

THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
BIENNIAL REPORT ON HERITAGE  
PROPERTIES

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*REPORT TO THE MONTANA PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
FOR 2010-2011*



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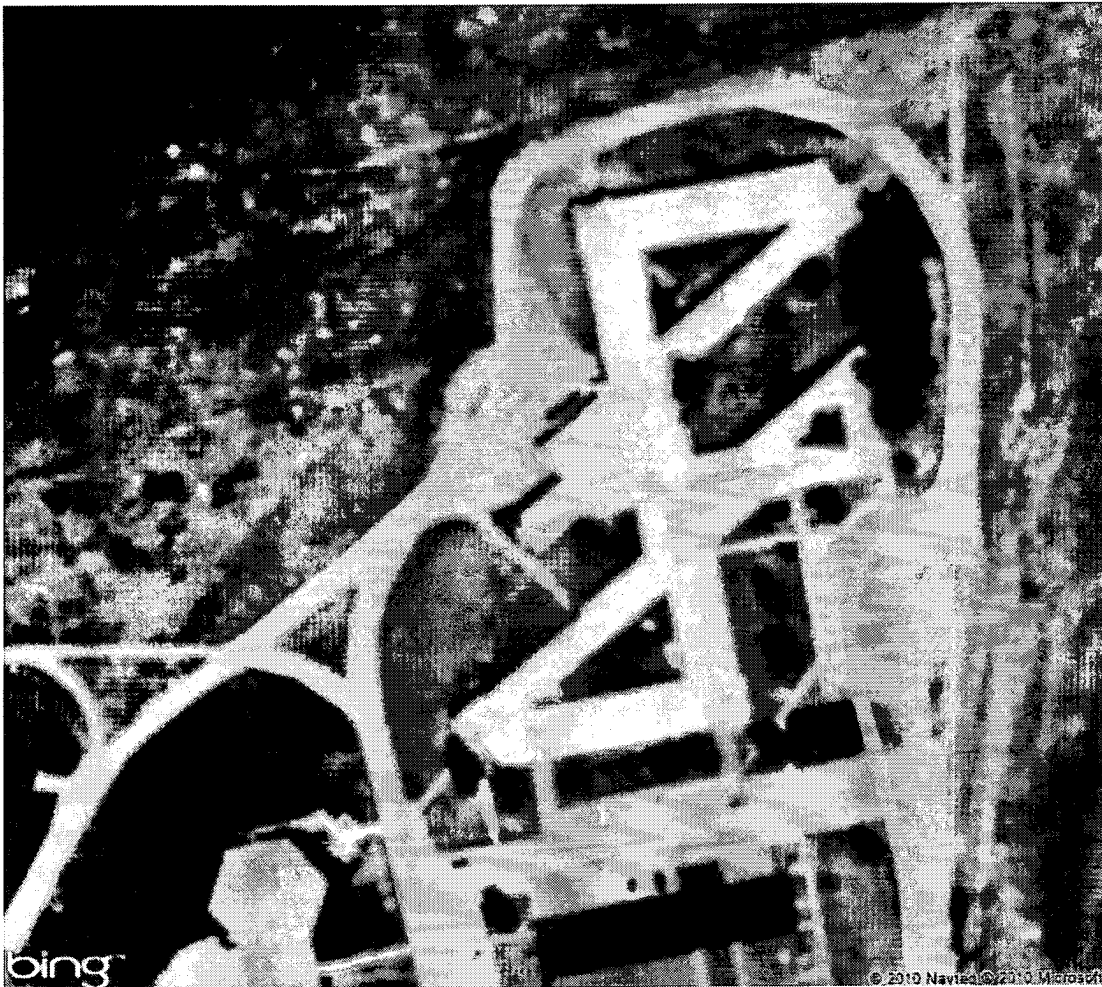
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## **A. List of the heritage properties managed by the agency**

