

IV. PROGRAM AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduction

Despite Montana's vastness, or perhaps because of it, a tremendous network of individuals, organizations and agencies sharing historic preservation information has developed. This chapter identifies many in that network that can assist preservation efforts by providing information in the context of established programs, by making referrals to others who might be able to help, or by simply sharing their own experiences and observations. The information is not all-inclusive in this directory. Directory users who know of other sources of assistance and/or have corrections are urged to call the Montana State Historic Preservation Office (406) 444-7715.

The Montana Historical Society

The Montana Historical Society was established as a non-profit organization, sustained by memberships, various earned income activities (sales, admissions), and philanthropic contributions. The Society is also a department of the state government and as such, provides technical assistance and other support in various areas of expertise. These include museum management, an extensive library and archives, a publications program, a museum facility and a bookstore. They also provide specific sources of information to agencies of state and local government and to the public. The Society maintains technical assistance in historic preservation and this information can be found within the State Historic Preservation Office or by contacting the Montana Historic Preservation Review Board.

The State Historic Preservation Office

Under the National Historic Preservation Acts of 1966, states were given certain responsibilities regarding the provisions of the Act. In each state, these responsibilities have been typically assigned to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). In Montana, SHPO is a program within the Montana Historical Society. The staff includes those persons with expertise in the fields of history, historical architecture, architectural history, archaeology and public administration. The SHPO provides assistance in a variety of areas including the following:

➤ ***The National Register of Historic Places***

The SHPO provides information on National Register properties and what it means to have a property listed in the National Register, criteria for listing and also staff assistance with the preparation and review of nominations.

➤ ***Historic Building Maintenance and Rehabilitation***

The SHPO historic architects are available to answer questions and provide some on site assistance regarding the maintenance and rehabilitation of older buildings, homes, businesses and public buildings. Assistance is available on how to address issues such as energy conservation and handicapped accessibility.

➤ ***Archaeological Sites and Research***

SHPO archaeologists can assist in determining the significance of prehistoric sites and in identifying methods for preservation.

➤ ***Tax Incentives for Preservation***

Information is available on tax incentives for preservation projects, available through state and federal guidelines for those interested in pursuing these benefits.

➤ ***Community Surveys***

The SHPO provides technical and financial assistance to communities interested in conducting surveys of their area's historic and archaeological resources. Surveys are often the first step in identifying properties and districts that are significant in local, state and national history.

➤ ***The PLACES Program (Peoples, Lands and Cultural Environments)***

The SHPO is conducting historical and archaeological research relating to the land, the history of human interaction with the landscape and the resources that have been left or affected. This effort will provide a more multi-disciplinary approach to historic preservation in the state.

➤ ***National Register Signs***

Sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible to acquire a special National Register sign specifically designed for sites in Montana. A portion of the Montana accommodation tax subsidizes the cost of the sign that may be purchased by the property owner at a reasonable cost.

➤ ***Local Government and Grant Assistance***

The SHPO offers assistance to local governments in developing preservation programs. This includes support for local preservation commissions through the Certified Local Government Program.

➤ ***State and Federal Agency Responsibilities***

The SHPO provides information regarding the procedures that state and federal agencies must follow to consider historic and archaeological resources in their activities and programs.

➤ ***Preservation Education***

The SHPO offers a number of publications including newsletters, planning bulletins and technical leaflets published by the National Park Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The SHPO provides assistance in the development of preservation education programs and the SHPO staff is available to make presentations to schools, civic groups and historical societies.

For more information on SHPO services, contact:

MONTANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
1410 8TH AVENUE-PO BOX 201202
HELENA MT 59620-1202
PHONE: (406) 444-7715

