

*Firm, fair, and fearless in the cause of good governance.*

November 24, 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to express my sincere interest in serving President Donald J. Trump, and the excellent team he is assembling, to help Make America Great Again as USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment (NRE). In this role, it would be my highest priority and greatest honor to boldly steer the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to achieve the President's America First agenda and make our forests and rangelands healthy and productive again.

I was persuaded to pursue this particular position by men and women who dedicated their lives to the proper care and stewardship of our national forests but saw firsthand the failings of the USFS in which they were employed (Their letters of recommendation are attached). As an affected citizen, legislator, business owner, and movement leader I too have witnessed the dreadful failings of federal bureaucracy and have spent decades working toward solutions, albeit from the outside.

There is nothing I want more than to see our nation restored to greatness – and kept that way. And there is no better place for me to help President Trump achieve this goal than from the helm of the USDA's NRE mission area. I am ready to serve and, if authorized, implement swift, serious, and measurable reforms to:

- 1) Reduce acres burned
- 2) Increase economic productivity
- 3) Improve environmental quality via sound science
- 4) Expand multiple use access and recreation opportunities
- 5) Improve agency performance, accountability, and efficiency
- 6) Realign agency mission with Constitutional authority and duly enacted laws, and
- 7) Implement all lawful directives of President Trump and those he places in the chain of command above me.

Upon careful investigation, you will find me to be a dedicated person of high moral character, tenacious work ethic, high I.Q, and conservative values. I am a strong, principled, and loyal team player with essential public and private professional experience. I am also an effective reformer. The depth of my skills and experience goes far beyond the brief resume and letters of recommendation attached hereto. It would be a pleasure to provide additional detail and discuss the possibilities further. Please feel free to call on me at any time.

Sincerely – Let's MAGA,

Jennifer O. Fielder, applicant  
USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment (NRE)



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## REPUBLICAN PARTY LEADERSHIP

Delegate for Donald J. Trump  
RNC Committee Woman  
MTGOP Vice Chair  
State Committee Woman  
Precinct Committee Woman  
4 x Elected State Official

## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Science**  
Western State College, CO  
Honors: Magna Cum Laude

**Associate in Arts & Sciences**  
Wenatchee Valley College, WA  
Honors: President's Medal

**Associate in Applied Science**  
Wenatchee Valley College, WA

## SPECIAL STUDIES

**Forest Stewardship**  
USDA & Montana DNRC

**Horticulture**  
Vocational Certification

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## SUMMARY

An elected official for the past 12 years, Jennifer is the current Vice President of the Montana Public Service Commission and a former Montana State Senator. Her policy strengths include public lands, forestry, energy, environment, wildlife, and natural resources. She is an experienced administrator who has successfully implemented higher standards of conduct, order, and performance in public and private organizations. Jennifer is a nationally recognized leader in the quest for responsible, beneficial use and care of public lands and possesses decades of related experience in oversight of public agencies and as a planner, stewardship practitioner, hunter, angler, and elected representative of the rural west.

## SPECIAL EXPERTISE

- Legislative and Executive Leadership
- Public Land, Forestry, Environment, Wildlife, & Natural Resource Policy
- Public Administration: Comprehensive Planning, Strategic Planning, Organizational Management, and Policy Development
- Government Affairs and Community Engagement

## EXPERIENCE

**Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission, MT** **2021-Present**  
Elected Commissioner and agency head member of Montana Department of Public Service Regulation. Responsible for regulation and supervision of the largest companies in Montana including public utilities, railroads, and motor carriers. Led agency reform including strategic planning, reorganization, internal policy overhaul, staff recruitment, and IT modernization. Vice President of Commission since 2023.

**Chief Executive Officer, American Lands Council, UT** **2015-Present**  
Head of national non-profit organization comprised of local governments, elected officials, resource experts, and public land users. Responsible for legal, legislative, and executive strategies for public land management reforms, with the primary objective of securing constitutionally sound solutions for better access, health, and productivity on federally controlled public lands.

**State Senator, Montana Legislature, MT** **2013-2020**  
Chief Sponsor and Chair of Federal Lands Study. Chair of Senate Fish & Game Committee. Vice Chair of Senate Judiciary Committee. Member of Senate Natural Resources Committee, Environmental Quality Council (oversight of DEQ and FWP), Water Policy Interim Committee (oversight of DNRC), State-Tribal Relations Committee, Consumer Counsel, and Columbia Basin Council on River Governance.

**President, Silverline Projects, Inc., WA** **1997-2017**  
Chief planner and project manager for outdoor planning, design, development, and conservation. Led collaboration with local, state, and federal governments, NGOs, stakeholders, and private clientele. Formerly JAO Projects (1993 – 1996).

