



DTBA Business Administrator

Hello, I'm Lindsey Hester. I am glad to be working as the DTBA Business Administrator. I have had a blast getting to know you guys the past few years. I look forward to more years with you all.

I was born in a rural farming town in West Texas where my mom leased out her farms and oil - one farm is 125 years working. My dad & uncles worked as cattlemen, ag commissioners, and State FSA Directors. I was raised off the farm but had agriculture all around me and it is where I am most comfortable to be still. I went to college at Texas A&M College Station then finished at Colorado State University with Human Nutrition then went to Iowa State for my Dietetics Masters to be a Registered Dietitian.

I live in Kremmling, CO with my husband, Forrest and two kids, Gus & Lucy. We worked together at his family sawmill & retail lumber business 'Hesters Log and Lumber' and eventually bought it when his parents wanted to retire. Life was nuts ~ people thought we lived at the sawmill, it was our whole life. During this time, I started buying & selling real estate to just try to make a buck but ended up starting a commercial, residential, and short term rental business. I wanted to invest not be a landlord but it all worked out and we love the people we work with (almost all of them have had to help us get buffalo back in).

We came into buffalo from buying a neighbor parcel of land and needed to keep it ag. Yes, we could have gotten a goat but Forrest loves buffalo. We have had alot of agriculture experience but not really in livestock & we thought "yes, this is a good idea" & bought nine buffalo calves, the learning curve was sharp and fast. It took a few years to see where our place in the buffalo industry was (because there is soo many factors). We are a direct retailer of homegrown, grain finished buffalo meat & have a Meat Market "Hester's Buffalo Meat Co."

I hope to be effective as the Business Administrator with my experience with bookkeeping, small business and diligence.

The DTBA and our members have been crucial in encouragement, knowledge, and relationships to help keep our business sustainable. We do not need to go about the buffalo business alone - we have each other! Being a part of the DTBA has been great and I am really happy to have this job!

Thank you!



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