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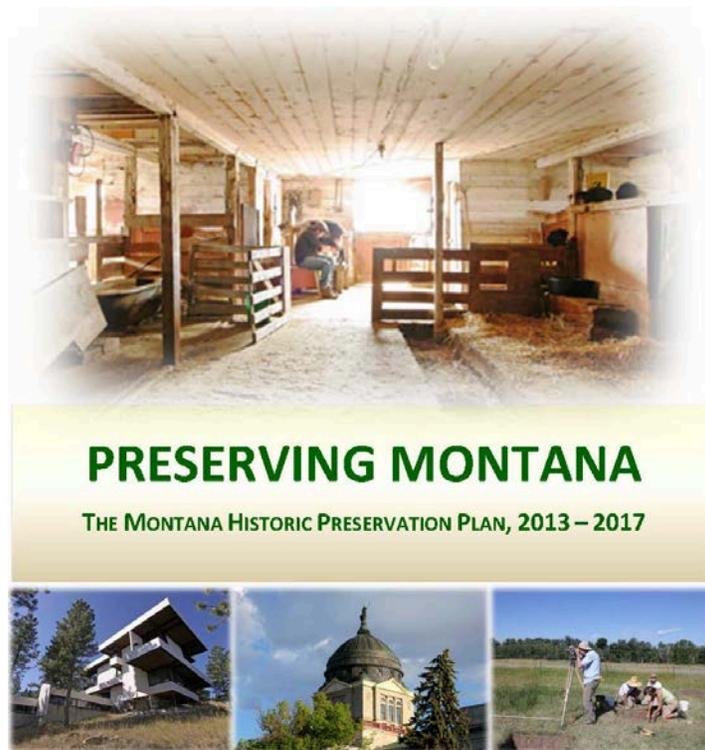
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The Old Board of Health building, 1301 E. Lockey, Helena (1919).
New home of the Montana SHPO, 2nd & 3rd floors

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2013 -2017 Goals and Objectives (for All Montanans)

GOAL I. EDUCATE: BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.

Objectives:

1. Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: online guidance; information about local ordinances; information about fund-raising; update to Consulting with Montana SHPO; dissemination to areas of rapid development

2. Instill awareness and appreciation for Montana’s heritage and heritage properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII properties, including Modernist; landscapes; travelling exhibits; public fairs and workshops; state and local agency stewardship; Montana lawmakers

3. More fully incorporate the University system in the discussion of historic preservation issues and the training of preservation professionals.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: encourage academic fieldwork and research in Montana; create University student internship opportunities; become resource for University historic preservation and history classes/seminars; campus building heritage awareness

4. Pursue new ways and means to share information about Montana’s historic, pre-contact and traditional cultural properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: website platform and content upgrades; social media outlets; walking tour apps; National Register property map applications; K-12 lesson plan development; owner awareness

GOAL II. CELEBRATE: PROMOTE PRESERVATION WITH RECOGNITION, PRAISE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Objectives:

1. Use multi-media (e.g., television, print, internet) to convey historic preservation successes and opportunities.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target general public; PSA development; expand regular press releases for local preservation stories and National Register listings; radio programming

2. Create forums to acknowledge and reward outstanding achievements and efforts in historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: support and expand existing award ceremonies; re-invigorate local awards; establish prizes; nominate Montana for national awards

3. Increase public recognition of heritage properties through signage, published materials, events, and programs.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: property type and historical context publications; Main Street publication series; National Register sign program promotion; highway signage; heritage tourism materials; History Conference workshop; Montana Preservation Road Show; increase preservation poster visibility in public spaces

GOAL III. LOCATE: IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACES.

Objectives:

1. Survey or support the systematic survey of un-inventoried properties throughout the state.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII architecture, including Modernist; state-owned heritage properties (SB3 2011); tribal cultural properties; properties associated with under-served/under-represented populations; prioritize un-inventoried communities; develop people-friendly state inventory form

2. Encourage a landscape approach, where appropriate, to the identification and explanation of the relationships among individual properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: pilot landscape study area; complete Tongue River Multiple Property Document; Northern Cheyenne geographical study; landscape identification workshop; rural agricultural landscapes

3. Enhance the management of and access to cultural resource property information.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: State Antiquities database digitization; public access to non-sensitive documents; tribal data-sharing agreements; lists of individual properties within historic districts

GOAL IV. EVALUATE: ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE AND INTEGRITY OF MONTANA'S HERITAGE PLACES WORTHY OF PRESERVATION.

Objectives:

1. Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana's precontact, historic and traditional cultural sites.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Multiple Property Document historical context development; property contexts for historic irrigation, railroads, and rock cairns

2. Develop meaningful registration criteria or procedures for evaluating common or complex property types.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: National Register Multiple Property Document (MPD) registration criteria development; identify and share best practices and new approaches; post-WWII housing; women's history MPD

3. Encourage and assist owners to document and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: prioritized list of the most significant Montana properties not yet listed in the National Register of Historic Places; step-by-step guidance for do-it-yourselfers; 2013-2014 women's history; 2014 Montana territorial sesquicentennial

GOAL V. ADVOCATE: SEEK SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION THROUGH FUNDING, INCENTIVES, AND PROTECTION.

Objectives:

1. Research, learn and promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana-specific economic benefits of historic preservation study; preservation case study digest; clearinghouse for success stories

2. Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: create preservation speakers' bureau (volunteer/expense reimbursement); local preservation assistance and training

3. Implement existing preservation legislation and encourage new laws and incentives to protect heritage properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: increase state agency awareness of State Antiquities Act and stewardship responsibilities; find and assist legislative sponsorship for expanding state rehabilitation tax credit; facilitate adaptive re-use of public buildings

4. Seek and obtain additional financial resources to supplement funding for historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: lobby for increased state budget support of preservation; brick-and-mortar grant program; enhance grant-writing skills; support and promote Montana History Foundation Preserve Montana Fund campaign; identify cost-share opportunities

GOAL VI. COLLABORATE: WORK TOGETHER WITH PRESERVATION PARTNERS TO PRESERVE MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES.

Objectives:

1. Reach out to federal, state, tribal, local, public and private preservation stakeholders.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: identify and recruit expertise at the local, state, tribal, and federal level

2. Sponsor or participate in forums to share ideas, experience, and information.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: participate in Montana History Conference; support biennial Montana Preservation Road Show; collaborate with local institutions

3. Solidify existing partnerships and form new consensus for the benefit of historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana Main Street – Certified Local Government interface; Montana Site Stewardship program; SHPO-federal agencies programmatic agreements; Montana Preservation Alliance Touchstone project

4. Meet regularly with tribal cultural representatives to facilitate consideration of tribal perspectives in historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Tribal Historic Preservation Officers summit; establish tribal consultation protocols

GOAL VII. INTEGRATE: INCORPORATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INTO PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND POLICIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO AFFECT SIGNIFICANT HERITAGE PROPERTIES.

Objectives:

1. Integrate historic preservation in public planning and policy-making at all levels.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: meet with city-county planning departments; increase visibility and standing for local historic preservation commissions; ensure state legislature awareness; state agency compliance; incorporate consideration of impacts to historic properties into disaster planning

2. Participate in reviews and comments on undertakings involving heritage properties, pursuant to federal, state and local preservation laws.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Citizens Guide to Section 106 outreach; non-profit and citizen public meeting advocacy; editorials; acknowledge proactive public agency stewardship

3. Connect with interest groups that engage heritage properties from other perspectives (e.g., realtors, developers, outfitters/guides, trade groups, recreationalists, other).

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target realtor and insurance agent awareness and training regarding local ordinances and what it means to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; information booths at interest group meetings

4. Compile and make available answers to frequently asked questions about historic properties and historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: addressing myth and reality in the National Register of Historic Places, preservation law, and the cost of historic rehabilitation vs. replacement

Three FY2015 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Highlights

Identifying and Recognizing Montana's Significant Historic Places

Three special projects initiated or completed in FY2015 help to record and evaluate Montana's unique historic properties.

