MONTANA WILDLIFE AND TRANSPORTATION

DATA AND INFORMATION WORKGROUP

9:00am – 1:00pm, Thursday, August 25th, 2022

Meeting Notes

Purpose: Understand the Steering Committee coordination and responses to the DI questions posed at the 8/24 SC meeting. Continue to work through beta test comments and revise the Tool as needed.

Objectives:

- Understand and incorporated direction from the SC addressing DI questions posed
- Continue to work through beta testing responses summarized in 7/28 notes
- Identify revisions needed to the Tool and documentation and assign steps for addressing responses
- Develop plan for public roll out of the tool

Attendees:

- D&I Work Group: Andrew Jakes (MSWP), Liz Fairbank (MSWP), Gabe Priebe (MDT), Paul Sturm (MDT), Brian Andersen (MDT), Justin Gude (FWP)
- Planning and Implementation Team (PIT Crew): Deb Wambach (MDT)

Agenda:

1. Understand SC feedback from 8/24 meeting
    a. Liz and Brian walked through the SC coordination and responses to remaining 4 questions
        i. Only show a % range for Final Analysis Map – not individual NAC maps or District maps
        ii. Add logos to tool landing page and bottom page (contacts)
        iii. Updates to existing data to be done as scheduled (annually) by DI do not need SC approval
        iv. Any new data or information to be added to the tool should be brought to SC for approval – anticipated 5-year intervals or as needed if deemed critical by DI
        v. Fine scale assessment is loosely defined in the selection criteria and application guidance – which will be available to the public
    b. Liz introduced the Draft SC Communication Plan for roll out of the Tool and Application Process to interested stakeholders and the public. More to come on this.
        i. Coordination of the plan with the agency public information officers and MSWP communication representative is needed by mid-October.
        ii. Goal to release Tool and Application Process by early November
        iii. First application cycle is planned for May 2023

2. Continue to work through beta testing feedback
    a. Changes to the Summary Document were made. PIT Crew will do final review for formatting and typos.
    b. Issue with 1-mile segments and what is showing in attribute table as multiple mile segments (begin/end)
    c. Issue with export (pop ups?)
    d. Double-check that all loose ends and items are complete from 7/28 notes

e. Mike and Brian are developing the Help Guide and addressing issues in the Tool – taking a bit longer as they have been assigned other priorities

3. Next Meeting
    a. Next meeting scheduled for 9/22 – anticipated to be a shorter meeting to wrap up any final items