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### Astronaut Frank Borman to be Featured Speaker at Conference Luncheon

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Montana Aviation Conference, and what better way to celebrate than to feature local hero Frank Borman as Friday's luncheon speaker.

After learning to fly at the age of 15, Borman attended the U.S. Military Academy and earned his Air Force wings in 1951. As a career Air Force officer, his assignments included service as a fighter pilot, operational pilot and instructor, experimental test pilot and assistant professor at West Point.

Selected by NASA for astronaut training in 1962, Borman's first flight into space was as commander of the Gemini 7 mission of 1965 that included the first rendezvous of two spacecraft in orbit. Borman and Jim Lovell linked their craft with the Gemini 6 craft manned by Wally Schirra and Tom Stafford. Upon achieving close rendezvous, they took turns flying around each other taking still pictures and movies. On the same mission, Borman and Lovell became the first men to spend 14 continuous days in space.

Borman was the only astronaut on the Review Board which investigated the Apollo 1 fire of 1967 that killed Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Ed White, and Roger B. Chaffee. His testimony before a Senate committee helped convince Congress that Apollo would be safe to fly again. Later, as the Apollo program resident manager, he directed the re-engineering of the Apollo spacecraft.

Borman's second spaceflight was as commander of the Apollo 8 mission, the first manned voyage to a celestial body. He flew with Jim Lovell again, and also with Bill Anders. After launching on December 21, 1968, the crew took three days to travel to the moon. They orbited the moon ten times over the course of 20 hours, during which the crew made a Christmas Eve television broadcast in which they read the first 10 verses from the Book of Genesis. At the time, this was the most watched TV program in history.

Col. Frank Borman

Apollo 8's success paved the way for Apollo 11, the first manned moon landing in July 1969. During Apollo 11, Borman served as a liaison to President Nixon and later became a special presidential ambassador on a worldwide tour to encourage the release of American POWs held in North Vietnam.

Borman's retirement from the Air Force in 1970 did not end his aviation career. He joined Eastern Airlines and by 1976 had risen to chairman, president and chief executive officer, posts he held until retirement in 1986.

Since then, much of Col. Borman's time has been spent restoring and flying vintage and warbird aircraft. He has completed over 17 restorations, including several P-51 Mustangs, a Bell P-63 Kingcobra and a Waco SRE, several of which have appeared and won awards at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. He has also participated in the U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight, in which old and new military airplanes are demonstrated together at air shows.

Frank Borman's many awards include the Congressional Space Medal of Honor, the Harmon Trophy, the Collier Trophy and the National Geographic Society's Hubbard Medal. In addition to many honorary degrees, he has been inducted into the International Aerospace Hall of Fame, the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame and the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

To register for the conference a registration form is included on page 4 of this newsletter. Those who preregister are eligible for a special drawing – you need not be present to win. Rooms have been blocked at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana in Billings at a conference rate of \$70 plus tax. Please call (877) 554-7263 or (406) 248-7701 to make reservations and reference Montana Aviation Conference. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Administrator's Column**

**Holiday Greetings:** As the year draws to a close and the holiday season approaches, I extend warm wishes to each of you for a joyous holiday season. Thank you for your support of the Aeronautics Division throughout the year and for your interest in Montana aviation. We are blessed with friendships and partnerships that work collectively and determinedly to provide a safe and efficient system of aviators and airports in our state. This is a special time to enjoy spending with your family and friends. Christmas blessings to you and yours. Have a safe and very happy new year. Remember our troops and God Bless America.

**MDT News:** Director Jim Lynch is pleased to announce that John Blacker, former maintenance division administrator has accepted the position of deputy director. John will be aided by three operations managers: Dwane Kailey, former Missoula District administrator; Mike Bousliman, former Information Services Division administrator; and Jennifer Jensen, former Human Resources Division administrator. Congratulations to John, Dwane, Mike and Jennifer.

