MONTANA WILDLIFE AND TRANSPORTATION

DATA AND INFORMATION WORKGROUP

9:00am – 1:00pm, Thursday, April 22, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 996 6983 6297

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Purpose: Continue to work through the process of ranking and weighting data layers, one criterion at a time

Objectives:

- Learn about refinements to the human safety and property damage analysis
- Determine next steps for the wildlife and habitat connectivity analysis
- Start exploring data layers for the struggling or at-risk wildlife populations criterion
- Plan for the presentation and exercise at the Steering Committee meeting on May 12
- Plan for the next work group meeting on May 27

Agenda:

1. Introduction (9:00-9:10)

2. Criterion: Human safety and property damage (9:10-9:40)
    a. Paul shares his research on thresholds for the bell curve representing the relationship between traffic volume and wildlife vehicle conflicts
    b. Brian shares updates to the analysis
    c. Group discussion
    d. Outcome: understanding of updates to the analysis

3. Criterion: Wildlife and habitat connectivity for large mammals (9:40-10:30)
    a. Adam shares initial analysis
    b. Group discussion
    c. Outcome: agreement on next steps

4. Break (10:30-10:45)

5. Criterion: Struggling and at-risk wildlife populations (10:45-12:00)

6. Break (12:00-12:15)

7. Steering Committee Meeting (12:15-12:45)
    a. What will the presentation look like? Who will give it?
    b. What will the exercise look like? Does the group want to send something to the Steering Committee ahead of the meeting?

8. Next steps (start by 12:45pm)

a. What does the group want to accomplish at the May 27 meeting? What should be on the agenda? How long does the meeting need to be?
b. What is the group's homework between now and May 27? Will that be accomplished individually, in small groups, or some other way?

9. Close by 1:00pm