**Coordinator, Douglas County Public Works and Parks Depts., WA** **1991-1995**  
Coordinated county public works projects, regional park/trail/open space system plans, funding, and recreation services. Also led long-range comprehensive planning, community engagement, and intergovernmental cooperation.

# RECOMMENDATIONS & REFERENCES

Corresponding Letters of Recommendation Appended. Employer References Available Upon Request.

***“The President could recruit no one more conservative, courageous, dedicated, effective, committed, or able to his Make America Great Again team than Jennifer Fielder. She understands and excels at not only politics, but also policy.”***

--Art Wittich, former Montana Senate Majority Leader  
Republican National Committee Man  
Trump Delegate 2016, 2020, & 2024  
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***“Jennifer currently leads a state agency. She understands how government works and how to make it work effectively. I have no doubt that her role as a pivotal leader at the USDA will significantly improve public land management and use for all Americans.”***

--Nancy S. Mehaffie, Chair  
Green Mountain Conservation District  
(26-year veteran of USFS & USACE)  
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***“Her fully mature and robust approach to leading USDA’s efforts to identify and implement sound policies in forest and rangeland management would be critical to the agency’s successes over the next four years of rapid changes in policies, the regulatory environment, and best practices, emphasizing a return to the standards of care and core principles of public service, public safety, and fiduciary stewardship for our Nation’s National Forests and Rangelands.”***

-- Frank Carroll, President  
Professional Forest Management, LLC  
(31-year USFS veteran/forest staff officer)  
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***“I have intimate knowledge and understanding of how the [NRE] mission area should lead the Forest Service in fulfilling the Trump Administration’s vision for the Forest Service. With Ms. Fielder as the Under Secretary, she would enthusiastically and expertly implement the Administration’s reforms for the Forest Service.”***

--Joseph G. Reddan, Chief Forester  
Flexilis Forestry, LLC  
(Former USFS District Ranger)  
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## Art Wittich

Republican National Committee Man for Montana (2016-2024)

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November 18, 2024

To Whom it May Concern:

I understand Jenifer Fielder is being considered for an appointment by President Trump to his Administration. The President could recruit no one more conservative, courageous, dedicated, effective, committed, or able to his Make America Great Again team than Jennifer Fielder.

I recruited Jennifer to run for the Montana State Senate in 2012 while I was serving as its Senate Majority Leader. We needed honest conservatives who could work as a team to oppose the lurching left policies and laws of the Montana Democrats. After the election, Jennifer exceeded my expectations with her thoughtful, eloquent, and studious approach to the Senate's business, from limiting runaway government spending and regulation, to becoming the issue leader for public lands.

As a result, I encouraged her to become more involved with the Montana Republican Party, where she was elected and served as the MTGOP Vice Chair, and eventually alongside me as one of Montana's Committee persons on the Republican National Committee. In that role, she built RNC coalitions to support the election of Donald J. Trump during his first Presidential campaign.

She has remained a steadfast supporter of President Trump while since being elected and reelected as one of the five Montanans to serve on the State's Public Service Commission. She understands and excels at not only politics, but also policy. As a result, she has been targeted by liberals who campaigned to destroy her public career. But Jennifer never backed down. Instead, she prevailed.

How does Jennifer's experience at the State level translate to the federal government? No one can argue that Washington, D.C. has become a sprawling behemoth over the last 60 years. It over regulates, over taxes, over spends, and over criminalizes its citizens. The increasingly extreme Democrats have grown and used their increasingly powerful federal government to advance their utopian woke social experiment. It is destroying America.

Some believe reform is impossible, and that it is too late to repair the ship of state. As a Veteran, and student of history, I disagree. And so do the millions of people who waited in line for hours to vote 2 weeks ago. Change is not only possible, but necessary. President Trump can do it, but he needs to surround himself with a team that will effectively, loyally and courageously carry out his America First initiatives.

I cannot recommend anyone more highly than Jennifer Fielder.

Sincerely,

Art Wittich

Former RNC National Committee Man (MT)

Former Montana State Senate Majority Leader and Montana State Representative

Trump Delegate - 2016 and 2020 Republican National Conventions

Trump Floor Whip - 2024 Republican National Convention





# Green Mountain

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Protecting the land and preserving our heritage.

11 November 2024

To Whom it May Concern;

It is my great privilege to recommend Jennifer Fielder for Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment at the United States Department of Agriculture.

I have known Jennifer for 12 years and in that time, she has shown a tireless work ethic focused on enhanced public land management for all Americans. As both an elected official for the State of Montana and head of a national nonprofit organization, Jennifer has proven to be a strong, courageous, and steadfast champion for responsible natural resource stewardship in alignment with the Multiple Use doctrine which has been sorely lacking in recent federal policy.