**Cromwell Dixon Return:** The Vigilante Hangar of the Montana Pilots Association (MPA) has begun discussions to return this aviator to fame. On September 30, 1911, a 19-year-old aviator from Columbus, Ohio, Cromwell Dixon became the first person to fly over the Continental Divide. The citizens of Helena placed a monument on the Continental Divide at Blossburg to honor the event and then Governor Edwin Norris proclaimed Cromwell the "greatest aviator in the world." Martin Kidston, an author from Helena recently wrote: "Cromwell Dixon: A Boy and His Plane" — many of you heard Martin speak at the 2008 Montana Aviation Conference in Great Falls about his writing. With the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flight approaching, members of the MPA are beginning to make plans in honor of Dixon's historical September flight. Check out Chuck Flynn, MPA Vigilante Hangar, as he flies the unforgettable route:

http://www.helenair.com/video/?dl=http://www.helenair.com/content/articles/2008/ 11/30/top/50lo\_081130\_cromwell.fly

**TSA/NASAO Pilot Program Succeeds:** The GA Airport Vulnerability Assessment Pilot Program that was conducted last month has been reported as a great success. The leadership demonstrated by the ten states that participated in the pilot program was appreciated by TSA. TSA and NASAO gathered valuable information that will help increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the survey when TSA rolls out the full program. Many thanks to the following Montana airports for participating: Stevensville, Deer Lodge, Laurel, Cut Bank, Colstrip, Miles City, Wolf Point, Red Lodge and Kalispell City. Once again, Montana stepped up to the plate when requested, and you made us look good! Thanks again.

**Stimulus Package:** As Congress is being asked to consider an economic stimulus plan since the official declaration that the U.S. economy is in recession, many aviation organizations are assisting in the effort to ensure airports receive its fair share if a package is passed. The question being asked is, "if a stimulus package were passed today, how many airport projects would be ready to bid within 120 days and what is that total cost?" State matching requirements may be waived and possibility that contracts must be awarded and funds obligated within 120 days. The National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) is in communication with the transition team and looking to states to help gather this information. The Helena FAA Airports District Office is also looking at projects that could fit into this time schedule if passed. Congress is expected to consider the package early next year. Stay tuned and be thinking of projects that might fit into the mix.



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# Calendar

**January 16-18, 2009** – Surratt Memorial Winter Survival Clinic, Helena. For further information, contact Jeanne MacPherson (406) 444-9568 or email <u>jemacpherson@mt.gov</u>.

**January 26-27, 2009** - AMAA 2009 Convention, Heritage Inn, Great Falls. For further information, contact Coleen Campbell (406) 463-2268 or email <u>eccampbell@yahoo.com</u>.

**February 13-14, 2009 -** Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, Wingate Hotel, Helena. For further information, contact Jeanne MacPherson (406) 444-9568 or email jemacpherson@mt.gov.

March 5-7, 2009 – Montana Aviation Conference, Holiday Inn Grand Montana, Billings. For further information, contact Patty Kautz at (406) 444-9580 or email <u>pkautz@mt.gov</u>.

**May 30-31, 2009** – Rocky Mountain West Aviation Expo, Boise, Idaho. For further information or to participate, contact Lee Hudson at (208) 323-4464 or <u>league@idahobusinessleague.com</u>.

**June 20-21, 2009** – Fathers Day Fly In Sourdough Pancake Breakfast, Fort Peck Airport. Steak Fry Saturday evening and pancakes Sunday morning. Canoe trips down Missouri for who call and schedule in advance. For further information or to schedule canoe trip, call Lanny Hanson (406) 526-3535 or (406) 263-1154.

## In Memory of Ronald L. Woltermann

In the early evening of Sunday, December 7, 2008, the world lost a true gentleman. Ron Woltermann, lovingly known as "Sky King," "Grizz" and "Captain Ron" passed suddenly in the comfort of his Billings home in the arms of his beloved wife, Katie.

A man of many talents, his kind spirit touched everyone from the grocery store clerk to his many friends, family and coworkers at Edwards Jet Center.

Ron was a man of character who lived by his philosophy of "we're all in this together." He loved to lend his helping hands to anyone in need. Whether it was fixing a leak or building a deck, Ron was there, tools in hand and a grin on his face. Many will remember his breakfast feeds, where Ron was chef and host, and all were welcome. His family will recall times, however, when the cooking would be put on hold for some time at the piano.

