Suggested Contacts for Natural Resource Management Agencies

As required by Montana statute (MCA 90-15), the Montana Natural Heritage Program works with state, federal, tribal, nongovernmental organizations, and private partners to ensure that the latest animal and plant distribution and status information is incorporated into our databases so that it can be used to inform a variety of permitting and planning processes and management decisions. We encourage you to contact state, federal, and tribal resource management agencies in the area where your project is located and review the permitting overviews by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Index of Environmental Permits for Montana for guidelines relevant to your efforts. In particular, we encourage you to contact the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks for the latest data and management information regarding hunted and high-profile management species and to use the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Information Planning and Consultation (IPAC) website regarding U.S. Endangered Species Act listed Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate species.

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of relevant agency contacts and links below:

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Pa	arks			
Fish Species	Zachary Shattuck zshattuck@mt.gov (406) 444-1231			
	or			
	Eric Roberts eroberts@mt.gov (406) 444-5334			
American Bison				
Black-footed Ferret				
Black-tailed Prairie Dog				
Bald Eagle				
Golden Eagle	Kristina Smucker KSmucker@mt.gov (406) 444-5209			
Common Loon				
Least Tern				
Piping Plover				
Whooping Crane				
Grizzly Bear				
Greater Sage Grouse				
Trumpeter Swan	Brian Wakeling brian.wakeling@mt.gov (406) 444-3940			
Big Game				
Upland Game Birds				
Furbearers				
Managed Terrestrial Game	Adam Messer – MFWP GIS Coordinator <u>amesser@mt.gov</u> (406) 444-0095			
Data				
Fisheries Data and Nongame	Adam Messer – MFWP GIS Coordinator <u>amesser@mt.gov</u> (406) 444-0095			
Animal Data				
Wildlife and Fisheries	https://fwp.mt.gov/buyandapply/commercialwildlifeandscientificpermits/scientific			
Scientific Collector's Permits	Kristina Smucker for Wildlife ksmucker@mt.gov (406) 444-5209			
	Dave Schmetterling for Fisheries <u>dschmetterling@mt.gov</u> (406) 542-5514			
Fish and Wildlife	Stevie Burton stevie.burton@mt.gov (406) 594-7354			
Recommendations for	See https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/living-with-wildlife/subdivision-recommendations			
Subdivision Development				
Regional Contacts	Region 1 (Kalispell) (406) 752-5501 fwprg12@mt.gov			
1 4 6 7	Region 2 (Missoula) (406) 542-5500 <u>fwprg22@mt.gov</u>			
	Region 3 (Bozeman) (406) 577-7900 <u>fwprg3@mt.gov</u>			
	Region 4 (Great Falls) (406) 454-5840 <u>fwprg42@mt.gov</u>			
	Region 5 (Billings) (406) 247-2940 <u>fwprg52@mt.gov</u>			
	Region 6 (Glasgow) (406) 228-3700 <u>fwprg62@mt.gov</u>			
	Region 7 (Miles City) (406) 234-0900 <u>fwprg72@mt.gov</u>			

Montana Department of Agriculture

General Contact Information: https://agr.mt.gov/About/Office-Locations/Office-Locations-and-Field-Offices

Noxious Weeds: https://agr.mt.gov/Noxious-Weeds

Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Permitting and Operator Assistance for all Environmental Permits: https://deq.mt.gov/Permitting
Opencut Mining Web Mapping Application for review of opencut mining applications

https://gis.mtdeq.us/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7b60084bc4c444a19c9a7a0867e7635a

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Overview of, and contacts for, licenses and permits for state lands, water, and forested lands: https://dnrc.mt.gov/Permits-Services

Stream Permitting (310 permits) and an overview of various water and stream related permits (e.g., Stream Protection Act 124, Federal Clean Water Act 404, Federal Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10, Short-term Water Quality Standard for Turbidity 318 Authorization, etc.).

https://dnrc.mt.gov/Licenses-and-Permits/Stream-Permitting

Wildfire Resources: https://dnrc.mt.gov/Forestry/Wildfire

Bureau of Land Management



United States Army Corps of Engineers

Montana Regulatory Office for federal permits related to construction in water and wetlands https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/Montana/ (406) 441-1375

