MONTANA WILDLIFE AND TRANSPORTATION

DATA AND INFORMATION WORK GROUP

Meeting Notes

September 10, 2020

Purpose: To revise the mission, product, criteria document

Objectives:

- Understand the Steering Committee's potential uses for the product
- Revise the mission, product, and criteria

Attendees:

- D&I Work Group: Paul Sturm (MDT), Brian Andersen MDT), Liz Fairbank (MSWP), Andrew Jakes (MSWP), Justin Gude (FWP), Adam Messer (FWP)
- Planning and Implementation Team (PIT Crew): Renee Lemon (FWP), Deb Wambach (MDT), Nick Clarke (MSWP), Hannah Jaicks (MSWP)

Agenda:

1. **Introduction**

2. **Potential uses for the work group's product**
    a. The work group reviewed the Steering Committee's ideas for how the targeted work product could be used.
    b. They discussed how the work group's product might be used by the general public.

3. **Mission, product, criteria**
    a. Liz, Andrew, and Paul volunteered to create the next draft of the mission, product, criteria document based on feedback from the Wildlife and Transportation Steering Committee and discussion at today's meeting.
    b. Key discussion points:
        i. The benefits and challenges of identifying areas of greatest need by region or district.
        ii. Sensitivities related to the term "priorities".
        iii. There will be two pieces to the product – areas of greatest need for wildlife accommodations and areas of greatest need for information.
        iv. The focus of the product is on MDT routes, but other routes have to be considered during later phases (e.g., frontage road next to the interstate).
        v. The visual of phases should be incorporated into the mission document.
        vi. The ways the product could be made available to the public, the potential for multiple versions, and that raw data would be turned into analysis products alleviating concerns about data sensitivity.

4. **Review and Close**

ACTION ITEMS:

- Liz, Andrew, and Paul will work on the next draft of the mission, product, and criteria document, and circulate to the work group prior to the next meeting (9/24).