Much anticipated, the survey and nomination of the Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District for the National Register of Historic Places was completed in September 2015 with the approval of the comprehensive nomination by the State Preservation Review Board for forwarding to the Keeper. This long overdue effort prepared by contracted architectural historian Jessie Nunn of Livingston was made possible by combined funding from the State Historic Preservation Office (HPF) and the Montana Department of Administration (Generalized Services Division and Architecture and Engineering Division). As defined the district is made up of 27 contributing resources on 60 acres of land, including 15 buildings, three sites, and 9 objects, ranging in age from the 1902 State Capitol building to the 1982 Justice/Montana State Library building.

Finishing the first year of a two-year effort in FY2015 is the *Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places* project. This project is supported by a \$27,788 grant from the National Park Service's Underrepresented Community Grants program, matched with cash and in-kind support from the Montana Historical Society/SHPO, the Montana History Foundation, and Certified Local Government (CLG) communities. Year one of the project saw the initiation of survey and recording by the WGM Group of 25 historic buildings associated with the African American experience in Helena, the preparation of 10 African American historic property records statewide (Billings, Missoula, Butte, Great Falls, Bozeman, Miles City), research for a multiple property National Register document, and content development for ARCGIS storymaps that will share the new information online with the public.

Finally, also in FY2015 is the establishment through contract for the inclusion in 2015-2016 of Montana's historically significant railroad system statewide into the Montana State Antiquities Database. This research and recording effort, to be undertaken by Dr. Craig Lee and Jennifer Lee of Metcalf Archaeological Consultants in Bozeman, will create site forms, maps, and GIS data for each county through which the Northern Pacific Railroad, the Great Northern Railroad, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, as well as their successors (e.g. BNSF) travel. Long recognized for their importance in the development of Montana, these long linear resources have not been comprehensively identified in the state site records and database system. This information will help make future consultation and consideration by state and federal agencies, SHPO, applicants, and consultants of the impacts of development on historic properties in Montana more efficient and effective. The project is made possible by a \$10,000 grant to SHPO from the Cultural Resource Fund established by railroad companies through the Tides Foundation/MICA Group in consultation with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as part of the Positive Train Control (PTC) system undertaking nationwide.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM FY2015

. Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: budget formulation; personnel management and staff development; administrative organization; grant and sub-grant management; and responsible fiscal policies and procedures. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: V.2, V.4, VI.1)

- ✓ Complied with state and National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in ongoing budgeting and expenditure of FY2015 annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) federal grant allocation to Montana SHPO totaling \$785,524 (same as FY2014).
- ✓ Documented required 40% non-federal match (\$523,683) to the FY2015 HPF grant. The majority of Montana's state match derives from activities of local preservation offices (Certified Local Governments) as over-matching sub-grantees, in addition to match from state bed-tax support of the National Register interpretive sign program, program revenue (fees), and a small amount of state general fund.
- ✓ Administered \$20,000 of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) cooperative agreement grant support in FY2015 for our BLM-SHPO cultural resource data-sharing partnership (CRDSP) and statewide information system development. Developed proposed activities and plans for managing \$52,000 in BLM funding for FY2016.
- ✓ Administered special project and grant funding for the ongoing *Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places* project (National Park Service Underrepresented Community Grant: \$27,788) and the *Statewide Recording of Montana's Historic Railroad System* project (FCC Positive Train Control System-Tides Foundation/Mica Group: \$10,000) (see below, Survey and Inventory)
- ✓ Awarded \$80,000 in annual sub-grants to Montana's 16 Certified Local Governments (CLGs) in FY2015, exceeding the 10% required HPF pass-through of \$78,552. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2)
- ✓ Approved the successful completion of \$46,045 in special project sub-grant funding awarded to CLGs in FY2014 to conduct survey, planning, development and other allowable preservation activities over the period FY2014-2015 (see below).
- ✓ Managed contracts totaling \$27,500 in Historic Preservation Fund support for contracted professionals to undertake historic preservation survey, nomination and database planning work (see below: Planning, Survey & Inventory, National Register).



- ✓ Following months of planning and preparation, successfully moved the SHPO office from 1410 8th Avenue to 1301 East Lockey adjacent to the State Capitol building, during the week after Labor Day (September 8-10, 2015). SHPO now occupies the second and third floor of the 1919 Old Board of Health (OBH) building, soon to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource within the Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District. In addition to being more temporally appropriate, the new location also provides more adequate office, file, and work spaces, including room to house the Montana State Site Files (> 54,000 records) onsite.
- ✓ Maintained professional staffing requirements including individuals meeting or exceeding the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Professional Qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, or archaeology. SHPO staff (10FTE), as of the end of FY2015 are:
 - Mark Baumler, Program Manager/State Historic Preservation Officer (Ph.D. Anthropology/Archaeology)
 - Jennie (Peterson) Coen, Administrative Assistant
 - Lisa Pocha, Grants Contracts Coordinator
 - John Boughton, National Register Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
 - Pete Brown, Historic Architecture Specialist/Deputy SHPO (M.S. Historic Preservation)
 - Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. History)
 - Jessica Bush, Review & Compliance Officer (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
 - Stan Wilmoth, State Archaeologist/Deputy SHPO (Ph.D. Anthropology)
 - Damon Murdo, Cultural Records Manager (M.A. Physical Anthropology)
 - Steffany Meredyk, Cultural Records Assistant (B.A. History & Geography)
- ✓ Hired Lisa Pocha as our new Grants Contracts Coordinator beginning in June 2015. Lisa brings extensive office and fiscal management skills to the position,

and previously worked for the Montana Historical Society earlier in her career as the SHPO administrative assistant and as a Centralized Services accounting technician.



- ✓ Hired Steffany Meredyk (B.A. History and Geography, Bucknell University, 2014) in October 2014 as the new Cultural Records Assistant, replacing Andrew Craft, who left SHPO to go west to Washington State. Steffany's educational background in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and love for a good story-map will serve us well in the ongoing development of our State Antiquities Database.
- ✓ Enhanced the work of regular staff with help and contributions from additional individuals, including: a University of Montana volunteer student intern in GIS (Rebecca Rutherford); two Fall-semester 2014 Carroll College history interns (Samantha French – college scholarship - and Anthony Wood – work study student); a 2015 UM student summer cultural records paid intern (Jessica Baird); a short-term employee for the *Identifying Montana's African-American Heritage Places* project (Anthony Wood); and our longtime continuing Friends of the Montana Historical Society volunteer, Miki Wilde.
- ✓ Staff development: attendance and participation in professional conferences, workshops, trainings and other forums to maintain and enhance staff knowledge, skills, and abilities:
 - Conference on Preservation and Stewardship of Historic Places, Yellowstone National Park, October 1-3, 2014 (Pete Brown)
 - National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference (*Past Forward*), Savannah, GA, November 11-15, 2014 (Mark Baumler)
 - CPR training and certification, November 13, 2014 (Jennie Peterson-Coen)
 - Montana State Tribal Relations Training, Helena, November 16, 2014 (Stan Wilmoth)
 - Governor's Conference on Tourism, Helena, March 23, 2015 (Jessica Bush)
 - Microsoft Excel (Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced), Montana State Professional Development Center, Jan-March, 2015 (Robb McCracken)
 - University of Montana Ethnographic Collections Tribal Summit, Missoula, April 15-16, 2015 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth)



- Montana Archaeological Society conference, Chico Hot Springs, April 2-5, 2015 (John Boughton, Jessica Bush, Kate Hampton, Steffany Meredyk, Damon Murdo, Stan Wilmoth)
 - Henry Smith archaeological site prescribed burn experiment, Bureau of Land Management Havre Field Office, Malta, April 16, 2015 (Jessica Bush)
 - Katry Harris visit, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Helena, April 22, 2015 (All SHPO staff)
 - Bureau of Land Management Cultural and Paleontological Resources workshop, Billings, May 13-14, 2015 (Mark Baumler, Jessica Bush, Damon Murdo, Steffany Meredyk)
 - BLM-SHPO Cultural Resource Data Sharing partnership (CRDSP) conference, Salt Lake City, UT, May 27-29, 2015 (Damon Murdo, Steffany Meredyk)
 - Masonry Arches training workshop (Walt Morris, National Park Service), Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, June 24, 2015 (Pete Brown)
 - Advanced Section 106 Training, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Seattle, WA, September 11, 2015 (Jessica Bush)
 - Montana History Conference, Bozeman, September 24-26, 2015 (Kate Hampton, Jessica Bush, Lisa Pocha, Anthony Wood)
- ✓ Met monthly with Montana Historical Society Centralized Services Division to closely monitor State Historic Preservation Office budget and expenditures.
 - ✓ Met or exceeded Montana Legislature state agency program performance measures established for state FY2015.