The Montana Historic Preservation Review Board

The Historic Preservation Review Board is comprised of preservation professionals and interested citizens appointed by the Governor for four year terms. The board reviews nominations to the National Register and makes recommendations to the National Park Service regarding their findings. Individual members of the board may be contacted for information and referrals. They are listed below:

www.montanahistoricalsociety.com/shpo/register/ReviewBoard.pdf

Certified Local Government Program

A number of communities in the state are participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program. These communities have local preservation officers and commissions who can provide technical assistance in historic preservation and make referrals where necessary. Following is a list of CLG communities and a contact person for each CLG area:

www.montanahistoricalsociety.com/shpo/clglist.htm

Universities and Colleges

Montana's universities, colleges, community colleges and other educational institutions can provide assistance in preservation depending on the interest of their faculty and their areas of specialization. Often assistance can be found within specific departments including Native American studies, archaeology, history, architecture, civil engineering, construction, land use planning, anthropology and art history. In addition, the University System has special placement programs that direct student interns to projects through each department's individual intern program. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Cooperative Education Program or a particular department chairperson at the university or college in your area.

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Many of Montana's state parks include a variety of heritage resources. One example is Bannack, Montana's first territorial capital and a National Historic Landmark District, which is a State Park. The personnel of the state parks develop interpretive and preservation plans for sites under their jurisdiction and often participate in local and regional efforts to preserve, develop and interpret historic and prehistoric sites. For further information, contact:

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS
1420 E. SIXTH AVE. PO BOX 200701
HELENA MT 59620-0701
PHONE: (406) 444-3750 OR 444-2535

National Park Service

Responsible for the general administration of the nation's historic preservation program, the National Park Service published technical brochures and other materials and periodic technical briefing documents including *Cultural Resources Management and Preservation Briefs*. Additional information regarding NPS publications can be obtained through the State Historical Preservation Office in Helena.

The National Park Service maintains a number of sites in Montana, including the Grant-Kohrs Ranch, Nez Perce National Historic Park (the Big Hole Battlefield, Bear's Paw and Canyon Creek sites), the Little Big Horn, the Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area, and Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. The NPS staff at these sites are often available to provide technical assistance to communities in areas of preservation, collections handling and interpretation. For technical assistance contact:

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTER
12795 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY
PO BOX 25287
DENVER CO 80225-0275
PHONE: (303) 969-2975

GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH NHS
SUPERINTENDENT: DARLENE KOONTZ
PO BOX 790
DEER LODGE MT 59722

LITTLE BIG HORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT
PO BOX 39
CROW AGENCY MT 59022
PHONE: (406) 638-2621

SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL HOLM
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
WEST GLACIER MT 59936

SUZANNE LEWIS, SUPERINTENDENT
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
YELLOWSTONE NP WY 82190

THE BIG HORN CANYON NATIONAL
RECREATION AREA
PO BOX 458
FORT SMITH MT 59035

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK
36063 US Highway 95
Spaulding ID 83540

INCLUDES THESE SITES:

BEAR'S PAW
CANYON CREEK FIGHT SITE
& THE BIG HOLE
PO BOX 237
WISDOM MT 59761

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation advises the President, Congress, various government agencies and members of the public on ways to further the national commitment to historic preservation. The Council is particularly responsible for addressing the adverse effects of federal undertakings on historic resources under Section 106 and Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The Council coordinates federal government activities to assure that preservation objectives are duly considered in decision making. The Council is made up of members who represent different disciplines and regions of the United States. Questions directed to the Council are typically those related to federal undertakings and historic preservation. Contact also can be made through the Montana State Historic Preservation Office.

MR. ALAN STANFILL, DIRECTOR
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
WESTERN OFFICE OF PLANNING AND REVIEW
12136 W. BAYAUD AVENUE, SUITE 330
LAKEWOOD CO 80228
PHONE: (303) 969-5110
FAX: (303) 969-5115

CAROL GLEICHMAN, PROGRAM ANALYST-ACHP
same address and phone numbers as above.

Public Land Management Agencies

Information and technical assistance in historic preservation is also available through those agencies that are responsible for the management of public lands (see Chapter III). In many areas of Montana, state and federal governments are the principal landowners and the many historic and archaeological resources located on these public lands are under their direct management and protection. Following is a listing of major state and federal land management agencies that have staff who deal day-to-day with historic preservation issues. Many of the contacts listed can also provide information on permitting procedures associated with activities that take place on public lands.