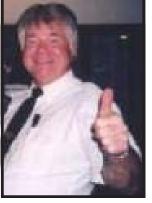
Ron could lose himself in his music ... it was the comfort of his soul. A standard medley included his favorites, "Last Date," "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "Orange Blossom Special" and a free flowing Woltermann rendition of the boogie-woogie blues.

Ron leaves behind so many people who loved him dearly, including his wife, Katie; sons Travis and Rowdy; daughter Tami Jacobsen (Jeff); sisters Paula Ekle and Mary Lou Hoover (Jim); brother Gary; grandchildren Rob, Alissa, Amber, Colton, Gunner and Bailey; his very special little buddy Nate Lindberg, as well as many, many extended family members and friends too numerous to mention here. Ron was loyal to the end to everyone fortunate enough to know him and he will be missed by all.

As Ron wrote himself, just a few short years ago, "Life makes many strange twists and turns, some good, some tragic. The losing of loved ones reminds us how fortunate we are to have loved ones here and now. And I've learned it would be a terrible waste if we didn't learn from the hard times as well as the good. I came to the realization that material things are insignificant. Only people matter. I have been so fortunate to have met so many good people and to have made so many good friends. All in all, she's been one hell of a party."

Ron, from those of us who were lucky enough to share your party, thank you for your time with us. You will live on in our hearts forever and, until we meet again, in your own words, "we hope you fare well."





### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana Aviation Conference March 5-7, 2009 - Holiday Inn Grand, Billings

Mail Registration Form & Payment to: MDT Aeronautics Division - Attn: Patty Kautz PO Box 200507 - Helena, MT 59620-0507 Phone (406) 444-9580 - Fax (406) 444-2519 Email: pkautz@mt.gov Names of Participant(s) (for badges):		
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Register Early and SAVE!		
EARLY REGISTRATION: BY FEBRUARY 2, 2009 Takeoff to Landing Package (includes registration & all meals)	@\$120/PERSON @\$230/PERSON/SPOUSE	\$ \$
<u>-OR-</u> Registration Fee (includes registration & <u>free</u> meals – see note below)	@\$65/PERSON @\$120/FAMILY	\$ \$
Thursday Luncheon Friday Luncheon **Friday Dinner/Entertainment **Saturday Luncheon Saturday Banquet	@\$15/EACH @\$15/EACH @FREE @FREE @\$30	\$ \$ \$ \$
GENERAL REGISTRATION: AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2009 Takeoff to Landing Package (includes registration & <u>all meals</u> )	TOTAL PAYMENT: @\$130/PERSON @\$250/PERSON/SPOUSE	\$ \$ \$
<u>-OR-</u> Registration Fee (includes registration & free meals – see note below)	@\$75/PERSON @\$140/FAMILY	\$ \$
Thursday Luncheon Friday Luncheon **Friday Dinner/Entertainment **Saturday Luncheon Saturday Banquet	@\$15/EACH @\$15/EACH @FREE @FREE @\$30 TOTAL PAYMENT:	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

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**Refund Policy:** Full refunds for cancellations will be given until February 2, 2009. From February 2 through February 20 the registration fee less \$50 will be refunded. **After February 20**, no refunds will be given. If you cannot attend, you may transfer your registration to another person in the same registration category.

# **Scholarship Opportunities**

Montana is very fortunate to have many generous individuals and organizations that believe in promoting aviation by offering monetary assistance to qualified persons. The Aeronautics Division assists in administering some of these scholarships and encourages participation. The scholarships are offered to Montanans to help defray costs of education (i.e., flight instruction, A&P, etc.) and will be presented during the 2009 Montana Aviation Conference in Billings. Awarding of the scholarships will be based on a letter explaining the reasons for applying, future career goals, past aviation experience, if any, and any outstanding achievements. The same letter can be submitted but applicants must submit one copy addressed to each individual scholarship they are applying. Letters of application must include a mailing address, daytime phone number and photograph. If you are selected to receive one of the scholarships your photo will appear in the 2009 Montana Aviation Conference Program. Letters should be mailed to: Montana Aeronautics Division, PO Box 200507, Helena, MT 59620-0507 or call (406) 444-2506 for further information. Letters must be postmarked on or before January 9, 2009.

