

## Jennifer Fielder, CEO

Thompson Falls, MT

Jennifer resides in a beautiful river valley nestled among steep, thickly forested mountains of Northwest Montana. Elected to the Montana State Senate in 2012, she holds degrees in Parks & Recreation and Ski Instruction and Coaching and has been an active volunteer with her local town Beautification Committee, County Historical Society, Arbor Day festivals, church, and annual community Heritage Celebrations.

Jennifer and her husband Paul, a retired wildlife biologist, are avid outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy living close to the land. They hunt, fish, trap, firewood, and raise a garden for wholesome sustenance. They manage their modest parcel of

timber land for optimal forest health, wildlife habitat, and scenic values.

For over twenty years Jennifer successfully operated a small business specializing in planning, design, and development of outdoor recreation, urban and natural landscapes, and community enhancement projects. In this capacity she worked extensively with local, state, and federal government agencies as well as non profit organizations.

Recognizing the critical need for better management of federally controlled public lands, in 2013 Jennifer introduced legislation to study problems with federal land management and seek solutions. She was appointed to chair the study and soon became a leading expert on the issue of transferring federal public lands to the states. She accepted an unpaid position on the ALC Executive Committee in September of 2015.

Jennifer is a graduate of Western State College of Colorado where she earned a Bachelors Degree in Recreation and a Minor in Coaching; and of Wenatchee Valley College, WA where she earned an A.A.S, and an Associate Degree in Ski Instruction and Coaching. She completed Montana State University's Forest Stewardship training and holds vocational certification in Horticulture.

Based on decades of professional experience, Jennifer understands that restoring balance and strengthening the local voice in public land management will lead to better outcomes in environmental quality, economic productivity, and recreational opportunities for all.