State Land Management Agency Contacts

Montana Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

PATRICK RENNIE, LANDS DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
1625 ELEVENTH AVENUE, PO BOX 201601
HELENA MT 59620-1601
PHONE: (406) 444-2882

Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

JON AXLINE, HISTORIAN
2701 PROSPECT AVENUE
PO BOX 201001
HELENA MT 59620-1001
PHONE: (406) 444-0455

STEVE PLATT, ARCHAEOLOGIST
2701 PROSPECT AVENUE
PO BOX 201001
HELENA MT 59620-1001
PHONE: (406) 444-6258

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

DOUG MONGER
1420 E. SIXTH AVENUE,
PO BOX 200701
HELENA MT 59620-0701
PHONE: (406) 444-3750

Federal Land Management Agency Contacts

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

MARVIN KELLER
316 N. 26TH STREET
BILLINGS MT 59103
PHONE: (406) 247-7911
FAX: (406) 247-7976

CHARLES JAMES, II
PORTLAND AREA OFFICE
911 NE 11TH AVENUE
PORTLAND OR 97232
PHONE: (503) 231-2326

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

GARY SMITH
MONTANA STATE OFFICE
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
5001 SOUTHGATE DRIVE
BILLINGS MT 59101
PHONE: (406) 896-5000

DAVID K. WADE, CURATOR
BLM BILLINGS CURATION CENTER
5001 SOUTHGATE DRIVE
BILLINGS MT 59101
PHONE: (406) 896-5213

For special BLM District or Resource Area information, contact:

CARRIE HOFF
BUTTE FIELD OFFICE
PO BOX 3388
BUTTE MT 59701
PHONE: (406) 494-5059
FAX:(406) 494-3474

ZANE FULBRIGHT
LEWISTOWN FIELD OFFICE
AIRPORT ROAD
LEWISTOWN MT 59457
PHONE: (406) 538-7461
FAX: (406) 538-7463

MARIA GARCIA CRAIG
MISSOULA FIELD OFFICE
3255 FORT MISSOULA
MISSOULA MT 59804
PHONE: (406) 329-1058

JODY MILLER
MALTA FIELD OFFICE
PO BOX B
MALTA MT 59538
PHONE: (406) 654-1240
FAX: (406) 654-1241

WILL HUBBELL
MILES CITY FIELD OFFICE
111 GARRYOWENS RD.
MILES CITY MT 59301
PHONE: (406) 233-2848

DOUG MELTON
MILES CITY FIELD OFFICE
111 GARRYOWENS RD
MILES CITY MT 59301

MICHAEL KYTE
BILLINGS FIELD OFFICE
PO BOX 36800
BILLINGS MT 59107-6800
PHONE: (406) 238-1540

GERRY CLARK
GREAT FALLS FIELD STATION
1101 15TH ST. NORTH
GREAT FALLS MT 59401- 1203
PHONE: (406) 727-0503

JASON STRAHL
DILLON FIELD OFFICE
1005 SELWAY DRIVE
DILLON MT 59725
PHONE: (406) 683-2337

BARRY WILLIAMS
DICKINSON DISTRICT BLM
2933 THIRD AVENUE W
DICKINSON ND 58691
PHONE: (701) 225-9148

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

East of the Continental Divide

The Montana Area Office has jurisdiction over the Bureau of Reclamation lands east of the Continental Divide. Please direct inquiries to:

WILLIAM VINCENT, ARCHAEOLOGIST
PO BOX 30137
BILLINGS MT 59107-0137
PHONE: (406) 247-7329
FAX: (406) 247-7338
E-MAIL: wvincent@gp.usbr.gov

The Bureau of Reclamation Great Plains Regional Office in Billings also maintains a Resource Management Services Group, with archaeologists providing support at the request of area offices throughout the Great Plains region. For information, contact:

BRAD COUTANT
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
GREAT PLAINS REGION
PO BOX 36900
BILLINGS MT 59107-6900
PHONE: (406) 247-7722

West of the Continental Divide

West of the Continental Divide in Montana, jurisdiction over reclamation land and facilities lies with the Pacific Northwest Regional Office in Boise, Idaho. For information about the area contact:

LYNN MACDONALD, ARCHAEOLOGIST
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION, PN-6511
1150 N. CURTIS ROAD
BOISE ID 83706
PHONE: (208) 378-5316

