

# **MONTANA WILDLIFE AND TRANSPORTATION**

## **DATA AND INFORMATION WORKGROUP**

9:00am – 1:00pm, Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **Meeting Notes**

**Purpose:** Understand the Steering Committee coordination and responses to the DI questions posed at the 8/24 SC meeting. Continue to work through beta test comments and revise the Tool as needed.

#### **Objectives:**

- Understand and incorporated direction from the SC addressing DI questions posed
- Continue to work through beta testing responses summarized in 7/28 notes
- Identify revisions needed to the Tool and documentation and assign steps for addressing responses
- Develop plan for public roll out of the tool

#### **Attendees:**

- D&I Work Group: Andrew Jakes (MSWP), Liz Fairbank (MSWP), Gabe Priebe (MDT), Paul Sturm (MDT), Brian Andersen (MDT), Justin Gude (FWP)
- Planning and Implementation Team (PIT Crew): Deb Wambach (MDT)

#### **Agenda:**

1. Understand SC feedback from 8/24 meeting
  - a. Liz and Brian walked through the SC coordination and responses to remaining 4 questions
    - i. Only show a % range for Final Analysis Map – not individual NAC maps or District maps
    - ii. Add logos to tool landing page and bottom page (contacts)
    - iii. Updates to existing data to be done as scheduled (annually) by DI do not need SC approval
    - iv. Any new data or information to be added to the tool should be brought to SC for approval – anticipated 5-year intervals or as needed if deemed critical by DI
    - v. Fine scale assessment is loosely defined in the selection criteria and application guidance – which will be available to the public
  - b. Liz introduced the Draft SC Communication Plan for roll out of the Tool and Application Process to interested stakeholders and the public. More to come on this.
    - i. Coordination of the plan with the agency public information officers and MSWP communication representative is needed by mid-October.
    - ii. Goal to release Tool and Application Process by early November
    - iii. First application cycle is planned for May 2023
2. Continue to work through beta testing feedback
  - a. Changes to the Summary Document were made. PIT Crew will do final review for formatting and typos.
  - b. Issue with 1-mile segments and what is showing in attribute table as multiple mile segments (begin/end)
  - c. Issue with export (pop ups?)
  - d. Double-check that all loose ends and items are complete from 7/28 notes

- e. Mike and Brian are developing the Help Guide and addressing issues in the Tool – taking a bit longer as they have been assigned other priorities
3. Next Meeting
- a. Next meeting scheduled for 9/22 – anticipated to be a shorter meeting to wrap up any final items