

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS****DEBBIE PIERSON**

Debbie's love of Montana began at a young age when her Dad's positions with the US Forest Service brought the family to the Flathead Valley. Debbie graduated from Flathead High School and received a BA in Interpersonal Communications from the University of Montana. Her most rewarding summer job was working on the Youth Conservation Corps Trail Crew, improving recreational trails throughout the Flathead National Forest, and building the first leg of the Danny On trail on Big Mountain.

Debbie began her professional career working for non-profit organizations, including positions with the Arthritis Foundation, Special Olympics, United Way and the American Red Cross. Debbie has spent the last 12 years working for Flathead County and currently serves as the Clerk &

Recorder. Prior to her elected role, Debbie worked for the Commissioner's Office managing special projects, which included writing and administering grants. Her most noteworthy accomplishment was facilitating the Bigfork Stormwater Project, a collaborative community project utilizing federal, state and local funding to upgrade the stormwater management system in Bigfork village. Debbie feels that implementing practices to improve and protect water quality are vital to sustaining the life we all enjoy in the Flathead Valley.

Debbie and her fish-slaying husband Mike live in Whitefish. When not enjoying recreation on local lakes and rivers, Debbie spends her time relaxing at home with family, friends and her golden retriever...the only "child" still in the nest!