

The Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization of business, non-profit and professional men and women whose goal is to promote civic and business progress in our community. The Chamber's strength is ABSOLUTELY in our 1200 members who provide the vision, financial and leadership support essential for the programs vital to Bozeman and the surrounding area's growth and development!

Although hit hard by a challenging economy, Bozeman and the surrounding area have weathered the storm stronger and will continue to grow as only Bozeman can. This is not to say that Bozeman, the state of Montana and the country will not need more time to gain back the momentum that a lot of us took for granted, but we came out of this in the early '80s as a stronger community and we will do so again.

In 2010, the goal of the Chamber will include:

- Promoting commerce
- Promoting industry and the professions
- Strengthening a sound and healthy business climate in Bozeman and the surrounding areas
- Partnering with those key organizations (like MSU) that will provide for development and employment of our members to raise their human and economic resources
- Provide business leadership and coordination of all interested parties in solving community problems and initiating community action and to create better understanding and appreciation of the great opportunities in the Bozeman area and promoting the advantages and assets of our community within the area, and the state of Montana.

With the addition of our new CEO Daryl Schleim and the wealth of knowledge that our board members and staff bring, 2010 will truly be a year for cooperation. Daryl has already met with city leaders, Prospera, RC&D (Federal rural development agency), CVB, and others to partner with them so that we can combine forces rather than operate independently.

Now more than ever, economic development and leadership is crucial for Bozeman. The Chamber, the partners noted above and the wealth of knowledge that our members bring is what all of our businesses and organizations need to continue our leadership in southwest Montana. The board and members have hired a strong advocate in Daryl and we look forward to great things from him.

**Most importantly, the Bozeman Chamber is comprised of PEOPLE and ORGANIZATIONS who realize that, by belonging to the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce, they can accomplish together what no individual one of them can do alone. With a 100-year track record of advocacy, networking, promotion and economic vitality, the Bozeman Chamber will continue to be the voice for businesses, organizations and the professional community in its second century of service.**