A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship – An anonymous donor established this scholarship of \$250 in 1997.

**AOM Flight Training Scholarship** – AOM has established this \$500 scholarship to financially assist a student pilot in obtaining his or her private pilot certificate.

**Blue Goose First Generation Flight Scholarship** – This \$250 scholarship is awarded to a first generation pilot to assist with flight training. This scholarship is designed to assist a person who has a love of aviation, yet had limited exposure to aviation, someone from a non-aviation background/family.

**Harold Hamm Scholarship** – Harold and Zola Hamm were the anonymous donors who established the first \$250 A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship in 1993. With the passing of Harold on September 1, 2006, Zola decided to rename the scholarship the "Harold Hamm Scholarship" in honor of her husband of 19 years. Harold had an extremely strong passion for aviation. Together he and Zola completed two airplane projects: the restoration of a J-3 Piper Cub, and an experimental RV-6 aircraft. In 2008, Zola graciously increased the amount of the Harold Hamm Scholarship to \$500.

Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship – MAAA offers this \$500 scholarship to help defray the costs of flight instruction.

Montana Pilots Association Flight Training Award - This scholarship is open to a person who has a considerable interest in aviation. The \$750 scholarship is to be used for flight training.

**Montana Pilots Association Junior Pilot Award** – This recipient is chosen for outstanding interest in aviation, citizenship within their community and demonstrated academic achievement. The recipient must have soloed and be actively involved in flight training. This is a \$750 scholarship.

**Morrison Aviation Appreciation Scholarship** – Jeff Morrison, retired former owner of Morrison Flying Service in Helena, has established the \$500 scholarship as a token of appreciation to the aviation community.

**Mountain Air Dance Flight Training Scholarship One**: Jeanne MacPherson and Bill Gallea offer this \$750 scholarship to a person with a huge interest in aviation. This scholarship can be used for flight training of any type.

**Mountain Air Dance Flight Training Scholarship Two**: Jeanne MacPherson and Bill Gallea offer this \$750 scholarship to an active pilot who desires to pursue advanced training, such as tailwheel endorsement, mountain flying, aerobatics or a higher rating.

**Parrott Family Scholarship** – The Parrott Family offers this \$1,000 scholarship to be used over a one-year period for pilot training programs for students enrolled in the Rocky Mountain College (RMC) aviation program. The funds may be used for tuition in the RMC aviation program, and/or flight training expenses leading to a Private, Commercial, or Flight Instructor Certificate and may include instrument and multiengine simulator training, and the purchase of aviation related materials and related supplies.

## **Christmas Traditions**

By: Jim Greil, Chief, Airports / Airways Bureau

For the average Montanan and especially for most children, Christmas is probably the most wonderful time of the year. Although the vast majority of Montana residents are Christian and celebrate Christmas in a multitude of different ways, even non-Christians are welcomed to help celebrate this once-a-year spectacle. Being of German/Austrian descent, some of my own family's Christmas traditions sometime seem out of place with contemporary American Christmas practices, but over the years, I've noticed that many families have brought several of their own Christmas traditions from other places and other times and have even developed a few of their own, which are uniquely American.

In Germanic countries, Christmas is the crowning event of the year, and the celebration starts early and lasts long. Most of the time preparation begins in late November on Advent Sunday, and the creation of the Advent calendar and its marking is followed closely. Open air Christmas markets called "Christkindlmarket" begin selling their wares and Christmas wreathes with four candles are laid flat on tables and lit. For children, the Christmas celebration begins in earnest on the night of December 5, St. Nickolaus' day eve, when St. Nikolaus (or Father Christmas) parades around dressed in bishops' robes and is often accompanied by the demonic looking Krampus, who threatens to carry off, eat or "switch" bad little children. Children leave their shoes outside their doors before they go to bed on this night and if they've been good, they will usually find that St. Nikolaus has left candy or a small gift inside them. St Nikolaus is not to be confused with Santa Clause, which is an American invention, and traditionally not known in Germanic countries, however, St. Nikolaus and the Dutch term for him "SinterKlaas" was obviously the inspiration for the American Santa Claus as created by cartoonist Thomas Nast.

