

LEADERSHIP MISSOULA 39 BIO

My name is Terran Hillesland, and I am from Sidney, MT. I grew up the youngest of three boys and always enjoyed playing sports. I played baseball, basketball, and football growing up and had dreams of making it to the NFL as a child. I didn't quite make it that far, but I did play football for the University of Montana from 2005-2009 and was a part of two national title games among many other prolific contests for the Griz. I graduated from the University of Montana in May of 2010 with a bachelor's in business management. I moved back to Sidney after graduating college and worked in a natural gas plant for 8 years for Kinder Morgan. During that time, I married my wife, Tarah Hillesland, in July 2013. We have four awesome children: Finn – 9, Anders – 8, Helli – 5, and Soren – 2. They keep us on our toes daily! We moved back to Missoula in July of 2019, and I began my banking career with First Interstate Bank as a commercial lender. After being there for two and half years, I switched over to Stockman Bank in March of 2022 doing the same thing and have enjoyed it thoroughly. My wife runs a home-based preschool, Big Sky Preschool Academy, and is going into her fifth year doing it and it has become a very popular preschool! She is a native Missoulian who also attended the University of Montana and got her degree in elementary education. We enjoy attending Grizzly sporting events, going to the lake, camping, and shuttling our kids to and from their own sporting events to watch them play! We are excited to continue living in the Missoula area and putting our roots down even deeper!