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Announcement of early endorsements for Derek Skees.

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## Press Release

Kalispell, February 27th, 2014: The Montana Skees Team, Derek Skees for Public Service Commission, District 5, is honored to present the list of early endorsements for the campaign primary. Derek has been working with PSC Chair Bill Gallagher since this summer, supporting the path that Bill would take in this campaign season. It is with hope that we join Bill and Jennifer with prayers of support and healing this year, as they decided to not seek re-election this cycle.

Derek has decided to try and fill some pretty big shoes on the commission following that decision, and he began right after Thanksgiving with a listening tour of his legislative and community allies. Derek said “The outpouring of support was humbling for us, and we are excited to kick this campaign off with our early list of endorsements.”

Former US Senator Conrad Burns  
Current PSC Chair Bill Gallagher  
MT Senate President Jeff Essmann  
MT Senate Majority Leader Art Wittich  
Speaker of the MT House Mark Blasdel  
Speaker Pro Tempore MT House Austin Knudsen  
MT House Majority Leader Gordon Vance  
Senator Dee Brown (SD 2)  
Senator Verdell Jackson (SD 5)  
Business & Labor Chair Senator Jon Sonju (SD 4)  
FRET Committee Chair Representative Keith Regier (HD 5)  
Representative Jerry O'Neil (HD 3)  
Transportation Chair Representative Steve Lavin (HD 8)  
Representative Greg Hertz (HD 11)  
Representative Carl Glimm (HD 6)  
Former MT Senator and Republican Party Chair Ken Miller  
Ray & Ladeine Thompson  
Gerry & Pat Molen  
Maj. General Paul & Muffin Vallely

I am honored to have these great folks stand with me, and with their faith and support I know victory is attainable. Thank you everyone and I will get back to work!

Sincerely,  
Derek Skees

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