The tradition of a Christmas tree is also Germanic in origin, but is routinely kept hidden from view in Germanic countries until revealed on Christmas Eve, at which time Christmas presents are exchanged and opened, not on Christmas morning, which is more common in America. It is also traditional that not only is Christmas day given as a paid national holiday, but the day after, as well, called "Boxing Day" in Canada and Great Britain, a day that is used to visit many of your neighbors and relatives and comment on their beautifully decorated trees. In Germanic countries, Christmas celebrations don't fully end until "Three Kings Day" or "Heilige Drei Könige" celebrated on the ancient Christmas day of January 6. Germanic Christmas festivities also include lots of yummies, as well, including Gluehwein, Lebkuchen, Baumkuchen, and of course, the Christmas goose, instead of the turkey, which is more common in America.

Traveling around many other parts of the world, you might run into other seemingly strange or unusual Christmas traditions, such as these:

#### <u>Yugoslavia</u>

On the second Sunday before Christmas many children creep up on their mother and tie her feet to a chair, shouting "Mother's Day, Mother's Day, what will you pay to get away?" Surprisingly, she then gives them presents. Children play the same trick on their fathers the following week and the children get more presents.

#### Greenland

"Kiviak" is a traditional Christmas treat made from the raw flesh of an auk which has been buried under a stone in sealskin for several months until it's achieved an advanced stage of decomposition. Apparently, it smells like old blue cheese and tastes very pungent.

#### <u>Iraq</u>

In Christian homes, a child reads the story of the Nativity from an Arabic Bible while other family members hold lighted candles. As soon as the story has been read a bonfire made of dried thorns is lit and the family sings a psalm. If the thorns burn to ashes, the family will have good fortune during the coming year. When the fire has burned down, everyone jumps over the ashes three times and makes a wish.

#### <u>Wales</u>

In some rural areas of south Wales, a person hiding under a horsehair sheet while carrying a horse's skull on a pike wanders the streets with some usually intoxicated helpers and anyone "given the bite" by the horse's jaws is expected to pay a cash fine.

#### Lebanon

Families will plant chickpeas, wheat grains, beans and lentils in cotton wool two weeks before Christmas. They will tend to the seeds and at Christmas time, the sprouted shoots will be used to surround the manger in nativity scenes.

#### Portugal 1997

A "Consoda" feast will occur Christmas morning. Families will set extra places at the table for the souls of the dead. The souls are offered food to bring luck to the family during the upcoming year.

#### <u>Italy</u>

On "Natale", the Italian word for Christmas, Italians will also celebrate the cycles of the sun and the moon as well with dancing pipers and bagpipers will descend from mountainous areas to celebrate new birth and new seasons. Italy is also well known for very exquisite and real looking manager scenes. Instead of a Santa Claus or St. Nick, Italy has "LeBefana", a female gift giver similar to the American Santa. Italians also keep alive the "Yule Log" traditions.

# Christmas Traditions, continued...

#### <u>Finland</u>

Finnish people claim that Father Christmas lives in the North part of Finland in an area called Korvatunturi. Christmas Eve lunch is traditionally rice porridge and a sweet soup made from dried plums, raisins, apples, pears, apricots and figs. Christmas dinner is usually a casserole containing liver, rutabaga, carrots, potatoes and ham or turkey with a side of raw pickled herring.

#### <u>Russia</u>

Under communism, Christmas could not be openly celebrated and was punishable by the state, so faithful Russians would celebrate the New Year on a small scale and have "Father Frost" deliver presents to children. With the fall of communism, Christmas is openly celebrated once again, but usually on January 7, since the Russian Orthodox Church recognizes the old Julian calendar for religious celebrations. Food usually includes cakes, pies and meat dumplings.



May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with warmth and love. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a year filled with much health and happiness!

The staff at MDT Aeronautics Division: Debbie, Patty, Jeanne, Kelly, Jim, Mike, Max and Ken!!

