

The Montana Department of Corrections
Biennial Report on Heritage Properties
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Report to the Montana Preservation Review Board

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Executive Summary

The Department of Corrections presents this biennial report, May 2014, to the Montana Preservation Review Board as required by 22-3-424(4), MCA: an act requiring state agencies and the Montana University System to biennially report to the Preservation Review Board on the status and maintenance needs of agency heritage properties.”

This statute outlines five reporting requirements state agencies must include in their report to the Preservation Board:

- A. A list of heritage properties managed by the agencies as those properties have been identified pursuant to this section
- B. The status and condition of each heritage property
- C. The stewardship efforts in which the agencies have engaged to maintain each heritage property and the cost of those activities
- D. A prioritized list of the maintenance needs for the properties
- E. A record of the agencies compliance with subsections 22-3-424(1) and (2)

The Department of Corrections has three identified heritage properties, one of which is a heritage district.

A. A list of the heritage properties managed by the agencies as those properties have been identified pursuant to 22-3-424 (4), MCA

- **24CR0667** – Pine Hills School Gymnasium, Miles City, MT
- **24PW0360** – Montana State Prison Brickyard Historic District, Deer Lodge, MT
- **24PW0373** – Old Montana Territorial Prison, Deer Lodge, MT

In addition, the Department has identified that are believed to be eligible to be included on the National Register of Historic Places

- **Montana Correctional Enterprise Ranch 2 Stone Barn** – Dempsey Creek Road, Deer Lodge, MT
- **Conley Lake House and Lodge** – Conley Lake Road, Deer Lodge, MT

B. The status and condition of each heritage property

- **Pine Hills School Gymnasium** – This status of this property is endangered and the condition is poor. The building was turned over to Custer County in the late 1990’s by the Division Administrator at that time. The current DOC Administration did not have knowledge of this property being designated as a heritage property. The property is still standing but has been inhabited by pigeons, mice and other vermin. It is believed that the structure is not in use by Custer County as this time.

- **Montana State Prison Brickyard Historic District** – The buildings in this historic district are no longer in existence, therefore, the condition is failed. The beehive kilns and stack were torn down in the early 2000's as they were a hazard and liability to the DOC. All buildings were in poor condition and the brick structures were falling down. Community children were playing in and around the area and there was concern that there would be an accident. The DOC did not have knowledge of this property being designated as a heritage property.
- **Old Montana Territorial Prison** – The status and condition of this property is between fair and good. The building is continually monitored for needed repairs and ongoing maintenance. The property is part of the Old Prison Complex which was leased to the Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation (Heritage Property Lessee) in 1994. (See Attachment A)

C. The stewardship efforts in which the agencies have engaged to maintain each heritage property and cost of those activities

DOC has not directly been involved with stewardship efforts of the only remaining heritage property, the Old Montana Territorial Prison, as the Heritage Property Lessee has the full responsibility of repair and maintenance as outlined in section 5 of Attachment A.

D. A prioritized list of the maintenance needs for the properties

The Heritage Property Lessee maintains a prioritized list of maintenance and repair needs for the Old Montana Territorial Prison. If this list is needed, it can be provided.

E. A record of the agencies' compliance with subsections 22-3-424 (1) and (2)

DOC does not maintain control of the repair and maintenance of the property. It is unknown whether the Lessee has conferred with the Montana Historical Society regarding this property, pursuant to the above statutes.