# MONTANA WILDLIFE AND TRANSPORTATION

STEERING COMMITTEE

1:00 – 4:00pm, May 12, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

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**PURPOSE**: To agree on work to be accomplished in 2021 and learn about and support the Data and Information Work Group's progress

Objectives:

- Outline a list of tasks to be accomplished in 2021
- Provide guidance on the Data and Information Work Group's progress
- Develop high-level talking points for communicating with local groups that are ready to work on wildlife and transportation issues
- Confirm meeting dates for the second two steering committee meetings of 2021
- Determine agenda topics for the next steering committee meeting

**AGENDA:**

1. Introduction

2. What does the steering committee intend to accomplish by the end of 2021?
    a. The group reviews list of tasks developed by each organization (see last page of this agenda).
    b. The group discusses similarities and differences and addresses any differences.
    c. Outcome: A list of tasks to be completed in 2021.

3. What is the status of the Data and Information Work Group's efforts and how can the steering committee support this work? (start at 2:00pm)
    a. Adam Messer and Brian Andersen will share the results of the needs assessment criteria exercise. The steering committee will discuss observations about the results.
    b. Adam and Brian will provide an overview of the work group's progress.
    c. The steering committee will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.
    d. The whole group will discuss how the steering committee can best support the work group.
    e. Outcome: Guidance and input from the steering committee on the work group's progress. A list of ways the steering committee can support the work group and any next steps.

4. What is the steering committee's collective message to local/regional groups across the state as the committee is still developing statewide priorities and processes?
    a. Steering committee members share their experiences with and observations about the local groups. Other committee members ask clarifying questions.

b. Steering committee members discuss key conclusions, challenges, and opportunities they perceive with the local groups.
c. Steering committee members discuss messaging to the local groups.
d. Outcome: Messaging to local groups or next steps to develop messaging.

5. Review and Close
    a. Confirm dates for the second two meetings of the year.
        i. August potential dates/times:
            1. Thursday, August 5, 1-4pm
            2. Wednesday, August 18, 1-4pm
            3. Thursday, August 19, 1-4pm
        ii. December potential dates/times:
            1. Tuesday, December 7, 1-4pm
            2. Wednesday, December 8, 1-4pm
            3. Tuesday, December 14, 1-4pm
            4. Thursday, December 16, 1-4pm
    b. What does the steering committee want to include on the next meeting's agenda?
    c. What work needs to be completed between now and the next meeting? How will that work be accomplished (e.g., who, timelines)?
    d. Review and approve action items.

**What should the steering committee accomplish in 2021?**
(responses from each organization)

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- Data and Information Work Group completes mapping product
- Develop high-level talking points for communicating with local groups that are ready to work on wildlife and transportation issues
- After the mapping product is complete, begin the discussion about how to use the mapping product and how it fits in the overall framework for statewide prioritization and guidance

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- Data and Information Work Group completes mapping product
- Develop high-level talking points for communicating with local groups that are ready to work on wildlife and transportation issues
- Steering Committee understands the processes (e.g., highway planning, land protection) that would affect statewide prioritization and guidance

Montanans for Safe Wildlife Passage

- Data and Information Work Group completes mapping product
- Steering Committee determines how the mapping product will be used with other considerations to develop on the ground projects, the mapping product is made available to the public, and there are communications to the public about the mapping product and identification of areas of greatest need
- Steering Committee establishes a means for collecting private/outside funding for wildlife accommodation projects