My 26-year career with the U. S. Forest Service and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as well as my degree in Forestry allow me to understand and recognize the issues that she will face at the federal level. In my more recent role as an elected Conservation District Supervisor and now Chair of the Green Mountain Conservation District, I have benefitted from Jennifer's invaluable expertise regarding orderly agency leadership, proper governmental structure, and effective problem solving.

Jennifer currently leads a state agency. She understands how government works and how to make it work effectively. I have no doubt that her role as a pivotal leader at the USDA will significantly improve public land management and use for all Americans. Her deeply held love of country and of our great outdoors will guide the no-nonsense decision making needed to effectively care for our natural resources while allowing the abundant uses for which public lands were originally intended.

For these reasons and more, Jennifer Fielder comes with my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Mehaffie, Retired USACE  
Chair, Green Mountain Conservation District



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**November 12, 2024**

**Re: Jennifer O. Fielder – USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

I am Frank Carroll, owner and President of Professional Forest Management, LLC. I am a 31-year US Forest Service veteran (forest staff officer in multiple roles) and have owned a wildfire forensics and policy consultancy since 2012.

I am writing to offer my strongest personal recommendation and enthusiastic professional endorsement of Jennifer O. Fielder for the position of Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment within the United States Department of Agriculture. The Under Secretary presides over the United States Forest Service (Forest Service). Jennifer's steady, reliable expertise and extensive legislative and executive leadership make her uniquely suited for this role.

Jennifer has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to public service over the past twelve years, serving in various capacities that have honed her policy development, strategic planning, and organizational management skills. As the Vice President of the Montana Public Service Commission, she has navigated complex regulatory environments, leading significant reforms in performance and policy implementation. Her leadership has not only transformed the operational framework of the Commission but has also set a benchmark for ethical conduct and accountability in public administration.

As a Montana State Senator and in her current role as a Montana State Public Utilities Commissioner, Jennifer's tenure has equipped her with a deep understanding of natural resource management, environmental policy, the universe of ecosystem services, and, of particular importance in the current wildfire crisis, a scholarly and practical appreciation of the profoundly complex scientific, social, political, and economic issues informing wildfire policy and management. Her fully mature and robust approach to leading USDA's efforts to identify and implement sound

policies in forest and rangeland management would be critical to the agencies' successes over the next four years of rapid changes in policies, the regulatory environment, and best practices, emphasizing a return to the standards of care and core principles of public service, public safety, and fiduciary stewardship for our Nation's National Forests and Rangelands. She has personally lived in the public/private partnership between our private and public landowners, and she understands and wholeheartedly endorses multiple-use, sustained yield as the governing principle of our National Forests and Grasslands.

Jennifer has identified and eloquently campaigned for preserving private landowner rights and responsibilities in natural resources and wildfire policy in an appropriate combination of emergency wildfire suppression and prescribed fire with a focus on public safety and infrastructure. She understands and supports preserving and enhancing our precious natural resources through active management, collaboration between partners as equals, and shared responsibility. She is committed to firefighter capacity, training, and safety and to productive, responsive, public land management agencies. She is dedicated to helping ensure capable and productive public and private lands. Jennifer is acutely aware of the long history and support from the federal government for healthy forests across the United States.

Jennifer's legislative initiatives, particularly her role in the Federal Lands Study and her leadership in the Senate Fish & Game Committee, underline her capacity to handle sensitive and critical issues with a balanced approach that respects environmental integrity and economic vitality.

At the American Lands Council, Jennifer has been pivotal in advocating for and implementing strategies that enhance the stewardship of public lands, ensuring they remain accessible, healthy, and productive. Her efforts to engage with diverse stakeholders reflect her ability to foster consensus and drive policy that benefits all parties involved. Aware of both the contradictory and mutually supportive nature of public and private interests, she is appropriately focused on preserving private lands and landowner rights as well as supporting public and private landowner responsibility for land stewardship and sustained yields of all of the myriad things for which public and private lands are essential.

Jennifer's practical experience as a planner and project manager with Silverline Projects, Inc. illustrates her hands-on approach to environmental conservation and land management. Her work has consistently shown a dedication to sustainable practices that align with the overarching goals of the USDA.

Her background includes significant community engagement and intergovernmental cooperation, skills indispensable for the Under Secretary role, where collaboration across various governmental levels and with the public is a forerunner of success.

A steadfast commitment to public service, environmental stewardship, and practical governance marks Jennifer O. Fielder's career. Her pragmatic, impactful approach to leadership and substantive experience in natural resources and environmental policy make her an exceptional candidate for

Under Secretary. I am confident that Jennifer would serve with distinction, bringing her thoughtful, informed, and proactive leadership to this vital position.

