

## **MONTANA WILDLIFE AND TRANSPORTATION**

### DATA AND INFORMATION WORKGROUP

9:00am – 1:00pm, Thursday, April 22, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 996 6983 6297

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Purpose: Continue to work through the process of ranking and weighting data layers, one criterion at a time

#### Objectives:

- Learn about refinements to the human safety and property damage analysis
- Determine next steps for the wildlife and habitat connectivity analysis
- Start exploring data layers for the struggling or at-risk wildlife populations criterion
- Plan for the presentation and exercise at the Steering Committee meeting on May 12
- Plan for the next work group meeting on May 27

#### Agenda:

1. Introduction (9:00-9:10)
2. Criterion: Human safety and property damage (9:10-9:40)
  - a. Paul shares his research on thresholds for the bell curve representing the relationship between traffic volume and wildlife vehicle conflicts
  - b. Brian shares updates to the analysis
  - c. Group discussion
  - d. Outcome: understanding of updates to the analysis
3. Criterion: Wildlife and habitat connectivity for large mammals (9:40-10:30)
  - a. Adam shares initial analysis
  - b. Group discussion
  - c. Outcome: agreement on next steps
4. Break (10:30-10:45)
5. Criterion: Struggling and at-risk wildlife populations (10:45-12:00)
6. Break (12:00-12:15)
7. Steering Committee Meeting (12:15-12:45)
  - a. What will the presentation look like? Who will give it?
  - b. What will the exercise look like? Does the group want to send something to the Steering Committee ahead of the meeting?
8. Next steps (start by 12:45pm)

- a. What does the group want to accomplish at the May 27 meeting? What should be on the agenda? How long does the meeting need to be?
  - b. What is the group's homework between now and May 27? Will that be accomplished individually, in small groups, or some other way?
9. Close by 1:00pm