PLANNING PROGRAM FY2015

. Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including preparation of the state historic preservation plan; participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the development and implementation of state and local preservation ordinances, regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3, VII.1)

- ✓ Promoted awareness and use of the revised 2013-2017 state preservation plan (*Preserving Montana: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2013-2017*) in public and professional forums, to local preservation programs, and in preservation education and outreach materials. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2)
- ✓ Developed and routinely monitored FY2014 SHPO activities and projects for conformance with the goals and objectives of the 2013-2017 state plan (see above, 2013-2017 Goals and Objectives). Undertook identified priority activities in FY2015, including surveys of the Montana State Capitol Campus historic district and African American properties (2013-2017 Goal/Objective III.1), development with University of Montana students of a GIS independent study and a summer State Antiquities database internship (Goal/Objective I.3), and revision and updating of three major programmatic agreements for the management and treatment of historic properties by the US Forest Service and by the Bureau of Land Management. (Goal/Objective VI.3)
- ✓ Participated in 2015 strategic planning and assessment for the Montana Historical Society, of which SHPO is one of six programs.



- ✓ Reviewed and commented on federal, state, and local agency and organization preservation planning and management documents, as requested, with respect to goals and objectives in the preservation of Montana heritage properties.
- ✓ Enabled, through special project CLG sub-grant funding (\$5,000), a public workshop and follow-up meetings sponsored by the City of Great Falls historic preservation office to identify and prioritize significant historic city and county places and to plan how to better document and promote those places to encourage economic development.
- ✓ Met at the invitation of the mayor with city council members in Phillipsburg to discuss local preservation planning, a potential design ordinance, and possible participation in the certified local government program.
- ✓ Contracted for the development of a historic context for the African American experience in Helena, Montana, as part of the survey and development of a

multiple property document for Helena buildings for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, made possible by funding from the National Park Service Underrepresented Community Grants program (see below, Survey and Inventory).

- ✓ Participated in a 3-day (May 27-29, 2015) regional meeting in Salt Lake City (UT), of the Cultural Resource Data Sharing Partnership (CRDSP) among western SHPOs and the Bureau of Land Management to compare approaches and progress in statewide database development and online data sharing and to plan for future integrated developments (Damon Murdo and Steffany Meredyk). (2013-2017 Goal/Objectives I.4, III.3)



**Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Cultural Resources Data Partnership (CRDP)
CHARTER**

I. PURPOSE

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) established the Cultural Resources Data Partnership (CRDP) to advise and assist the Directorate, State Directors, and Field Office managers in meeting their responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act and associated National Programmatic Agreement and State Protocols. The CRDP serves to improve internal BLM data and data systems, provide support for state managed data repositories, and work generally to build consistency in data quality and distribution both within the BLM and between the BLM and designated state government partners. The CRDP was established without a charter by the BLM's Washington Office Division of Cultural, Paleontological Resources and Tribal Consultation (WO-240) in 1998 with the purpose of enhancing coordination between BLM field offices and the state government entities tasked with management of each state's cultural resources datasets. Over its seventeen-year existence, the CRDP has grown to become a vital participant in the State/Federal relationship in BLM states as well as a nationally-recognized advisory body on issues concerning cultural resource digital data creation, management, and use within the BLM and participating state governments.



SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM FY2015

. Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and pre-contact sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.4, III.1-3)

- ✓ Oversaw total of \$23,798 in matching special project sub-grants to three CLGs to conduct local survey and inventory, as follows: Billings-Yellowstone County CLG to finalize survey and inventory of the North Elevation neighborhood and initiate a National Register district nomination (\$13,998); Havre-Hill County CLG to conduct additional research on the potential national significance of Fort Assiniboine (\$5,000); and Missoula CLG to research and develop historic context of the Northern Pacific Railroad influence on the development of Missoula, including buildings and the built environment of the Railroad Street area (\$4,800). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective IV.1)



- ✓ Made field visits to assist in the identification and assessment of historic properties and archaeological sites, including the Old Lincoln Townsite Cemetery and the Matthew King Cabin (Lewis & Clark County), the Henry Smith Archaeological Site north of Malta (Phillips County), the Valley of the Moon

Ranch gravesite (Missoula County), archaeological excavations at 24JF0699 near Boulder (Jefferson County), and a series of historic charcoal platforms discovered in Elk Park on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (Silver Bow County).

- ✓ Maintained an updated inventory list of state-owned heritage properties (properties owned by the state that meet the National Register of Historic Places criteria for eligibility), for use by state agencies in biennial reporting on heritage stewardship efforts (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Portals/11/shpo/docs/PropertiesList2014.pdf>).

- ✓ Completed first year of a two-year special grant for \$27,788 from the National Park Service Under-represented Communities initiative awarded to Montana SHPO October 1, 2014, for *Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places*. This project updates and expands information on the Montana African



American experience previously compiled from historical census records and other archives at the Montana Historical Society (<http://svcalt.mt.gov/research/AfricanAmerican/AfricanAmericanInMT.asp>).

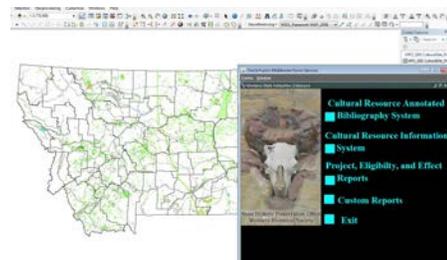
Specifically the grant will help locate and record extant houses and other buildings associated with African American residents in Helena - and to a more preliminary extent other communities statewide. Architectural Historian Delia Hagen, WGM Group, has been contracted to lead the Helena survey effort (ca 25 properties) and also prepare a historical context/Multiple Property Document for nominating two selected properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. A \$4,466 matching grant from the Montana History Foundation also enabled SHPO to employ Anthony Wood, Carroll College history graduate and former SHPO intern, on a short-term basis to research and document ten newly recorded properties in Butte, Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls, Missoula and Miles City. Additional records will also be forthcoming from CLG communities, providing a new and much more comprehensive inventory of African American heritage places in Montana. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective III.1)



- ✓ Received a \$10,000 grant allocation in July 2015 to conduct survey and inventory from a pool of national cultural resource mitigation funds established by railroads and the FCC for the installation of the positive train control system nationwide (MICA Group Cultural Resource Fund). Selected Metcalf Consultants (Dr. Craig Lee and Jennifer Lee) to use this funding to complete the recording of the active historic railroad system statewide county-by-county as a historic property in Montana in the Cultural Resource Information System (site records) in FY2016.