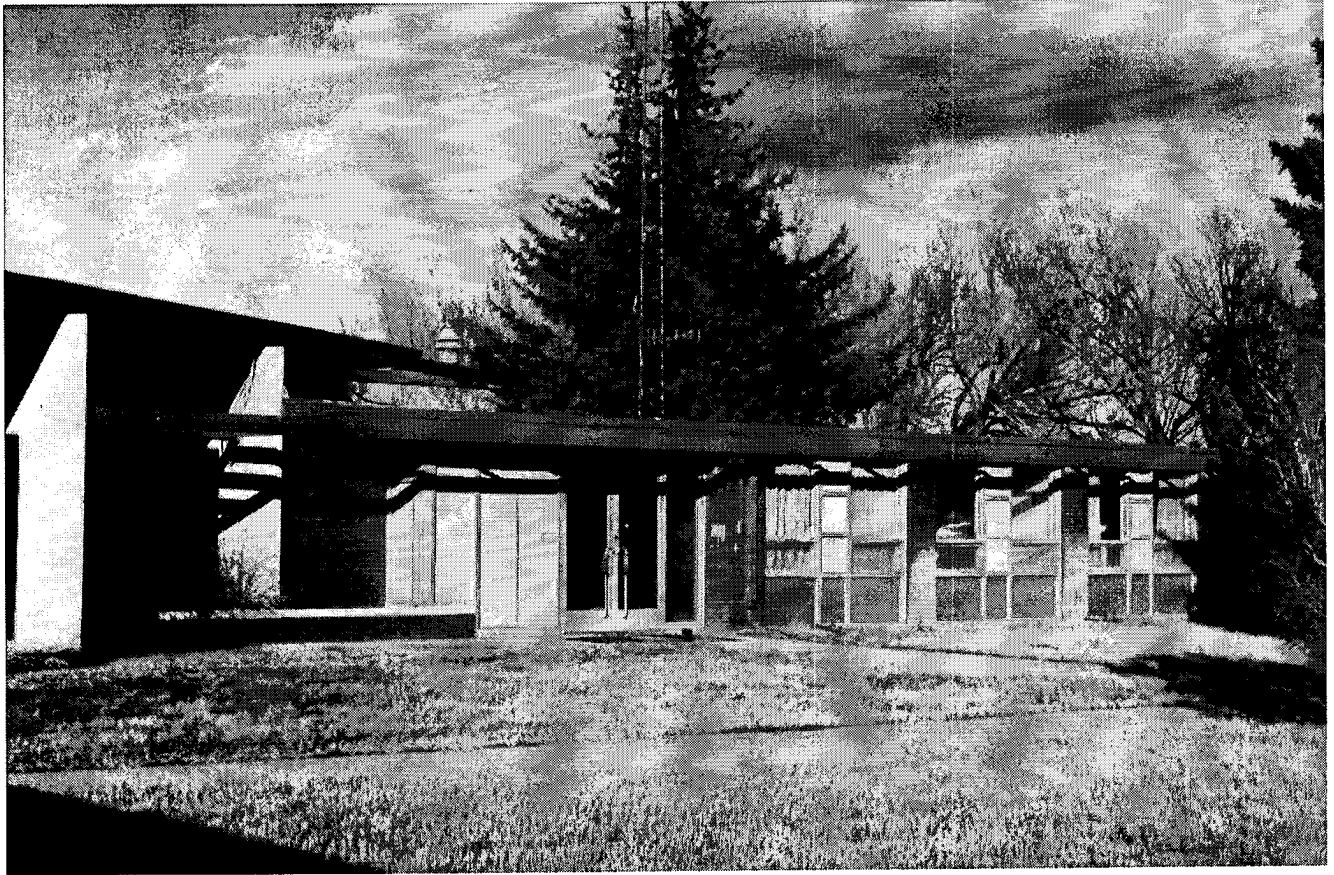
The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services has three state-owned heritage properties that fall under our stewardship.

### *MT State Hospital – Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) 24DL0784*

The MT State Hospital Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) is located at Warm Springs, MT and is 63,033 square feet. In October 1954, the Montana Board of Examiners approved plans for a new receiving hospital and treatment building, prior to the passage of a bond, which required approval by Montana voters. Once that was approved, bids were received in 1956 and construction began in 1957. The dedication for the facility was held in August 1959. Forty years later the hospital was slated to be renovated, but the project was called off in December 2009 by the governor as a cost-savings measure. The halting of the renovation would save \$4,500,000. The building now stands vacant and has been allowed to deteriorate.<sup>1</sup>



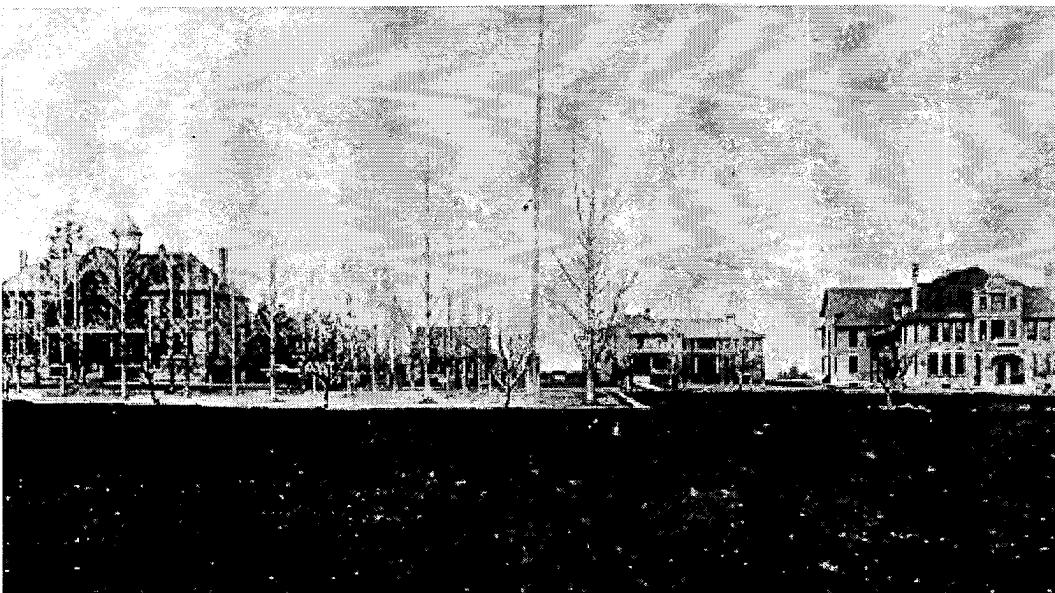
Arial view of the Montana State Hospital Receiving Hospital