### Airports Study Nearing Completion

The Economic Impact of Airports in Montana Study is nearing completion. The two-phase study began in the fall of 2007 with surveys being sent to airport managers, on-airport businesses and government agencies. Transient pilots were also asked to complete surveys at many FBOs around the state. Many of Montana's airports were visited by staff from Wilbur Smith Associates (WSA) and Morrison Maierle Engineering during the same time period to collect data related to on-airport users and activities taking place at each of the airports. In early 2008, businesses, hospitals and the US Forest Service were sent surveys or were interviewed to find out how they rely on Montana airports to support their personnel's transportation needs, and in the case of hospitals, how often they rely on aircraft to transport patients and doctors. Aviation related wildland firefighting information was gathered from the USFS and Department of Natural Resources.

Over the last ten months WSA has analyzed the data and developed a model to estimate the direct and spinoff economic benefits of 72 airports in Montana. The study's results will be detailed in a technical report. In addition to this report, an executive summary brochure of the statewide economic benefits and individual brochures for each airport are being prepared for use in communicating the economic benefits of aviation throughout Montana. The individual airport brochures outline the economic benefits and identify the benefit of aviation activities at the airport that are not easily identifiable to the casual observer such as air ambulance service or flight instruction.

To confirm the information in the report and in each airport's individual brochure, airport managers received an email or fax from WSA in October asking for verification of information. Information sent to airport representatives included location descriptions, a narrative on their airport's "other benefits" text, as well as a list of airport tenants and their number of employees. If you don't recall receiving this emailed information, please contact Max Murphy at MDT Aviation and he will make sure you get it. It's not too late to send in your comments and to provide additional information for inclusion in your airport's individual brochure. Your airport's brochure can include digital photos that are specific to your community; if you have photos of your airport that you want included, such as buildings, airport signage, unique aircraft or people at work on the airfield, please forward them to Mike Maynard at WSA at <u>mmaynard@wilbursmith.com</u>

This economic impact study provides Montanans with a useful tool to communicate the economic and other benefits that aviation provides to your community and to Montana. We look forward to working with you to continue to maintain and improve our statewide airport system.

### Plan to Attend the 2009 Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic

Montana flight instructors, please consider attending the 2009 MDT Aeronautic Division's Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic (FIRC) to be held in Helena at the Wingate Inn on February 13-14. The FIRC meets the FAA requirements for the CFI and Chief CFI for renewal requirements. Attending the MDT Aeronautics Division's FIRC will provide you with the latest information on regulations, technology and teaching techniques, and it will provide you with an opportunity to network with other Montana flight instructors. Flight instructors have a responsibility to teach good judgment. Mary Schu Dominick, president and chief pilot/ chief instructor of the *Wings of the Cascades* says, "We believe quality instruction is the key to aviation safety."

This excerpt comes from the Wings of the Cascades, Instructor syllabus, the author is unknown, and it is worth repeating; "Whenever we talk about a pilot who has been killed in a flying accident, we should all keep one thing in mind. He called upon the sum of all his knowledge and made a judgment. He believed in it so strongly that he knowingly bet his life on it. That his judgment was faulty is a tragedy, not stupidity. Every instructor, supervisor, and contemporary who ever spoke to him had an opportunity to influence his judgment, so a little bit of us goes with every pilot we lose."

Mary Schu Dominick will be the lead instructor for the 2009 FIRC. As an instructor she has CFIA CFII, and MEI ratings. She has logged over 15,000 hours of flight time, much of it instructional over the past 30 years. As such, Mary instructs the instructors and has written a Training Course Outline for AFS 840. She was approved as one of 32 companies in the United States to provide Flight Instructor Refresher Clinics for certificate renewal around the country. She was appointed by the FAA as an Airman Certification Representative able to renew all Flight Instructor certificates on location. She has been an Aviation Safety Counselor for 15 years and has organized and presented several safety meetings per year that qualify for the FAA WINGS Pilot Proficiency Safety Program.

The Division has mailed applications to all 2008 Montana registered pilots who are flight instructors. The application is also available on our web page. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne MacPherson at (406) 444-9568 or jemacpherson@mt.gov.

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