- ✓ Contracted with independent Axiom IT Solutions, Missoula, and state Information Technology Services Division (ITSD), Helena, to assess the current State Antiquities Database and Geographic Information System (GIS) and make recommendations for potential changes and future development. Based on these studies, entered into agreement with ITSD to restructure and replace the existing Oracle-based system with a Microsoft SQL database and web application. This overhaul will take place in phases over the next 2 years and cost approximately \$125,000, to be funded by SHPO federal funds (HPF), BLM cooperative agreement data-sharing funds, file-search revenue, and additional sources yet to be determined. It has been over 15 years since the State Antiquities Database was last upgraded to a new platform. The new database and GIS application promise to be much more integrated and seamless, and feature both public and restricted user-friendly access venues. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.4; III.3)

- ✓ Continued creation and/or import of Geographic Information System (GIS) data (local shape-files) for cultural resource site and survey records in the State Antiquities database. Have completed the



digital spatial mapping process for 28,213 (49.6%) recorded historic and pre-contact properties and 11,443 (ca one-third) documented survey locations statewide. This effort is made possible and being supported by an ongoing Bureau of Land Management-SHPO Cultural Resource Data Sharing Partnership (CRDSP). In addition to data-entry of backlog site and survey locations as time allows, all newly submitted site records and documented surveys in FY2015 continue to be mapped in the statewide GIS on a go-forward basis. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective III.3)

- ✓ Successfully mentored a University of Montana student, Rebecca Rutherford, in a semester Geographic Information System (GIS) independent study through the Geography Department, using site and survey data from the State Antiquities Database. This pilot helps inform potential future cooperative SHPO-UM student GIS opportunities, providing real data to students while at the same time assisting SHPO in addressing the backlog of mapping data needed for the state antiquities database. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.4)
- ✓ Also hired UM student Jessica Baird as a summer intern to assist in various cultural records management projects, including processing of 30 boxes of site forms needing to be integrated into the site records.

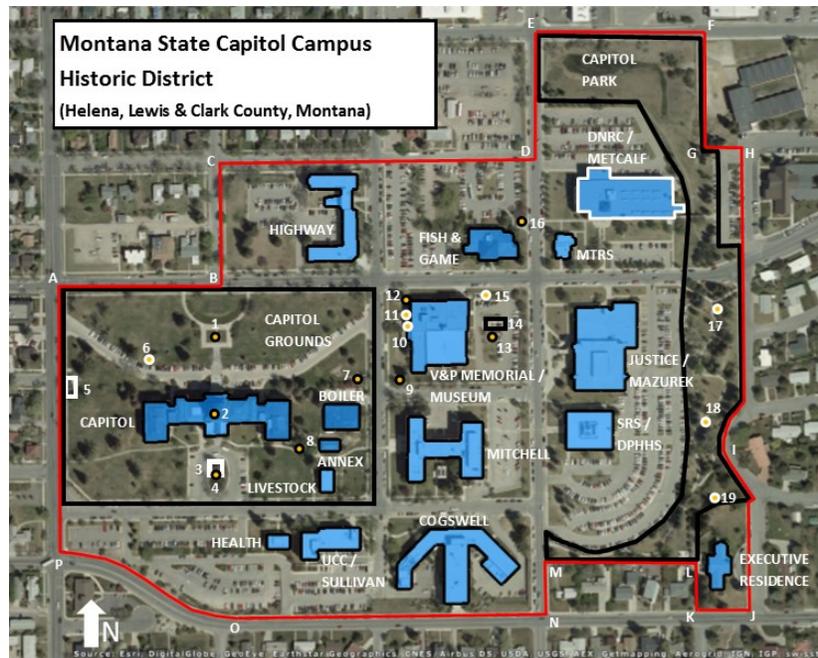


- ✓ Added 663 new cultural resource reports to the SHPO statewide *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS) database and inventory library in FY2015, representing 116,759 acres of new survey [FY2014: 1010 new reports/107,662 acres]. There are presently 35,623 individual report documents in CRABS and on file at SHPO, comprising documentation on 5.47 million acres of historic and archaeological survey as well as other cultural resource studies, including overviews, syntheses, excavation, analyses and research studies.

- ✓ Added 1071 newly recorded properties in FY2015 to the Montana *Cultural Resource Information System* (CRIS) database and statewide property inventory files maintained in the Site Records Office at SHPO [FY2014: 1038]. These include 620 new historic properties, 422 pre-contact sites, 24 combination historic/pre-contact sites, as well as 5 paleontological localities. The most new FY2015 sites were recorded in Rosebud County (N = 188). Updated information was collected and registered for an additional 296 previously recorded properties. There are presently 56,882 total cultural resource properties recorded and numbered with Smithsonian trinomials in Montana as part of the State Antiquities Database and inventory.



- ✓ Continued the creation of the comprehensive digital library of the 35,000-plus existing cultural resource survey reports and other documents in the Montana *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System (CRABS)*, begun in FY2011. These digital documents are accessible, on a mediated basis, through the State Antiquities Database system as .pdf images, with optical character recognition (OCR) search capabilities. The hard copies are held in the Montana Historical Society Research Center (Library-Archives) for permanent storage. To date, 30,743 of the 35,623 documents in CRABS (86.3%) have been digitized, with new reports being added on a go-forward basis and legacy reports scanned as needed.
- ✓ Also sustained the ongoing creation and/or uploading of digitized records of all newly submitted property records and updates (site forms) and the re-scanning of older records to improve quality and convert to OCR .pdf format. There is at least one scanned form for each of the recorded 56,882 properties in CRIS, and several forms/updates for many sites for a total current scanned form count of 76,389.
- ✓ Managed Digital Data and Information User Agreements for the use and protection of confidential shared cultural resource information.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM FY2015

. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register property interpretive sign program. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.1-3)

- ✓ John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, organized three meetings of the nine-member, Governor-appointed Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board in FY2015: Helena (January 23, 2015, in conjunction with the 2015 Biennial Montana State Historic Preservation Awards ceremony); Livingston (May 30, 2015); and again in Helena (September 19, 2015). Twelve (12) draft National Register nominations were reviewed and approved by the Board at these meetings; no nominations were unapproved or tabled (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/RBagenda>).

- ✓ Included in the nominations heard and approved by the Review Board at their September 19, 2015 meeting was the nomination for the Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District. This special state nomination was prepared under contract by Architectural Historian Jessie Nunn of Livingston using funds from SHPO (HPF) and the Montana Department of Administration. It recommends 24 contributing resources (12 buildings; 3 sites, and 9 objects) on the Capitol Campus for listing in addition to three previously listed buildings, including the Montana State Capitol building. With minor edits, the nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register (NPS) by the end of the year.



- ✓ Welcomed Dr. C. Riley Auge of the University of Montana to the Review Board, appointed as history professional/historian by Governor Steve Bullock on October 31, 2014 for a four-year term, replacing Rosalyn LaPier who completed two terms. Zane Fulbright of Lewistown was also re-appointed to the Board for another four-year term, serving as history professional/historical researcher as well as the current Board chair.
- ✓ Thirteen (13) new Montana properties were officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places in FY2015 as follows (by date):

○ Montana State Training School Historic District, Boulder	11/24/2014
○ Double Arrow Lodge, Seeley Lake vicinity, Missoula Co	11/24/2014
○ Flathead NF Backcountry Admin Facilities Historic Dist	12/17/2014
○ Big Creek Ranger Station, Polebridge, Flathead NF	01/07/2015
○ Cat Creek Oil Field Sign, Mosby, Petroleum Co	01/07/2015
○ Doncaster Round Barn, Twin Bridges, Madison Co	04/14/2015
○ Arnold Graf House, Billings, Yellowstone Co	04/20/2015
○ Hayward Lodge, Como, Bitterroot NF, Ravalli Co	05/11/2015
○ Swan River Bridge, Bigfork, Flathead Co	08/03/2015
○ Convict [Road] Grade Historic District, Park Co	08/03/2015
○ Gardiner Jail, Gardiner, Park Co	08/03/2015
○ Camp Senia Historic District, Custer NF, Carbon Co*	08/10/2015
○ McMullen Hall, MSU-Billings. Yellowstone Co	09/08/2015

* *Boundary Increase*

- ✓ In addition to these listings and with the written and recorded support of both the Review Board and SHPO, the First Peoples Buffalo Jump near Ulm in Cascade County was approved by the Secretary of the Interior for designation as Montana's 28th National Historic Landmark (NHL) on July 21, 2015. First People's Buffalo Jump is managed as a state park by Montana State Parks (<http://stateparks.mt.gov/first-peoples-buffalo-jump/>).