U.S.D. A. Forest Service (FS)

MICHAEL BECKES, REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGIST
US FOREST SERVICE
REGION 1-PO BOX 7669
FEDERAL BUILDING
MISSOULA MT 59807
PHONE: (406) 329-3654
FAX: (406) 329-3132

For specific Forest Service information, contact:

MARK SANT
BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
420 BARRETT STREET
DILLON MT 59725
PHONE: (406) 683-3900
FAX: (406) 683-3925

MARY WILLIAMS
BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST
1801 N. FIRST STREET
HAMILTON MT 59840
PHONE: (406) 363-7183
FAX: (406) 363-3131

HALCYON LAPOINT
CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST
1310 MAIN STREET
BILLINGS MT 59105-1786
PHONE: (406) 657-6200
FAX: (406) 657-6222

TIM LIGHT
FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
1935 THIRD AVENUE EAST
KALISPELL MT 59901
PHONE: (406) 758-5258
FAX: (406) 758-5393

WALT ALLEN
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
3710 FALLON STREET-SUITE C
BOZEMAN MT 59718
PHONE: (406) 522-2533

CARL DAVIS
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
2880 SKYWAY DRIVE
HELENA MT 59601
PHONE: (406) 449-5201, EXT.280
FAX: (406) 449-5436

BECKY TIMMONS
KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST
1101 U.S. HIGHWAY 2 W
LIBBY MT 59923
PHONE: (406) 293-6211

SANDRA MORRIS FRENCH
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST
PO BOX 869
GREAT FALLS MT 59403
PHONE: (406) 791-7742

MILO MCLEOD
LOLO NATIONAL FOREST
FORT MISSOULA BUILDING #24
MISSOULA MT 59801
PHONE: (406) 329-3853
FAX: (406) 329-3795

Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Preservation Office

MARCIA PABLO, TRIBAL PRESERVATION OFFICER
CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBAL PRESERVATION OFFICE
P.O. BOX 278
PABLO MT 59855
PHONE: (406) 675-2700

Montana Tribal Cultural Contacts

Cultural Committee contacts for Montana and neighboring tribes are listed below. These individuals can provide extensive information on a variety of Indian cultural resources, traditions, language and other aspects of Native culture. They are the principle contact for anyone wishing to work on projects on tribal lands or on Indian related sites throughout the state.

Tribal Culture Committees/THPO

www.montanahistoricalsociety.com/shpo/THPOS.pdf

NATIONAL NON-PROFIT AND OTHER Private Organizations

The National Trust for Historic Preservation

A national non-profit organization chartered by Congress, the National Trust for Historic Preservation encourages public participation in the preservation of sites, buildings and objects significant in American history and culture. The Trust is headquartered in Washington, D. C., and maintains six regional offices throughout the United States. Regional office staffs make field visits, give technical and financial assistance and act as the point of contact for preservation organizations and agencies in their regions. In addition to their loan and grant programs described in Chapter III, the Dollars for Preservation Act, the Trust also has a publications department, *The Preservation Press*, that provides information on a number of historic preservation topics. The Trust offers a variety of seminars and conferences including its annual convention on diverse topics related to site preservation, heritage tourism, rural and urban preservation challenges and the Main Street revitalization. The Preservation Forum is a program that offers continuing education and technical information through a series of publications made available to forum members. For additional information on the National Trust, contact:

MOUNTAIN/PLAINS REGIONAL OFFICE
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
910 16TH STREET, SUITE 1100
DENVER CO 80202
PHONE: (303) 623-1504
CONTACT: ROBERT NIEWEG

Preservation Action

Preservation Action is the principal lobbying organization on behalf of historic preservation in the United States. They primarily work with national legislation that affects historic preservation and associated activities. Areas of concern include tax incentives for preservation, rehabilitation of historic public infrastructure and job creation associated with historic preservation projects.

