

**BITTERROOT TROUT UNLIMITED**  
**BOARD MEMBER CHARACTERISTICS**

Chartered in 1976, the mission of the Bitterroot Chapter of Trout Unlimited (Chapter #080) (BRTU) is:

TO CONSERVE, PROTECT, AND RESTORE THE BITTERROOT RIVER'S COLD-WATER FISHERY AND ITS WATERSHED.

BRTU is widely known as one of the most effective Trout Unlimited (TU) Chapters in Montana and received the Best Montana TU Chapter in 2020. Chapter leaders have been recognized at both the State and National levels. BRTU is an all-volunteer organization.

BRTU is always recruiting committed individuals to its Board of Directors to support the mission of conserving, protecting and restoring the Bitterroot River's cold-water fishery and its watershed. Skills, qualities, and characteristics the Chapter looks for in board members include the following:

- Demonstrates good communication skills and the ability to work well with others on the Board, the general BRTU Membership, and the Community at large
- An interest in watershed or native fish conservation
- A commitment to the BRTU mission and goals of TU National such as
  - angling and conservation education
  - science-driven fisheries management
  - protection of riparian zones
  - ensuring fair and equal access to fishing opportunities
- Other skills and experience that complement the goals of BRTU including those related to conservation, education, fundraising, and/or community outreach
- Maintains a BRTU membership
- Participates in and contributes to BRTU volunteer projects, Board meetings, and other events
- Board members missing three consecutive meeting will be off the board

- Board members serve on a yearly basis and are not term limited.

Board Officers serve on a 2-year basis. Board members are selected by a vote of the board

### **Trout Unlimited Vision**

By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild cold-water fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

### **Who is Trout Unlimited**

Founded in Michigan in 1959, Trout Unlimited today is a national non-profit organization with 300,000 members and supporters dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds. Our staff and volunteers work from coast to coast to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain trout and salmon habitat on behalf of today's anglers and coming generations of sportsmen and women who value the connection between healthy, intact habitat and angling opportunity.

Trout Unlimited has a basic approach to its conservation strategy. First, we use the best available science to protect headwater spawning habitat for trout and salmon. We reconnect tributaries with their rivers to ensure resilience, and we restore waters where development has impacted trout and salmon and the opportunity to fish for them. Second, we sustain our work on the ground by:

- Using the best science to drive conservation priorities
- Promoting and maintaining a strong legal and regulatory framework to protect fish and fishing opportunity
- Connecting with passionate anglers who want to give back to the resource they value so much
- Increasing our ability to engage Trout Unlimited members in conservation by training, educating and building a strong community of angler advocates
- Connecting with generous donors and helping them give to the fish they cherish and the places they love