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**Historical Society**

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Dear Colleagues:

This notification is to inform you that in January 2022, the Montana Historical Society Board of Directors approved a restructuring of the fees that the Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) charges for providing cultural resource information from the Montana Cultural Resource Database. The new fees will be more consistent with neighboring states and the expectations of consultants, while also responding to the increasing costs associated with storing large quantities of digital data.

Effective July 1, 2022, the fee for File Searches will increase from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per section. This increased fee includes site forms, inventory reports, and GIS data available upon request at no additional charge.

Please note that, though included in the increased File Search fee, site forms, inventory reports, and GIS data must still be requested using the *Data Request Form* and will not be provided automatically with a file search. A la carte fees for these items are listed below. Digital data will be emailed or uploaded to the State of Montana File Transfer Service depending on file sizes. Updated *File Search Request* and *Data Request* forms will be available on our website starting July 1, 2022.

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New Fee Schedule

File Searches

\$35 / section

Site Form Copies

\$5 / site form without a file search

GIS Shape Files

\$5 / polygon without a file search

Inventory Report Copies

\$1 / MB of data without a file search

Thank you for your continued support of the Montana Cultural Resource Database. For questions on the new fee structure, please contact me at [dmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:dmurdo@mt.gov) or by phone at 406-444-7767.

Thanks,

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