

Montana Height Modernization Strategic Planning Meeting

10/18/06

Task	Members	Time	Cost
1) Executive Committee	Dave Davis, Curt Smith, R.J. Zimmer, Stu Kirkpatrick, Troy Jensen, Tony Bachman, Dick Smith, Greg Thurston, Dan McGee, Steve Niday, Todd Ferris, Bryce Larsen, Gerald Pavlick	Next Meeting 11/30/06 MDT headquarters	
2) Write Montana Ht Mod Plan			
Draft Plan	R.J. Zimmer , Stu Kirkpatrick, Dave Davis, Curt Smith	First Draft 11/27/06	
Outreach Plan	Troy Jensen , Tony Bachman, Dick Smith, Greg Thurston, Curt Smith	Exec. Sum. 2/01/07	
Review Committee	All of the above		
3) Market Montana Ht Mod Plan			
Draft Marketing Plan	Dick Smith , Stu Kirkpatrick, Dan McGee, Gerald Pavlick, Curt Smith	First Draft 11/27/06	
Provide Marketing Outreach	Todd Ferris , Curt Smith	Exec. Sum. 2/01/07	
4) Pilot Project			
Milltown (in progress) Define scope Identify interest	Todd Ferris , Steve Niday, Curt Smith	Initial report for next Executive meeting	
Investigate existing projects	Curt Smith		

Curt's notes form Height Modernization (HM) follow up meeting on October 18 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Red Lion Colonial Inn, Helena.

MDT Report To Directors – Who/When?

- Report of Forum and follow up meeting accomplishments
- MDT needs to identify lead – requires FTE
- MDT develop and maintain HM Web page for Montana
- Develop List of interested parties in HM for further communications

Bottom Line – HM To Achieve Better Heights, Efficient, Maintainable

Identify those with interest in heights
Cities, counties, FEMA, flood mapping
Supports almost all other aspects of Montana technical framework themes, i.e., Geodetic, cadastral, hydrography, hypsography, soils, land cover, orthoimagery, transportation, etc.

Write a Briefing Paper for Montana

Executive Summary – 1 page with pertinent issues to sell HM concept
“Fleshed out” paper for Montana similar to Arizona’s briefing packet
Identify critical issues relating to and in support of HM specifically for Montana

Develop Marketing Plan for Montana

Attend/produce more state meetings to describe HM
Identify and communicate with other parties of interest, i.e., counties, cities
Produce another HM Forum – Billings and ?
Promote education about HM, i.e., workshops

Identify a Pilot Project

Document cost benefit
Promote interest by local, city, county involvement to demonstrate benefits
Identify potential Federal funds available for pilot project
Look at existing projects to address cost benefit and procedures
 MDT projects
 Super Fund site(s)
Review other existing pilot projects in other states – use them in place of performing one

Follow Up Issues and Concerns

Identify new members who should be represented on the HM Executive Committee
Identify new members/encourage participation in working tasks outlined in strategic plan
Continue to participate to develop Montana’s “White Paper” and Marketing Plan
Continue to encourage a Height Modernization effort for Montana

First DRAFT Montana Height Modernization Briefing Paper and Marketing Plan are to be developed and ready for review Monday, 11/27/06.

Final (work in progress) Plans and Executive Summaries are to be completed by February 1, 2007.

The next meeting of the Montana Height Modernization Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 11/30/06 at MDT headquarters in Helena. There will be opportunity for phone-in conferencing. Contact Dave Davis, dadavis@mt.gov, 406-444-6020 for particulars.