Montana Wildlife and Transportation Steering Committee - 2020 Work Plan

Action Item*			Needed Resources	Status	Estimated Completion	Measure of Success
Summit Recommendation 1A, Action 1	Priority 1	Attend quarterly meetings	PIT Crew will organize and staff meetings	Started Oct. 2019, Ongoing	Ongoing	4 meetings scheduled and implemented in 2020
Summit Recommendation 1A, Action 1	Priority 1	Develop purpose and charter for the Steering Committee	PIT Crew to draft and SC to approve	Started Oct. 2019, In Progress	1st Quarter, 2020	Purpose and charter completed
Summit Recommendation 1B, Action 3	Priority 1	Review and provide input on the Memorandum of Agreement between MDT and FWP	MDT and FWP staff (e.g., MDT Environmental, FWP RMU, and legal staff from both agencies) will develop draft MOA	Started Oct. 2019, In Progress	1st Quarter, 2020	Review and input on MOA completed
Summit Recommendation 4A, Action 7 (new action)	Priority 1	Appoint members to a data and information work group. Provide direction for the work group, such as identifying data and information needed to make decisions about wildlife and transportation, existing data, and data gaps. The work group could also explore a mechanism for data and information sharing, as well as guidance for how analysis products should be used, managed, and made available.	Work group to consist of MDT and FWP staff (e.g., research, GIS, biologists), as well as NGO partners. PIT Crew members to help the work group get organized.	Not yet initiated, Proposed to start 1st or 2nd quarter	3rd Quarter, 2020	List of existing data and data needs completed by September of 2020
Summit Recommendation, 5A and 5B, Action 8 (new action)	Priority 2	Identify current communication capacity and resources of each organization that could include wildlife and transportation outreach. Identify communication needs and opportunities for wildlife and transportation efforts. Explore communication needs both among the SC partners and for collaborative public outreach and education, such as developing common terminology, and agreed upon protocols. Explore the need for an overarching communication strategy for partner and stakeholder engagement. This may include responding to media inquiries, engaging the public, and developing outreach campaigns.	PIT Crew to compile and draft current capacity information. A work group is TBD.	Not yet initiated, proposed to start 2nd or 3rd quarter	4th Quarter, 2020	Overall approach, list of next steps, and needed resources for Recommendations 5A and 5B completed by end of 2020.
Summit Recommendation 4B, Action 9 (new action)	Priority 3	Determine an overall approach and next steps to Recommendation 4B, which is to develop statewide guidance that establishes consistency in identifying priorities at the local, regional, and district levels. After the SC has developed an overall approach, the SC may initiate prioritization work with the data and information work group.	TBD	Not yet initiated, proposed for 4th quarter (after progress on Actions 7 and 8)	Beyond 2020	Overall approach, list of next steps, and needed resources for Recommendation 4B.
Summit Recommendation 6A and 6B, Action 10 (new action)	Priority 3	Appoint members to a funding work group. Provide direction for the work group, such as identifying existing funding resources and gaps. Explore alternative funding sources for wildlife accommodations including information gathering, research projects, and monitoring efforts.	TBD	Not yet initiated, proposed for 4th quarter (after progress on Actions 7 and 8)	Beyond 2020	List of existing funding sources, gaps, and alternatives.

*Actions 2 (PIT Crew), 4 (website), 5 (MDT/FWP biennial meetings), and 6 (MDT's Wildlife Accommodation Process) are not included because these actions are complete or not prioritized for SC input at this time.

Priority 1: Expected to be completed within the Plan Year, started and finished first.
Priority 2: Expected to be started in the Plan Year, generally after most of Priority 1 actions are completed. Potentially complete in Plan Year.
Priority 3: May be started after higher priorities are completed, or nearly so. Likely to be completed in subsequent Plan Years.