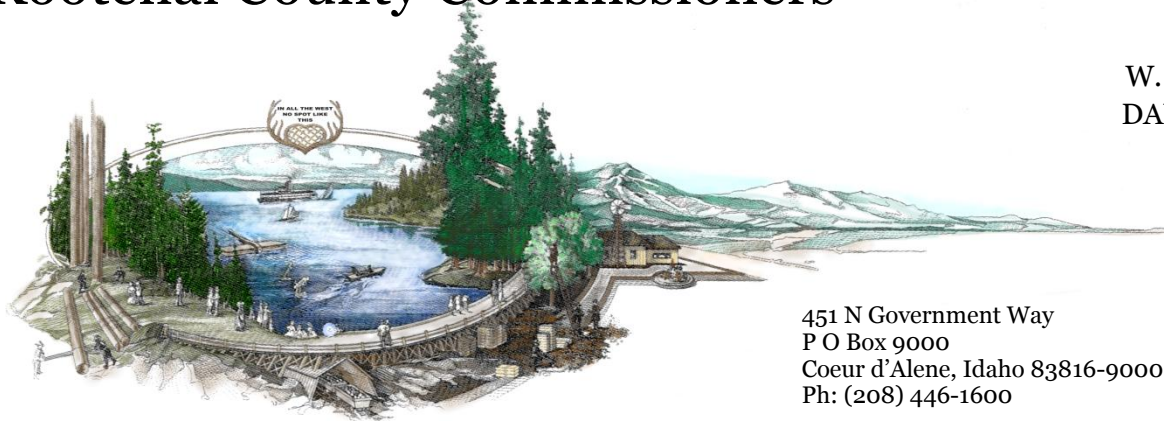


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Re: Official County Seal

The Kootenai County Commissioners are pleased to announce the adoption of an official county seal in conjunction with the county's sesquicentennial in 2014.

In conducting research for the county's sesquicentennial, County Commissioners Todd Tondee, Dan Green, and Jai Nelson discovered that there were various county logos and emblems but could not verify if any one of them had ever been officially adopted. Idaho Statute 31-821 grants the power and duty to the Board of Commissioners to adopt a seal. Subsequently, a contest was held to design a county seal. More than 16 entries were submitted and a design by Jamie Kay Marble, North Idaho College Graphic Design Major, was selected and adopted at today's business meeting.



The Seal design was inspired by the most memorable aspects of Kootenai County. From the famous landmark and oldest standing building in the state, the Cataldo Mission, lying across the backdrop of mountains with trees dotting the landscape leading the eye to the one of America's most beautiful lakes Lake Coeur d'Alene.

The pickaxe and saw are evocative of our roots, our traditions and our historical industries. The central tree climbs high into the sky representing a county that is continually growing. The contrast between the bold geometry of the Mission and the soft lines of nature reflect the hardy, yet compassionate people who populate our county. The eagle is an embodiment of the freedom Kootenai County provides to its citizens.

During 2014, we will be recognizing the significance of the county's sesquicentennial and the adoption of an official seal is an integral part of this milestone and will address the need for cohesion in the county's identity. The official county seal designed by Jamie Kay Marble conceptually captures our history, our vision and who we are as a county.

In 1891, Emma Edwards won the contest to create the state seal. In doing so, Idaho was the first state seal designed by a woman. We are proud to follow along this pathway with Jamie Kay Marbles' award-winning design for Kootenai County.

The numerous traditional Kootenai County logos and brands are still alive and well. Use of the seal is important where an official and consistent trademark of the government is desirable.

For additional information or any questions, please contact the Commissioner's office at 446-1602 or by email at: kcbocc@kcgov.us.