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Montana Community Foundation Prepares for 2018 with New Board Members

HELENA, Mont., November 29, 2017 – Gearing up for the new year, the Montana Community Foundation announces the addition of two new board members, Ed Eck and Bryson Pelc. In addition, current board member Mary Craigle is rotating off the board after completing her maximum term of service.

“Each year brings new changes,” MCF President and CEO Mary Rutherford said. “We are forever grateful for Mary Craigle’s service, leadership, and love for Montana and its people. She will be sorely missed. While we’re losing a great friend, we couldn’t be more excited to welcome our new board members. Each, Ed and Bryson, has immense talent and an overwhelming passion for our mission that is sure to move us forward in 2018 and beyond.”

Eck is a uniform law commissioner. In addition to serving on the drafting committee of the Uniform Trust Code, Eck is a professor emeritus of the University of Montana School of Law, where he served as the dean for 14 years. More recently, Eck retired as a deputy attorney general under Attorney General Tim Fox. His focus was the supervision of nonprofit corporations and charitable trusts. Eck’s prior public service includes the IRS Oversight Board, where he was nominated by President George W. Bush and served a five-year term.

Born and raised in Helena, Pelc is a CPA with Jordahl & Sliter, PLLP. Pelc is experienced in a wide array of industries, including construction, real estate, healthcare, and finance. His passion is to guide small businesses and their owners through the complex environment of income tax planning and compliance. Pelc currently serves on the board of Foy’s to Blacktail Trails and is a committee member on the City of Kalispell Revolving Loan Fund. He earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Montana.

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About Montana Community Foundation

Montana Community Foundation’s mission is to cultivate a culture of giving so Montana communities can flourish. Founded in 1988, MCF manages approximately \$95 million in assets and administers more than 900 philanthropic funds and planned gifts. MCF’s accreditation through the Council on Foundations’ National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations ensures MCF complies with the strictest standards in gift administration and grantmaking. Since its founding, MCF has reinvested more than \$41 million in Montana through grants to charitable organizations and causes across the state. MCF serves as a center for philanthropy in Montana, working with donors, charitable organizations and communities to provide simple and effective ways to give back to Montana.

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