

# *Biographies*

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John Connors has served as the Helena Regional Engineer for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation since May 2011. His duties include providing technical assistance to various community floodplain programs, technical assistance and outreach to private and public dam owners, construction oversight for state water projects, and technical review of water right applications. Prior to his career with the DNRC, John worked in the private sector for 9 years as a Geotechnical and Construction Materials engineer. During the span of his career, John has worked on a many projects in a variety of industries including; construction of large tailings impoundments, dam safety investigations, development of new mines, construction material testing for private, state and federal entities, and geotechnical investigations for bridges, dams, and other infrastructure projects. John received his B.S. in Geological Engineering, with an emphasis in Hydrogeology, from Montana Tech in 2003.

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Mitch Price, P.E., C.F.M., is a water resources engineer at River Design Group with over 15 years experience in hydraulic design, river mechanics, and computational hydraulics. His comprehensive analytical and applied design and assessment skills have been successfully implemented on numerous water resource engineering projects, including more than fifty hydraulic model studies on rivers and streams throughout the region. His current responsibilities include preparing hydraulic and sediment transport models in support of channel stability analyses and assisting with the development of plans and specifications for restoration designs, most recently including the Kootenai River, the Jocko River, and the Clark Fork River. In addition, he has completed assessments and designs for irrigation diversions and

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Paul is a Principal Civil Engineer, Senior Hydraulic Engineer and owner of Allied Engineering Services, Inc. headquartered in Bozeman, Montana. He has been with the firm for almost 15 years and has experience working in several aspects of the business including surveying, design, modeling/analysis, project management, internal operations and business development. His technical area of emphasis is water resources including hydrology and hydraulics, hydraulic structures, bank stabilization, stream restoration, dams and storm drainage management and design.

Paul has worked on and served as lead hydraulic engineer and/or project manager for projects involving hydraulic structures, bank stabilization, stream restoration and irrigation diversions on rivers and streams throughout Montana. He has also worked on stream restoration and water resource projects in Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Texas.

Paul received a B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from Montana State University in Bozeman. He is a licensed professional engineer in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Texas. Paul lives in Bozeman with his wife Jody, children Owen (7) and Sara (4) and senior mutt Muddy (14).

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Larry Schock has been a Montana DNRC employee for more than 23 years in the Missoula Regional Office. He provides engineering assistance to the Missoula and Kalispell Regional Offices of the Water Resources Division in the areas of Dam Safety, Floodplains, State Water Projects, Water Management,

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and Water Rights. In his role as the Regional Engineering Specialist Larry regularly provides training across Montana in the fields of floodplains, dam safety, and water resources. Larry earned an Agricultural Engineering Degree from Montana State University in 1988. Larry is one of the original eight founding members of the AMFM.

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Steve Story has been the State Floodplain Engineer for the State of Montana in the Helena office since May 2009. His duties include coordinating and managing floodplain studies across the state, leading the DNRC's Technical Assistance Program, developing Floodplain Study Standards, and doing technical reviews of floodplain revisions and new studies. Prior to landing at the DNRC, Steve worked in the private sector for 10 years as a Water Resources engineer, specializing primarily in hydraulic analysis and design. He worked in the public sector working with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in the early 1990s, and spent a year with Teton County, Wyoming as the Associate County Engineer and Floodplain Manager. During his career, Steve has worked on a variety of large water resources projects including: the BOR's Dolores Water Project in Colorado; DNRC's Tongue River Dam rehabilitation in eastern Montana; and the Corps of Engineer's East Grand Fork Flood Control Project in Minnesota. Steve received his B.S. in Civil Engineering, with an emphasis in Hydraulics, from Colorado State University at Fort Collins in 1996. He received his CFM in 2006 and is a member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

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