

MONTANA WILDLIFE AND TRANSPORTATION
STEERING COMMITTEE WORKING MEETING

Jan 19, 2022
Meeting Notes

ATTENDEES:

- Steering Committee (Committee): Ken McDonald (FWP), Deb O'Neill (FWP), Dwane Kailey (MDT), Tom Martin (MDT), Kylie Paul (MSWP), Stephanie Adams (MSWP)
- Agency Staff: Dustin Rouse (MDT), Bill Semmens (MDT)
- Planning and Implementation Team (PIT Crew): Deb Wambach (MDT), Nick Clarke (MSWP), Brooke Regan (MSWP), Linnaea Schroeer (FWP)

Agenda and Discussion:

1. MT Free Press articles conversation
 - a. The group discussed the articles and discussed communication approaches the group could undertake. Discussion and/or steps included:
 - i. PIT crew will reexamine the communications whitepaper it had drafted
 - ii. SC could communicate on the processes once closer to complete
 - iii. Could work to kick off short-term low-hanging projects to move forward at a faster pace to show results to the public, like with Missoula Regional Connectivity Group or MDT biologist ideas, and then communicate on those
 - iv. Could have an article written about several MDT projects that have occurred over last several years and also about the work the SC is doing
 - v. MDT plans to repurpose FTE for grant writing, and another for non-project related public information officer
2. Data and Information Working Group – mapping tool update/discussion – there will be various documents coming from them, so we'll wait to discuss it all until Feb 11 meeting
3. Roles and Responsibilities for project implementation
 - a. Walked through edits made last meeting and continued going through draft document
 - b. This process/document will be dynamic
 - c. Discussed semi-annual time frame from receiving/reviewing proposals. Discussed how small-scale projects fit into time frame and process, and whether they should be considered separately.
 - d. Discussion of switching from baby bear, mama bear, papa bear to Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, or small-scale, mid-scale, large-scale
 - e. Prioritize/project concepts/selection cycle – the 2nd and 3rd bullets can be folded into the selection criteria.
 - f. SC will have quarterly project updates. Discussion about SC review of scope changes.

- g. Sponsorship process was discussed. A range of concerns exists from MSWP's perspective, suggested perhaps another similar approach can be considered such as a proposal document. Need for further discussion but tabled for the moment.
- 4. Second Summit – do we want one in future?
 - a. Need be clear on goals – educate others, celebrate success
 - b. Before we have one, we want to have process set up, flowchart, and share all we've implemented since first summit. Would also like to have a couple projects on the ground or in planning beforehand.
 - c. Big capacity and resource lift to organize in-person summit. Instead perhaps let's do a webinar/online program - would be great rollout for process, D and I product, celebration, and would be much more feasible for PIT crew and SC to organize.
 - d. Could do 2023 or 2024

Standing agenda – approaches to communications with the public

Upcoming - Project selection criteria