- ✓ SHPO initiated and used Historic Preservation Funds (HPF) in whole or part to support the research and documentation for the National Register listings of the Montana State Training School Historic District (written by SHPO Sobotka intern Chelsea Chamberlain) and the Gardiner Jail (authored by contracted architectural historian Joan Brownell). The USDA Forest Service was responsible for the four federal FY2015 listings: Flathead National Forest Backcountry Administrative Facilities Historic District, the Big Creek Ranger Station, the Hayward lodge, and the Camp Senia Historic District boundary increase. Review Board member Dr. Tim Urbaniak wrote the nomination for the listing of McMullen Hall on the MSU-Billings campus where he teaches and fellow Review Board member Jon Axline, MDT historian, prepared the nominations for the Swan River Bridge and Convict Grade Historic District, as well as the Double Arrow Lodge.

- ✓ Organized and hosted the 2015 Biennial State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony at the historic Myrna Loy Center in Helena on the afternoon of January 23. An estimated 125 people joined SHPO staff, MHS Director Bruce Whittenberg, and Lt. Gov. Angela McLean in presenting certificates for 24 properties listed in the National Register in the past two years,



plaques for two retired Review Board members (Don Matlock; Rosalyn LaPier) and awards to four 2015 outstanding preservation efforts: Havre Historic Post Office (Outstanding Preservation Rehabilitation Project), Montana Project Archaeology (Outstanding Preservation Education and Outreach), Montana History Foundation (Outstanding Preservation Advocacy), and the Borden Hotel Rehabilitation project (Outstanding Local Preservation Project/2015 Governor's Award). The popular biennial awards ceremony continues to be a premier venue for celebrating historic preservation successes and receives good statewide media coverage. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.2)

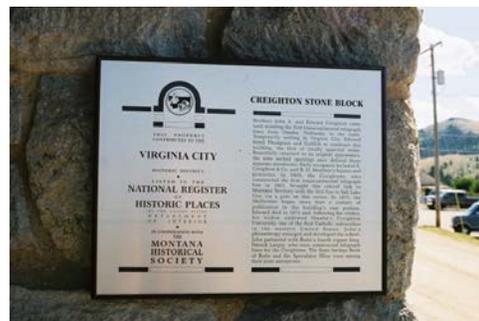
- ✓ Regularly met or communicated with public and private owners of historic properties interested in listing their properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Provided workbooks, guidance and technical assistance on request to owners to assist in research and documentation efforts. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective IV.3)



- ✓ Routinely provided information to public inquiries regarding properties currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Maintained an updated Montana SHPO online list of National Register of Historic Places properties in Montana: <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/NRMap.aspx>. (2013-2017 Goal/Objectives II.3; III.3)

- ✓ Documented and concurred in 96 evaluations of National Register eligibility and 520 evaluations of ineligibility of historic and archaeological properties within the context of state and federal historic preservation legislation (aka “consensus determinations” under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Montana State Antiquities Act). An additional three (3) Montana federal properties were found eligible and 18 ineligible by the Bureau of Land Management independently and programmatically under a previous Montana state protocol for implementing a national agreement with state historic preservation offices for BLM management of cultural resources (replaced; see below Review and Compliance).

- ✓ Gave file support to the Montana Historical Society's Outreach & Interpretation Division, National Register Property Sign Program for the production of 24 new heritage property interpretive plaques in 11 different counties. The one-of-a-kind state sign program is supported by an annual allocation from the Montana state accommodations tax. Many of the state's National Register sign texts can be found online on the Montana Historical Society supported [Montana History Wiki](http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts): (<http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts>). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.3)



- ✓ Regularly announced or assisted local communities and owners in the preparation and distribution of press releases and stories of new and previously listed National Register properties across the state.



State Preservation Review Board members, past and present, with SHPO Staff (2015)

DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM FY2015

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1; V.4; VII.3)

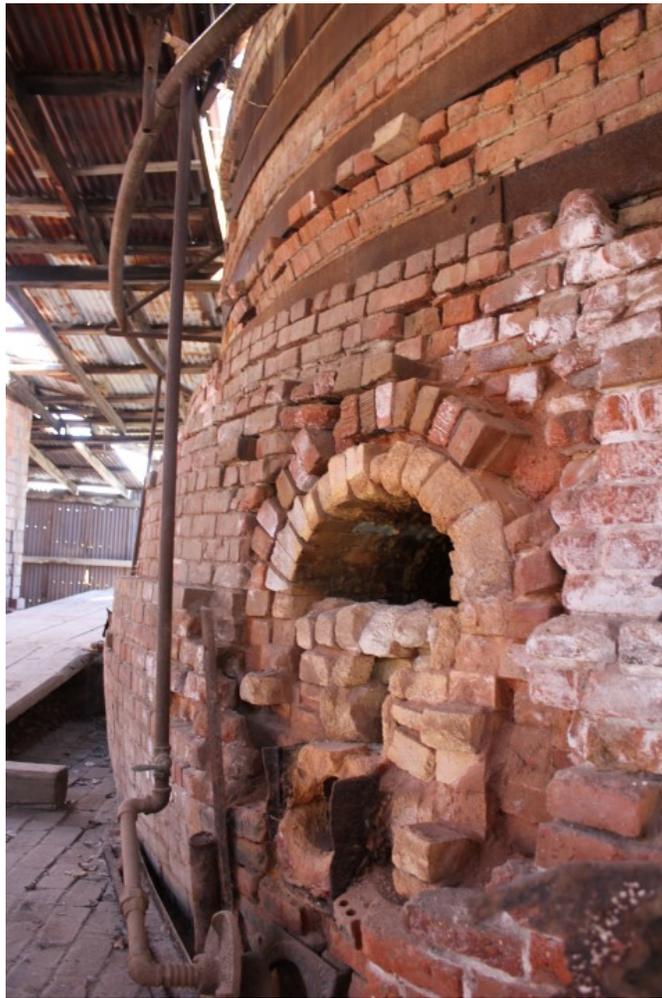
- ✓ Routinely responded to owner inquiries regarding historic building renovations for properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- ✓ Administered \$14,500 in special project CLG matching sub-grants (HPF) for pre-development and development projects completed in FY2015, as follows: Carbon County CLG to assess and repair HVAC system in the historic Labor Temple (Hirst Pavilion) building, home of the Carbon County Historical Museum (\$1,500 sub-grant); Lewis and Clark County CLG to help complete repairs to historic Kiln #7 of the National Register-listed Archie Bray Brickyard in partnership with the Montana Preservation Alliance (\$5,000 sub-grant); and Lewistown CLG to help conduct condition assessments and feasibility studies for two endangered historic buildings needing re-development – Broadway Apartments and Power Mercantile Building (\$8,000 sub-grant).



- ✓ Gave technical advice and/or made field contributions to public and private historic building renovation projects (beyond federal compliance and tax credit projects reported elsewhere) that were active in planning or implementation in FY2015, including the Phillipsburg Masonic Lodge, the Archie Bray kilns in Helena (SHPO sub-grant), the Unionville schoolhouse rehabilitation project, and a variety of projects involving state-owned heritage properties (e.g., Reeder's Alley, Bannack, Original Governor's Mansion).
- ✓ Reviewed and commented on Historic Structures Reports (HSRs) for the Original Governor's Mansion in Helena and for the Charlie Russell Home and Charlie Russell Studio in Great Falls, all listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- ✓ Participated in four meetings in Great Falls to discuss the disposition and adaptive re-use of the no longer functioning Rainbow Dam Powerhouse. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VII.3)



- ✓ Attended regular committee meetings to consider plans for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the National Register listed Helena/Lewis and Clark County city-county building, a former Federal Building protected under a deed covenant.
- ✓ Currently holding term preservation covenants and/or easements for 25 historic properties as a result of previous historic preservation assistance grants (e.g. NPS Save-America's Treasures grants), tax credit projects, and/or compliance mitigation agreements.
- ✓ No new or pending state-owned heritage property acquisitions in FY2015.



PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM FY2015

. Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and other tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67. (2013-2017Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3; VI.2)

- ✓ Reviewed one completed \$305,272 project for the Montana Block in Livingston certified as complete (Part 3) for tax credits by the National Park Service in FY2015.
- ✓ Actively participated in and/or made on-site visits to eleven (11) ongoing historic Tax Act credit projects active in FY2015 (Part 1 and/or 2 approved), including the Garfield School, Bissinger Feed & Hides and Price Motors building in Billings; the YWCA* in Helena; the Avron Block* in Great Falls; 403 Mercury*, the Dyckman Building* and the First Church of Christ Science* in Butte; the Borden's/Modern Hotel* in Whitehall ; the Mercantile in Missoula*; and the Rainbow Hotel in Shelby (* = visited on-site).
- ✓ Regularly responded to and met with owners of commercial properties considering the federal tax credit rehabilitation program.
- ✓ Made presentations on the Tax Credit program and/or the Secretary of the Interior's Standards at the *2014 Conference on Preservation and Stewardship of Historic Places*, Yellowstone National Park (October 1-3, 2014), the *Montana State Parks Heritage Parks Cultural Resource Training Workshop*, Helena (October 22, 2014), the *University of Montana Historic Preservation Seminar*, Missoula (January 7, 2015), and the *Montana Downtown Conference*, Kalispell (September 24, 2015) [see also below, Other Activities: Outreach].
- ✓ Provided informational testimony on the economic benefits of the state (5%) and federal (20%) historic rehabilitation tax credits to a 2015 legislative committee hearing on a proposed bill (HB154) to sunset all existing state tax credits. The bill passed both the House and Senate, but was vetoed by the Governor.



REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FY2015

. Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana’s cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; specific assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the development and participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana State Antiquities Act, the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act. (2013-2017

Goals/Objectives: V.3; VI.4; VII.2)

- ✓ In FY2015, the SHPO Review and Compliance team (Compliance Officer Jessica Bush, State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth, Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown, and Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo) reviewed and provided written responses to 1,617 compliance requests under the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and/or state preservation laws (Montana State Antiquities Act, Montana



Environmental Protection Act). These responses represent an average of 6.4 written review and compliance consultations per *work day*, down slightly from FY2014 (1,807 reviews; 7.2/*work day*). A single compliance request for SHPO comments may involve one or more individual projects and properties, i.e. a single 1 acre gravel pit with no

identified sites versus an entire 100 mile pipeline project with tens or hundreds of sites. Additional compliance projects for certain federal agencies (e.g. Bureau of Land Management; USDA Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service) are also sometimes programmatically reviewed, and do not require written SHPO responses. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VII.2)

- ✓ Of the total 1,617 review and compliance consultations in FY2015, 784 (or a little less than half) were initial “file search” requests for SHPO cultural resource information and survey recommendations for project areas of potential effect. SHPO provided same- or next-day responses to the majority of these file search requests (response turn-around rate = 0.54 calendar days, where 0 = same day; 1 = next *calendar day*). The 784 FY2015 file searches involved record searches and reviews of a total of 8,439 sections of land.
- ✓ For the 421 of these 784 initial project reviews (“file searches”) made in FY2015 in which SHPO survey recommendations were requested by agencies or designated applicants, SHPO recommended that no further cultural resource work was warranted in 314 (75%) of the cases, based upon existing information in the State Antiquities Database and staff determination that there was a low likelihood of impact to significant heritage properties within the defined project scope or

area of potential effect. These projects were able to proceed with no further consultation with SHPO on cultural resource impacts.

- ✓ For the remaining 833 review and compliance written consultations for project undertakings (e.g., written comments on cultural resource survey reports, evaluations of historical significance, determinations of effect, treatment options, preservation agreements for mitigation of adverse effects, etc.), the overall average response turn-around rate in FY2015 was only 5.5 calendar days per consultation. This average response rate, less than in FY2014 (6.2 calendar days), is also well below the 15 and 30-day response times generally allowed for under preservation regulations.



- ✓ SHPO participated in the development of and signed twelve (12) new or amended Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and five (5) new Programmatic Agreements (PAs) in FY2015 with lead federal agencies, the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and other concurring parties. These agreements serve as legal documents for the treatment and mitigation of adverse or potential adverse effects to significant heritage properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.



The five new FY2015 Programmatic Agreements include several agreements with the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management on the manner in which they consider the potential for impacts to all cultural resources on federal lands under their jurisdiction in Montana. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.3)

The FY2015 PAs are:

- *Regarding Cultural Resource Management for the Blackfoot Non-Winter Travel Plan Lincoln Ranger District, Helena National Forest Montana* (U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service/Montana SHPO/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation)
- *Regarding the Manner in Which the Bureau of Land Management Will Meet Its Responsibilities Under the National Historic Preservation Act as Provided for in the National Programmatic Agreement* (Montana State Director Bureau of Land Management/Montana SHPO)
- *Regarding Conservation Assistance in Montana* (U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service State Office/Montana SHPO)
- *Regarding the Maintenance of Historic Properties by the Northern Region Historic Preservation Team in Idaho and Montana* (U.S. Forest Service Northern region/Idaho SHPO/MT SHPO)

Regarding Negative Inventory and No Historic Properties Affected Undertakings in the State of Montana by the USDA Forest Service (USDA Forest Service Northern Region (Region 1)/MT SHPO)

- ✓ Out of the total 1,617 compliance consultations in FY2015, eighteen (18) federal and two (2) state undertakings resulted in findings of *adverse effect* to National Register listed or eligible properties. This is a two-fold increase in adverse effect findings for undertakings compared to FY2014, with twenty-six (26) individual properties involved. There is no ready explanation for this increase or whether it represents a pattern, however the USDA Forest Service was lead agency for eight of the 18 federal undertakings involving adverse effects in FY2015 with projects involving historic mines or mine reclamation and proposed alterations or conveyance of eligible historic buildings.

- ✓ The 20 undertakings resulting in written findings of *adverse effects* in FY2015 were:
 - Whitehall Ranger Station modular office space installation (USDA Forest Service Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF) (*MOA signed)
 - Mills Hall demolition, Helena (Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation)
 - Greenfields Irrigation District J-Lake Wasteway Construction, Teton County (Bureau of Reclamation)
 - Fort Missoula Building 26 renovations, including window replacements, Missoula (USDA Forest Service Regional Office) (*MOA signed)
 - Quartz Creek Ranger Station conveyance (USDA Forest Service Lolo NF)
 - Libby Dam Seismograph Vault conveyance (DOD US Army Corps of Engineers) (*MOA signed)
 - Hill Reservoir Dam decommission (USDA Forest Service Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF) (*MOA signed)
 - Billings Brew AT&T antenna co-location, Electric Building (Federal Communications Commission)
 - Mansfield Federal Building interior renovation, Butte (General Services Administration)
 - I.R. Irle school asbestos remediation and demolition, Glasgow (Environmental Protection Agency) (*MOA signed)
 - Western Energy Rosebud Coal Mine Area F archaeological sites mitigation : 24RB0958, 2334, 2339, and 2438 (Office of Surface Mining) (*MOA signed)
 - Deadman's Basin Head-gate and Diversion Dam replacement, Musselshell River, Wheatland County (Federal Emergency Management Agency) (*MOA signed)
 - Pictograph Cave rock fall scaling (Montana State Parks)
 - Rabbit/Rochester abandoned mine



- reclamation, Beaverhead County (Bureau of Land Management)
- Stockman Bank branch construction, Missoula (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) (*MOA signed)
- Washoe Park and Hefner's Dam renovations , Anaconda (DOD US Army Corps of Engineers)
- St. Mary Checking/Entrance Station replacement, Glacier NP (National Park Service)
- Lundborg Cabin removal, (USDA Forest Service, Helena NF)
- Old Helena Ranger Station District headquarters conveyance (USDA Forest Service, Helena NF)
- Cataract Creek mining plan of operations (USDA Forest Service, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF)

Mitigation plans and/or Agreements (MOAs) in consultation with SHPO were developed as indicated in FY2015 or are pending by the federal agencies for mitigating these adverse effects.

