

Growing up in Yellowstone National Park and later moving to Gardiner, Dillon Gruber has been a lifelong resident of Montana. He studied economics at Brandeis University in Boston, MA, but after two years, the call of the Big Sky State was too much to bear. In 2011 he decided to return home where he finished his econ degree at MSU-Bozeman while enjoying all the outdoor activities.

Upon graduation, Dillon followed his passion for rock climbing to Spain, Argentina, Mexico, and countless locations across the USA. He spent the following several years working in financial sales all while figuring out his next big adventure. The plan eventually came together and by the summer of 2016, he was packing his bags to spend the next seven months living and working at a fly fishing lodge in Patagonia, Argentina.



Dillon returned to Bozeman at the end of the Patagonia fishing season and began work at Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures. Initially hired onto the company's marketing team, it wasn't soon after that he took the role of Executive Director for the Yellow Dog Community and Conservation Foundation. He's overseen conservation initiatives in Mongolia, Chile, Mexico, the Bahamas, and most recently, has managed efforts to institute a national gillnet ban throughout Belize's fisheries; the first-ever piece of legislation to successfully ban gillnets on a national scale. Outside of his fulltime job, he works on issues related to regenerative agriculture and soil health. Finding grassroots solutions to climate change has led to otherwise uncommon partnerships with people from a diversity of backgrounds, political views, ideologies, and beliefs.

Like many of Bozeman's residents, Dillon has witnessed the unprecedented growth of Gallatin Valley. Although the days of \$45 Bridger lift tickets and Barrel Mountaineering's claim as the only gear shop in town are long gone, he is optimistic about the future of our mountain town. In the face of growth and development - and at the risk of losing the values, lifestyle, and character that make Bozeman so uniquely, Bozeman - Dillon is committed to retaining and expanding the identity of Northeast Bozeman while working with and listening to everyone lucky enough to call it home. Dillon brings youthful energy, a community-oriented mindset, and leadership to drive NENA's objectives forward. Working together as a community, NENA will remain a desirable and distinct place to live, work, and raise a family.