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**MONTANA SENATOR MIKE CUFFE ELECTED TO SERVE AS
PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONOMIC REGION PRESIDENT**

SASKATOON, SK -

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region's (PNWER) Delegate Council elected Senator Mike Cuffe, Montana State Senate District 1, to the role of PNWER president at this year's Summit in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, July 21-25. Cuffe has been involved with PNWER as a member of the Delegate Council since 2013 and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Border Working Group. Cuffe has previously served as Co-Chair of the Workforce Development and Forestry working groups. He was elected to serve as vice president during the PNWER Annual Summit in Big Sky, Montana in 2015.

When asked about his vision for his term as PNWER President, Senator Cuffe said, "We will approach our opportunities and challenges with a positive mindset. We are a nuts and bolts operation at PNWER that gets things done. We help develop solutions, and we make things happen. We are a diverse group with many competing interests, personalities, and political factors, but in our region, we have many common interests and can find common ground to stand on. PNWER attracts those who care about the region and who believe that our region grows better and stronger together."

PNWER announced their 30th Annual Summit will be held in Big Sky, Montana, from July 19-23, 2020. The Summit will explore shared challenges, discuss best practices, and promote regional relationships among those in the Pacific Northwest. Montana last hosted the PNWER Summit in Big Sky in 2015.

More than 500 regional legislators, business leaders, and policy makers met in Saskatoon, SK, this week for 4 days of in-depth discussion on US-Canada relations, trade, and cross-border solutions. For a full schedule of the Summit and more information, visit www.pnwer.org/2019-summit

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ABOUT PNWER

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a public/private organization created by statute in 1991. Member jurisdictions include Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington, and the Canadian provinces and territories of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and Yukon. PNWER's mission is to increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region; identify and promote "models of success;" and serve as a conduit to exchange information.

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