- ✓ SHPO compliance reviewers hosted 18 meetings with representatives of federal, state and local agencies, tribes, applicants, organizations and/or other interested parties regarding general programs and specific state and federal project undertakings with the potential to impact heritage properties.

- ✓ Participated onsite in several state and federal project undertakings involving significant cultural resource properties, including an experimental controlled burn conducted by the Bureau of Land Management Havre Field Office on the Henry Smith archaeological site north of Malta to document stone features and to measure the effects of fire on artifacts (Jessica Bush, SHPO Compliance Officer, April 16, 2015)



- ✓ Hosted Katry Harris, Program Analyst, of the Advisory Council on Historic preservation (ACHP), on her first visit to Montana in April 2015 in conjunction with a Section 106 meeting in Great Falls regarding oil and gas development in the Badger-Two Medicine Traditional Cultural District (Blackfeet). Shared and discussed a wide-range of current policy and issues regarding federal historic preservation and compliance.
- ✓ Regularly consulted with state agencies involving state-owned heritage properties and projects on state land under the Montana State Antiquities Act, including the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (trust lands), Fish Wildlife & Parks, the Montana Heritage Commission (Virginia City NHL/Reeder's Alley), the Montana Department of Administration, and the Montana University system.



- ✓ Attended and gave testimony at a special public meeting sponsored by the ACHP in Choteau, Montana, on September 2, 2015 with regards to the Badger-Two medicine oil and gas leases held by Solenex LLC. This was the first time that the ACHP has ever convened a special Board meeting/investigation in Montana and also the first case of a formal agency (USDA Forest Service) termination of the Section 106 consultation process for failure to make foreseeable progress in resolving adverse effects with a memorandum of agreement. The ACHP has recommended that the leases be cancelled; federal agency decision on the matter is pending [Update: In November 2015, The Department of the Interior cancelled the leases for their failure to comply with NEPA by not preparing an EIS in 1985 at the time of the lease-making]



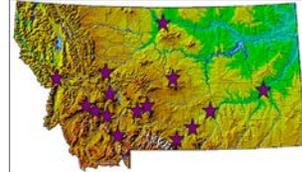
- ✓ Participated in workshops and trainings on cultural resource compliance processes for state and federal agencies, including Montana State Parks (Helena, Oct 22-23, 2014), the Environmental Protection Agency (Helena, Dec 16-17, 2014), Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Helena, January 22, 2015), Bureau of Land Management (Billings, May 12-14, 2015), and the USDA Forest Service (Helena, May 20, 2015). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2)
- ✓ Provided support to the Montana Burial Board under the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Site Protection Act, assisting in the notification, handling and documentation of new cases involving discovery of human remains in FY2015. Attended two Burial Board meetings.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FY2015

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.3, V.2, VI.1)

- ✓ Awarded and monitored \$80,000 in support from the FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) as sub-grants to Montana's 16 communities and/or counties participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, meeting and exceeding the minimum NPS 10% HPF pass-through requirement.
- ✓ Assisted and communicated regularly via phone, email, and social media with all Montana local preservation officers during the year.
- ✓ Performed 4-year performance evaluations of five CLG programs: Billings-Yellowstone County-Crow Tribe, Columbus-Stillwater County, Lewistown, Missoula, and Virginia City. Each met or exceeded performance standards, with minor issues to be addressed.
- ✓ Discussed potential application for certification with Town of Phillipsburg (Granite County).
- ✓ Hosted annual Certified Local Government participants meeting at the Montana History Conference, Bozeman, September 24, 2015
- ✓ Participated in Billings-Laurel- Yellowstone County-Crow Reservation CLG annual "Preservation Roundtable," March 24, 2015 (below).



**OTHER ACTIVITIES FY2015
(OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS)
See also individual programs**

. Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.2, II.1, VII.3; All)

- ✓ Responded to public and professional inquiries and provided technical assistance with 2386 phone calls, 3574 emails, and 194 meetings (with 874 people) during FY2015. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VII.4)
- ✓ Networked online and on the phone with national preservation partners, including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the National Park Service (NPS).
- ✓ Collaborated with non-profit Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) in celebrating Montana Archaeology Month (April 2015) by organized the bulk mailing of the poster *Illustrating Archaeology* to 225 member addresses, arranging for distribution (free) at public venues, and sending to individuals on request (<http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/16401.html>). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.2)



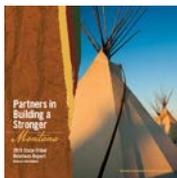
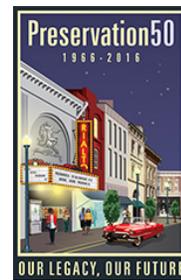
- ✓ Planned and participated in the annual MHS *Archaeology Day!* in conjunction with the Montana Historical Society Education program, giving hands-on demonstrations of archaeology and prehistoric technology to nine local elementary and middle schools/26 classes/575 students (October 1, 2015). Highlighted MHS *Archaeology Day!* in the SHPO Spotlight on the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) weekly news list-serve for the week of October 24 and currently continue to be featured on the NCSHPO's homepage banner (<http://www.ncshpo.org/>). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.1)
- ✓ Assisted in planning for the third biennial *Montana Preservation Road Show* to be held in Red Lodge in the Spring of 2016. This fieldtrip-oriented

workshop/conference, organized and hosted by the statewide non-profit Montana Preservation Alliance, is supported by a broad coalition of state and federal agencies and organizations, including SHPO, and attracts over 100 attendees. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.2)



- ✓ Created and staffed a state historic preservation program display for the Montana Historical Society's 150 Anniversary "birthday" celebration on February 2, 2015 in the Montana State Capitol rotunda, including a continuous loop of photos of National Register-listed properties from each of Montana's 56 counties.

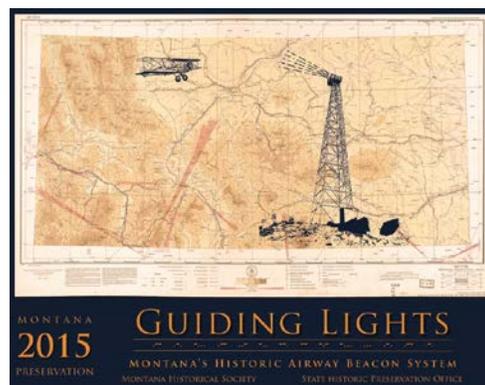
- ✓ Began preparations for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act in 2016, to include a 2016 Montana preservation poster highlighting the Act, an in-state National Register workshop (in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management-Lewistown and including staff from the National Park Service), and production of a special deck of Montana National Register playing cards featuring photographs of NR-listed properties from each of Montana's 56 counties (52 numbered cards plus four wild cards/jokers). A companion Montana Historical Society website will provide further information on the depicted historic properties.



- ✓ Compiled and reported on SHPO activities involving Montana's seven Indian reservations for the Governor's Office 2015 State-Tribal Relations report (<http://tribalnations.mt.gov/>).