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Environmental information, notices, permitting, and contacts https://www.epa.gov/mt Gateway to state resource locators https://www.envcap.org/srl/index.php

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Planning and Conservation (IPAC) website: https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov

Montana Ecological Services Field Office: https://www.fws.gov/office/montana-ecological-services (406) 449-5225

United States Forest Service

Officed States Forest Service					
Regional Office – Missoula, Montana Contacts					
Wildlife Program Leader	Tammy Fletcher	tammy.fletcher2@usda.gov	(406) 329-3086		
Aquatic Ecologist	Justin Jimenez	justin.jimenez@usda.gov	(435) 370-6830		
TES Program	Lydia Allen	lydia.allen@usda.gov	(406) 329-3558		
Interagency Grizzly Bear Coordinator	Scott Jackson	scott.jackson@usda.gov	(406) 329-3664		
Regional Botanist	Amanda Hendrix	amanda.hendrix@usda.gov	(651) 447-3016		
Regional Vegetation Ecologist	Mary Manning	marry.manning@usda.gov	(406) 329-3304		
Invasive Species Program Manager	Michelle Cox	michelle.cox2@usda.gov	(406) 329-3669		

Tribal Nations



Assiniboine & Gros Ventre Tribes – Fort Belknap Reservation

Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes – Fort Peck Reservation

Blackfeet Tribe - Blackfeet Reservation

Chippewa Creek Tribe - Rocky Boy's Reservation

Crow Tribe - Crow Reservation

Little Shell Chippewa Tribe

Northern Cheyenne Tribe – Northern Cheyenne Reservation

Salish & Kootenai Tribes - Flathead Reservation

Natural Heritage Programs and Conservation Data Centers in Surrounding States and Provinces

Alberta Conservation Information Management System

British Columbia Conservation Data Centre

Idaho Natural Heritage Program

North Dakota Natural Heritage Program

Saskatchewan Conservation Data Centre

South Dakota Natural Heritage Program

Wyoming Natural Diversity Database

Invasive Species Management Contacts and Information

Aquatic Invasive Species

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Aquatic Invasive Species staff

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program

Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC)

Western Montana Conservation Commission

Noxious Weeds

Montana Weed Control Association Contacts Webpage

Montana Biological Weed Control Coordination Project

Montana Department of Agriculture - Noxious Weeds

Montana Weed Control Association

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - Noxious Weeds

Montana State University Integrated Pest Management Extension

<u>Integrated Noxious Weed Management after Wildfires</u>

Fire Management and Invasive Plants

Additional Information Resources

Effects of Recreation on Rocky Mountain Wildlife

Laws, Treaties, Regulations, and Agreements on Animals and Plants

MTNHP Staff Contact Information

Montana Field Guide

MTNHP Species of Concern Report - Animals and Plants

MTNHP Species Status Codes - Explanation

MTNHP Predicted Suitable Habitat Models (for select Animals and Plants)

MTNHP Request Information page

Montana Cadastral

Montana Code Annotated

Montana Fisheries Information System

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Subdivision Recommendations

Montana Forestry Best Management Practices

Montana GIS Data Layers

Montana GIS Data Bundler

Montana Greater Sage-Grouse Project Submittal Site

Montana Guide to Streamside Management Zone Law and Rules

Montana Ground Water Information Center

Montana Index of Environmental Permits, 21st Edition (2018)

Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)

Montana Environmental Policy Act Analysis Resource List

Montana Native Plant Conservation Strategy

Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure Layers

Montana State Historic Preservation Office Review and Compliance

Montana Stream Permitting: a guide for conservation district supervisors and others

Montana Water Information System

Montana Web Map Services

National Environmental Policy Act

Penalties for Misuse of Fish and Wildlife Location Data (MCA 87-6-222)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Information for Planning and Consultation (Section 7 Consultation)

Uses of Information from the Montana Natural Heritage Program

Web Soil Survey Tool

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation Resources