

## Entrepreneurship Panel #2

**Theme: How to Get Rolling? Who Has Your Back?**

**When: Friday, April 14th @ 11:30 am**

**Where: ELC 327**

### **Karen Byrnes - Community Development Director, Butte-Silver Bow**

Karen, a Montana Tech graduate, is currently responsible for economic and community development for all of Silver Bow County. This job encompasses project development, budget management, and public relations. She works with other government officials and the private sector to encourage community-wide development activities.

### **Brent Donnelly – Director, US Small Business Administration-Montana**

Brent Donnelly accepted the role of SBA Montana District Director in March 2020 after joining the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in August 2018 as the Deputy in Montana. Mr. Donnelly brings an extensive background in economic development and small business ownership, which adds valuable perspective when considering and understanding the needs of small businesses in Big Sky Country.

### **Kelly Sullivan – Executive Director, Butte Local Development Corp**

Kelly is a Montana Tech graduate and is currently serving as the Executive Director of both Butte Local Development Corporation and Headwaters RC&D. Prior to that, she spent valuable time in digital marketing, grant writing and spent 25 years in hotel management overseeing several properties.

### **John Winston – Vice President/Branch President – Glacier Bank**

John is currently a Branch President and oversees three Glacier Bank Branches in Southwest Montana. He has been in the banking business since 1999 where he started in the commercial lending area with Wells Fargo. He joined Glacier Bank in 2002 and continues to be heavily involved in commercial lending.