- ✓ Mailed a printed copy of *Montana's Shared Heritage: Second Biennial Report on the Status, Condition, and Stewardship of Montana's State-owned Heritage Properties* (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties.aspx>) with cover letter to each of the elected 150 state legislators in advance of the 2015 Legislative Session. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VII.1)

- ✓ Designed, printed, and mailed the 2015 Montana Preservation poster, *Guiding Lights: Montana's Historic Airway Beacon System*, to approximately 1000 addresses, including preservation constituents, Montana museums, local historical societies, and public libraries, as well as membership of the Montana Historical Society. The poster features an aviation map and the MacDonal Pass Airway Beacon, listed in the National



Register of Historic Places in 2014

(<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PreservationPoster>). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.3)

- ✓ In collaboration with the Montana Preservation Alliance and other Montana Historical Society staff, continued research and writing to identify Montana's "top 100" architectural properties for inclusion on the Society of Architectural Historians' (SAH) online *Archipedia* (<http://www.sah.org/publications-and-research/sah-archipedia>). This project is part of a SAH's nation-wide initiative to provide substantial, peer-reviewed contexts about the architectural legacy of the United States. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.4)
- ✓ Routinely provided expertise in preservation, historic architecture, architectural history, and archaeology to the programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society (MHS), including assistance in the FY2015 renovation of the museum display of the 12,500 year old Anzick Clovis archaeological artifact collection and planning for a 2016 exhibit on "Hunting in Montana". (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2)



- ✓ Assisted in the processing and approval of applications to the Montana Centennial Farm & Ranch Program, administered through the Montana Historical Society. Twenty-nine (29) properties have been certified by the Montana Historical Society since the creation of this program by the 2009 Montana Legislature.
- ✓ Provided input and service to boards and special committees or programs of state and other organizations, including: the State Historic Preservation Review Board, the Montana Heritage Commission, the Montana Burial Preservation Board, the Natural Resource Information System Advisory Board, the State Information Technology Services Division Geographic Information System Coordination Committee, the Montana Archaeological Society, the Montana Main Street Advisory Board, and the Montana Preservation Alliance. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2)
- ✓ Regularly prepared and/or assisted in the preparation of press releases for state preservation properties and activities, including National Register of Historic

Places meetings and property listings, public forums and workshops, special events, and grant awards. Regularly provided content to the Montana Historical Society newsletter (*Society Star*) and social media outlets, including the MHS Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/MontanaHistoricalSociety>. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.1)



- ✓ Participated in a 2-day (April 15-16, 2015) University of Montana Ethnographic Collections Summit with other cultural resource professionals and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from all seven Reservations to discuss the disposition of tribal items

in the University collection. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.3)

- ✓ FY2015 SHPO staff presentations, educational programs and outreach (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.2):

- Presentation: *Threats to Rustic Architecture* (panel discussion), Conference on Preservation and Stewardship of Historic Places, Yellowstone National Park Old Faithful Inn, October 2, 2014 (Pete Brown)
- Outreach: Montana Archaeological Society table, MEA/MFT Conference, Missoula, October 15-16, 2014 (Damon Murdo)
- Education: *The compliance process and function and role of SHPO*, Montana State Parks Heritage Parks Cultural Resource Training Workshop, Helena, October 22, 2014 (Stan Wilmoth)
- Education: *The National Register of Historic Places, site significance, and figuring out NR eligibility*, Montana State Parks Heritage Parks Cultural Resource Training Workshop, Helena, October 22, 2014 (Kate Hampton)
- Education: *Historic buildings, assessing integrity, and building standards*, Montana State Parks Heritage Parks Cultural Resource Training Workshop, Helena, October 22, 2014 (Pete Brown)
- Presentation: *Montana's Airway Beacon System*, Deer Lodge Rotary Club, Deer Lodge, December 17, 2014 (Kate Hampton)



- Education: *Section 106 compliance and Montana SHPO*, Montana Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) training workshops, Helena, Dec 16 and 17, 2014 (Pete Brown)

➤ Presentation: *What is SHPO?*, Historic Preservation seminar, University of Montana, Missoula, January 7, 2015 (Kate Hampton)

- Presentation (via Skype): *Historic Rehabilitation and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards*, Historic Preservation seminar, University of Montana, Missoula, January 7, 2015 (Pete Brown)
- Presentation: *Fossil Hunter: Ferdinand Hayden and the Rise of Paleontology in Montana*, Friends of the Montana Historical Society lecture series, Helena, January 21, 2015 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: Montana Historical Society Legislative Open House, January 21, 2015 (Mark Baumler)
- Education: Meeting/training for Montana Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality staff regarding cultural resource compliance and the Montana State Antiquities Act, Helena, January 22, 2015 (Damon Murdo)



- Outreach: 2015 Biennial Montana Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony, Myrna Loy Center, Helena, January 23, 2015
- Outreach: Montana Historical Society 150th Anniversary, Capitol rotunda displays, Helena, February 2, 2015

- Presentation: *Guiding Lights: Montana's Airway Beacon System*, Last Chance Corral of the Westerners, Helena, February 16, 2015 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *Guiding Lights: Montana's Airway Beacon System*, 2015 Montana Aviation Conference, Missoula, February 28, 2015 (Kate Hampton and Jon Axline)
- Outreach: Montana Archaeological Society 2015 Montana Archaeology Month poster mailing, *Illustrating Archaeology*, March 4, 2015 (N = 225)



- Outreach: Montana Historical Society Legislative Open House, March 11, 2015 (Mark Baumler)
- Presentation: *Helena's 6th Ward Historic Architecture*, AARP, Neighborhood Center, Helena, March 20, 2015 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: Governor's Conference

on Tourism, Montana Historical Society display, Red Lion Hotel, Helena, March 23, 2015 (Jessica Bush)

- Presentation: *Montana SHPO current activities*, Billings Preservation Roundtable, Billings, March 24, 2015 (Kate Hampton)
- Education: National History Day competition judge, Grades 6-12, Bozeman, March 28, 2015 (Jessica Bush)
- Presentation: *Studying Montana's Prehistory in the Bear Paws Mountains*, MHS Presence of the Past Program Series, Helena, April 9, 2015 (Jessica Bush)
- Outreach: *Mapping a legacy: New grant helps Montana Historical Society identify key African-American heritage sites*, by Marga Lincoln, Helena Independent Record, April 12, 2015 (front page)



- Presentation: *Mapping the Historic Susquehanna River: A Confluence of Place-based History, Archaeological Research, and GIS*, MHS Presence of the Past Program Series, Helena, April 16, 2015 (Steffany Meredyk)
- Education: Career Day, CR Anderson Middle School, Helena, May 21, 2015 (Damon Murdo)
- Presentation: *Butte's Architectural Styles*, Dust-to-Dazzle historic building projects open-house, Butte, June 27, 2015 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: *The Montana Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building, 1952*, MHS Hidden History Highlighted, Video 20, YouTube posting, July 13, 2015 (Steffany Meredyk) (<https://youtu.be/qAxHtLKieK8>)
- Presentation: *Guiding Lights: Montana's Airway Beacon System*, International Flying Farmers Association, Great Northern Conference Center, Helena, July 22, 2015 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: *Kate Hampton Destined to Find Real Montana*, MHS Society Star Staff Profile, Summer 2015, September 1, 2015 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *Helena's 6th Ward Architecture*, Helena Chapter of the AARP, Helena, September 8, 2015 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: *Quest for recognition: Montana wants Capitol complex on national register* (by Al Knauber) and *Capitol complex closer to being on register* (by Marga Lincoln), Helena Independent Record newspaper, September 14 and 20, 2015.
- Outreach: Supporting Sponsor of Montana Preservation Alliance 2015 Preservation Excellence Awards ceremony, Livingston, September 23, 2015 (Kate Hampton, attendee)
- Education: Montana CLG meeting, 42nd Annual Montana History Conference, Bozeman, September 24, 2015 (Kate Hampton, Organizer; Lisa Pocha and Anthony Woods, participants/presenters)
- Education: *Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits: A Case Study of the Modern Hotel, Whitehall*, Montana Downtown Conference, Kalispell, September 24, 2015 (Pete Brown)

