MONTANA WILDLIFE AND TRANSPORTATION

DATA AND INFORMATION WORKGROUP

9:00 – 11:00am, December 17, 2020

Meeting Notes

Purpose: To refine the Needs Assessment Criteria document and data sources spreadsheet, and determine an approach and next steps for ranking and weighting

Objectives:

- Review the Needs Assessment Criteria Details Document
- Review the Wildlife and Transportation Data Sources Spreadsheet
- Understand the concept of ranking and weighting
- Determine approach and next steps for ranking and weighting
- Outline homework and agenda for January 28 meeting

Attendees:

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

Agenda:

1. Introduction
    - The group will continue to use Teams to share files
    - The MSWP Steering Committee made the decision to proceed with Liz and Andrew as the only two MSWP reps for the D&I work group due to restructuring within Adventure Scientists and a desire not to introduce anyone new to the group at this time.

2. Needs Assessment Criteria Details Document
    - The group explored picking 2-3 primary data sources for each of the criteria
    - The group discussed keeping the needs assessment broader to identify areas of greatest need at a broader scale, which would allow future steps and/or local groups to assess needs at a finer scale
    - The group will need to bounce between this Needs Assessment Criteria Details Document and the spreadsheet of data sources. It will be an iterative process. This iterative approach will allow the group to get on the same page and refine the primary data sources as they go under each of the criteria. The spreadsheet will be much more exhaustive.
    - The group will keep a list of data layers that should be in the base map of the mapping product. They can add a “base map” column to the spreadsheet.
    - The group would like to see as many of the primary data sources as possible in a mapping application by the next meeting.

3. Wildlife and Transportation Data Sources Spreadsheet - The group did not get to this agenda item, but talked about the spreadsheet in the previous discussion

4. Ranking and Weighting Overview (Adam and Andrew) – The group did not get to this agenda item so it will be part of the next meeting.

5. Next steps
    - The next meeting is January 28. The group agreed to a workshop style meeting about 3 hours in length with 2 hours before lunch, a lunch break, and then an hour after lunch. There should be time limits for agenda items.
    - Brian Andersen agreed to compile the primary data sources in a map. He'll work with Adam to get the links to the FWP data.
    - The agenda for the next meeting will include presentations from Adam and Andrew on ranking and weighting examples, a presentation by Brian of a map with as many of the primary data sources as possible with group discussion, and then the group will start exploring ranking and weighting for the first criterion, as time allows. This will inform how the group approaches the rest of the criteria.

6. Review and Close

ACTION ITEMS:

- Brian Andersen will compile the primary data sources listed under the needs assessment criteria in a map to present at the next meeting. Renee and Justin will update Adam Messer and let him know Brian needs the links to FWP data.
- Renee will schedule a 3-hour meeting on January 28 with 2 hours before lunch, a lunch break, and an hour after lunch.
- Next meeting: Adam and Andrew will present ranking and weighting examples, Brian will present the map and group will discuss, and the group will explore ranking and weighting for the first criterion