PRESERVATION ACTION
SUSAN WEST MONTGOMERY, PRESIDENT
1054 31ST STREET, NW SUITE 526
WASHINGTON D C 20007
PHONE: (202) 659-0915
FAX: (202) 659-0189
E-mail: mail@preservationaction.org

Preservation Law Reporter

The Preservation Law Reporter is the primary source on preservation law. It contains information on federal, state and local laws, reports on recent legislation developments, comprehensive model ordinances and easement provisions, and discussions on the issues by a variety of preservation experts. Information may be obtained by contacting:

THE PRESERVATION LAW REPORTER
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
1785 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE- NW
WASHINGTON D. C. 20036
PHONE: (202) 673-4035

Montana Non-Profit Organizations and Associations

Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)

The Montana Preservation Alliance is a statewide non-profit organization incorporated in 1987. MPA speaks on behalf of preservation at the local and federal levels and provides information on programs that provide protection and preservation incentives for historic buildings and sites. The group publishes a newsletter on a periodic basis that highlights current issues related to preservation across Montana.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

MONTANA PRESERVATION ALLIANCE
PO BOX 1872
BOZEMAN MT 59771

Montana Archaeological Society

The Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) is a non-profit association of avocational and professional archaeologists organized for the purposes of advancing the goals of archaeology in the state of Montana. The organization encourages a bond between professionals and nonprofessionals in the field of archaeology and works toward the preservation and conservation of the prehistoric and historic archaeology of the state.

The organization publishes a journal, *Archaeology in Montana*, and a newsletter. Membership in the MAS is available through the treasurer.

MONTANA ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY
PO BOX 2123
BILLINGS MT 59103
PHONE: (406) 247-7722

Montana Ghost Town Preservation Society

The Ghost Town Preservation Society is interested in the preservation and interpretation of Montana's ghost towns. The Society publishes the *Montana Ghost Town Quarterly*, a newsletter for members. For further information, contact:

MONTANA GHOST TOWN PRESERVATION SOCIETY
PO BOX 1861
BOZEMAN MT 59715
NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JOHN N. DEHAAS

Society for Industrial Archaeology, Frank Klepetko Chapter

The Society for Industrial Archaeology is a national organization dedicated the exploration of America's industrial heritage. The Frank Klepetko Chapter is the branch of the organization located in Montana. The Chapter conducts semi-annual tours of industrial locations important in Montana's history and also publishes a periodic newsletter for its members. Further information may be obtained from:

BRIAN SHOVERS, PRESIDENT
MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
225 N. ROBERTS, PO BOX 201201
HELENA MT 59620
PHONE: (406) 444-2681

Museums Association of Montana (MAM)

The Museums Association of Montana (MAM) promotes professionalism and cooperation among the museums of Montana. MAM is an organization of museums, historic homes, historic sites and individuals who are interested in improving and strengthening Montana's museums and cultural organizations.

For further information, contact:

MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA
C/O MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
PO BOX 201201
HELENA MT 59620-1201

Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

The Montana Association of Planners (MAP), is the professional organization which represents Montana's planning community. The organization includes city-county planners, community development specialists, agency planners and others interested in issues related to land use. MAP is an affiliate of the Western Planner, a western planning organization that addresses a variety of planning issues, including historic preservation in the west. The organization prints a periodic newsletter and holds an annual conference. For information contact:

ELLEN WOODBURY
PARK COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
414 E CALENDER
LIVINGSTON MT 59047
PHONE: (406) 222-4144

Montana Easement Holding Organizations

At this time, there are no organizations in Montana limited to the acquisition and management of historic preservation easements. However, from time to time, organizations that are chartered to acquire and manage easements for wildlife, open space and watershed values have accepted easement donations on cultural resources. This typically occurs when the cultural resources are located on properties having these natural resource values. For example, an easement on agricultural land may include an historic ranch house, an archaeological site or a heritage landscape. Further information may be obtained by contacting:

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
32 S EWING
HELENA MT 59601
PHONE: (406) 443-0303

MONTANA LAND RELIANCE
107 W LAWRENCE
HELENA MT 59601
PHONE: (406) 443-7027

Easements may also be held by individual local governments and by agencies of state government, particularly the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Montana Historical Society. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management and the U. S. Forest Service have the ability to hold easements. Specific information on historic preservation easements is also available through the State Historic Preservation Office.