



Kelly O'Brien

Shortly before joining the Foy's to Blacktail Board in October 2012, Kelly wrote:

I am a fourth generation Montanan originally from the Flathead Valley, where I developed my love for conservation and outdoor recreation. Growing up in Kalispell provided me with a deep understanding of the importance of public access close to town, and the importance of planning for open space. My passion for preserving open space in the Flathead was a significant motivating factor for me in deciding to attend law school and focus on land use issues. Moreover, as an avid trail runner, mountain biker and hiker, I use public trails, and the trails in Herron Park, on a regular basis. With that in mind, the FTBT trail system is of special, personal interest to me and my family.

I am a practicing attorney with a law degree from Lewis and Clark School of Law, and a certificate in environmental and natural resources law. During law school, I had the opportunity to work for the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals, the cities of Portland and Vancouver, as well as various tribal agencies and non-profit organizations on land use and environmental issues. I also have an undergraduate degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis on International Business and a minor in German from the University of Montana.