

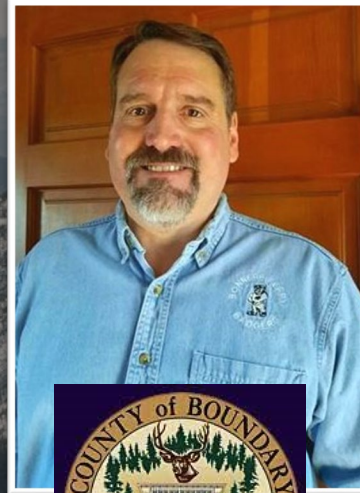
A grayscale landscape of a mountain valley. The foreground shows a rocky, snow-dusted slope. The middle ground is dominated by dense evergreen forests covering the valley floor and lower slopes. In the background, rugged mountain peaks rise against a clear sky. A large, semi-transparent white circle is centered over the image, with a smaller white circle at its top. The text 'Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

**Kootenai Valley
Resource
Initiative**

Formed October
2001
Joint Powers
Agreement

Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative

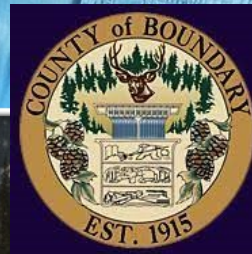
Commissioner Tim Bertling



Mayor Dick Staples

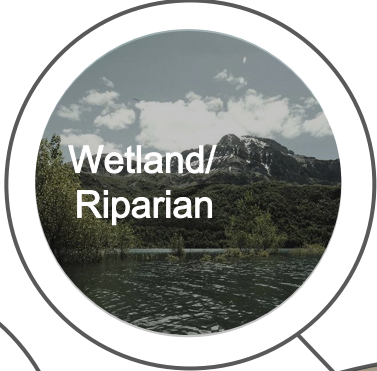
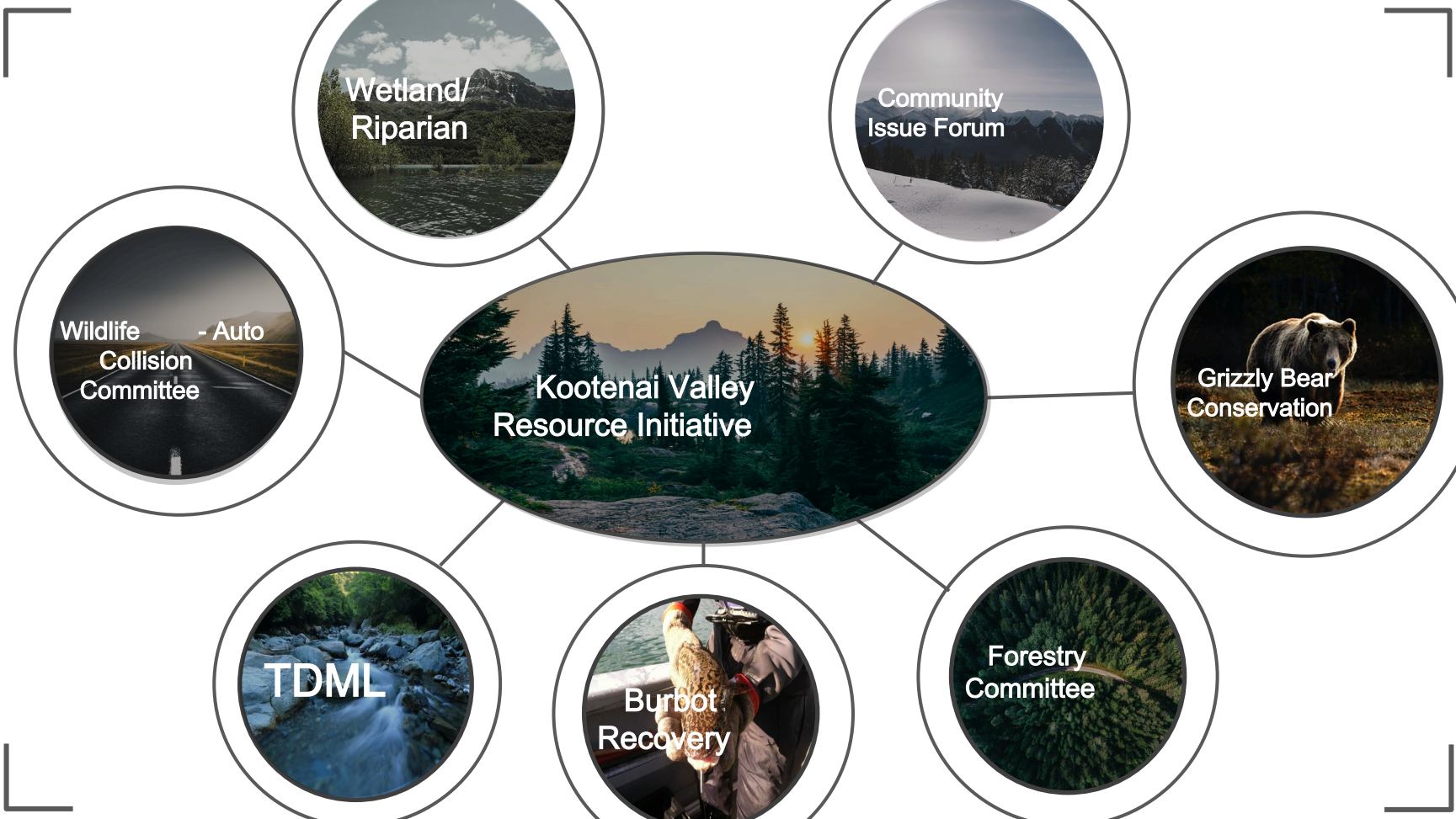


Gary Aitken Jr., Tribal Chair





KVRI
Members
and
Participants



KVRI Forestry Committee

25 - 30 Participants

- Addressing forestry resources with our community using a landscape approach (800,000 acres/413,000 NFS)
- Partnerships – developing common ground and areas of agreement for management
- Restoration projects – Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act
- Education
- Science-based
- The long term goal is to make Boundary County National Forest lands economically, ecologically, and socially sustainable.



KVRI – CFLRA Goals

- Move landscapes toward diversity that is more resilient to climactic changes and other natural and unique stresses.
- Identify opportunity on Forest lands with the highest potential to enhance wildlife habitat, watershed benefits, ecological resiliency and recreational opportunities.
- Provide for Forest-based wood products to sustain local infrastructure.



KVRI – Success:

Working together to develop a community approach for addressing resource issues; collaborative partners

New effort to guide how the community responds to issues and opportunities

Active role in managing resources to maintain a healthy ecosystem and rural community

“ Friends in High Places”



U.S. Senator Mike
Crapo



Idaho Governor
Brad Little



U.S. Senator Jim
Risch



U.S. Congressman
Russ Fulcher