Please contact me for more information about this remarkable, capable, intelligent, conservative, and conservation-minded leader. There has never been a more consequential time to step up to public service. Jennifer is the right person at the right place and just in time to help the Conservative majority move forward on some of the most intractable issues of our time.

Sincerely,



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**13 November 2024**

**Re: Jennifer O. Fielder – USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources & Environment**

Dear Nominating Official:

I write with my enthusiastic recommendation for Ms. Jennifer O. Fielder for the key position of USDA Under Secretary for the Mission Area of Natural Resources and Environment. I served on the Forest Service Legislative Affairs Staff between 2008 and 2014 through two vastly different Administrations. I have intimate knowledge and understanding of how the mission area should lead the Forest Service in fulfilling the Trump Administration's vision for the Forest Service. With Ms. Fielder as the Under Secretary, she would enthusiastically and expertly implement the Administration's reforms for the Forest Service.

I met Ms. Fielder nearly seven years ago, when in DC meeting with officials of the first Trump Administration seeking to address property rights and western states issues in the Nation's Capital. Ms. Fielder and I immediately established an excellent collaborative relationship.

For the past dozen years Ms. Fielder has demonstrated her commitment to public service in an outstanding manner. Currently, Ms. Fielder is a sitting commissioner of the Montana Public Service Commission (Vice President) where she provides oversight for railroads and public utilities in Montana including where interests of the Montana people and public service utilities intersect with the enormous Federal estate in Montana, including the National Forest System. This specific state commission experience will enable Ms. Fielder to coordinate and collaborate with the Rural Development Mission Area including the Rural Electric Administration to serve

the rural lands and small towns of the Nation. In her role as Commissioner, Ms. Fielder has successfully navigated the complexity of regulatory the environment, implemented significant reforms in service delivery and policy, while setting a high bar for ethics and conduct worthy of a state commissioner and a Trump Administration undersecretary in USDA.

Ms. Fielder served in the Montana Senate where she provided legislative oversight for the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department as the chair of the Senate Fish and Game Committee. Ms. Fielder had a complete portfolio of actual experience in the following state jurisdictional areas: Vice Chair of Senate Judiciary Committee, Member of Senate Natural Resources Committee, Environmental Quality Council, Water Policy Interim Committee, State - Tribal Relations Committee, Consumer Counsel Committee, and Columbia Basin Council on River Governance. Ms. Fielder's senate and public service commission portfolio provides the policy and governance foundation for her appointment at USDA and United States Senate confirmation.

Ms. Fielder has practical and policy experience in her resume ranging from county government, entrepreneurial natural resources professional services and non-profit management and leadership, in addition to her statewide elected offices. Her professionalism and deep resumé will enable Ms. Fielder to grasp the essentials of the "Forest Service" politics, science and good governance sorely needed in the mission area.

Ms. Fielder, with a degree in forest recreation management, is an active consumer of the natural world including the Montana National Forest System spectrum of recreation opportunities and commodities, as an avid hunter, angler and consumer of forest products. These attributes will assist Ms. Fielder in leading USDA's initiatives for the sound stewardship of the bounty that is the Nation's National Forest System.

Ms. Fielder will also have immense policy influence over the Nation's private forest land holdings through the State Foresters and the State, Private and Tribal Deputy Area of the Forest Service. She is immensely sensitive to private property rights and landowners' self-determination. The NRE mission area is more than forests, there are approximately 20 million acres of National Grasslands within the National Forest System. Ms. Fielder has the experience and fortitude to serve the Nation's small to medium public land livestock producers, while conserving and using bountiful rangeland forage.

While in government service, Ms. Fielder has maintained a strong relationship with private property rights and the importance of those rights and ownership to the success and well-being of the Nation. Through her involvement with the American Lands Council, Ms. Fielder has championed the enhancement of Federal land stewardship with new and innovative policies to enhance the use, productivity and access to the Nation's land treasure. Ms. Fielder is a leader yet will build consensus in her work and advocacy.

Ms. Fielder's enduring leadership characteristic is a firm, fair, and fearless approach in the cause of good governance for the American people and the management of the Nation's land, forests,

range, water and wildlife, including the multiple use and sustained yield scientific philosophy for modern day conservation. This approach comes with pragmatism through years of experience in legislative oversight of natural resources conservation, management and the policy development surrounding multiple use and sustained yield. Ms. Fielder is the candidate for the Natural Resources and Environment Under Secretary Mission Area nomination. When confirmed Jennifer O. Fielder will make an outstanding under secretary. She has the ability and the moxie to implement the Administration's agenda for people, apply wise use to the Nation's resources and assets and pass on to the future robust natural assets and capital for present and future generations.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me for more information. Without reservation I fully endorse and recommend Jennifer O. Fielder for the nomination of USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

Sincerely,

  
JOSEPH G. REDDAN  
Chief Forester