Main entry, south façade, central east wing

*Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD 24FH0356*

This facility was erected in 1895 for the service of soldiers and occupies 147 acres just south of Columbia Falls.



### *Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) 24JF0496*

The Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) has been on the Register of Historic Places since May, 1985 and is located in Boulder, Montana. The placard reads:

Montana pledged its commitment to children with disabilities in 1887 when Territorial Governor Preston Leslie requested funds for a Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum. Its title, although shocking by today's standards, reflects accepted nineteenth-century terminology and attitudes. Upon statehood in 1889, Congress granted Montana 50,000 acres of land to raise funds for the school. The 1893 legislature provided operating expenses and chose Boulder as the site. Students attended classes in a private home while the school built this first campus building, begun in 1896 and completed in 1898. Despite its formidable name, the school offered innovative college-preparatory instruction and training for deaf and blind youth. In 1903, the state legislature changed the name to the Montana School for the Deaf and Dumb, thereby acknowledging that it was not an "asylum," but rather a public school for children with special needs. By 1915, additional buildings increased the campus capacity to 200 students, who ranged from ages 5 to 20. By this time its mission had expanded to include educating developmentally disabled youth. Until the 1930s, this building served numerous purposes as the center of activities, housing for students and staff, and dining rooms. Blind students learned various manual industries and deaf students learned lip-reading in addition to the usual public school curriculum. The school also offered an extensive music program. State architect John C. Paulsen designed the building of local brick and granite, appropriately trimmed in Montana copper. The blending of Italianate and Renaissance revival styles, and its long institutional service, mark this Boulder landmark as a state milestone.<sup>2</sup>

### *Galen State Hospital 24DL0289*

The Galen State Hospital is no longer a state-owned property as of 1999.

## **B. The status and condition of each heritage property**

The Montana State Hospital Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) is considered Endangered and in poor condition. In 2008, there was an appropriation of \$4,500,000 to renovate the Receiving Hospital. Consultants told us the project was attainable, but the project would likely result in many years of ongoing costs as the building has numerous challenges including broken sewer lines, a failing heating system, structural flaws and other issues. It was estimated that the project would exceed the appropriation by approximately \$2,500,000 and was agreed that a significant investment in the Receiving Hospital was not in the best interest of the tax payer at the time because we did not have funding to complete the project. It was decided to abandon all plans for restoration.

The Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD is satisfactory and in good condition. The Chapel building and Superintendent's Residence are satisfactory as they have received regular routine maintenance and the Old Main status is watch due to no maintenance being performed.

The Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) is satisfactory and in fair condition. It is vacant and quite run down.

### **C. Stewardship efforts and costs**

The Montana State Hospital Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) has had no efforts undertaken to improve the status and condition/historic integrity in the past 2 years. It was considered too costly to pursue.

The Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD has had regular routine maintenance efforts to improve the status and condition/historic integrity of the property. In the past 2 years there has been a kitchen remodel for \$4,500, maintenance of a handrail and door for \$600, new gutters for \$1,000, repair of the front and back porch and foundation for \$10,000, painting of the interior and exterior for \$7,000, and some electrical upgrades, plaster and paint that totaled \$5,000. Total costs of stewardship efforts for this property is around \$28,100.

The Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) has had no efforts undertaken to improve the status and condition/historic integrity in the past 2 years.

### **D. Prioritized list of maintenance needs for the properties**

The Montana State Hospital Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) needs over \$7,000,000 of maintenance to renovate. This will not be done unless money is available.

The Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD needs continued routine maintenance to keep the property in safe working order. This will continue to be done as needed.

The Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) has no current needs for maintenance.

### **E. Record of compliance with subsections MCA 22-3-424 (1) and (2)**

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services has not adopted administrative rules to implement the Montana State Antiquities Act (22-3-424), however does act in compliance with rules adopted under 22-3-423.

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services did not have any proposed project/undertaking consultations that occurred with the State Historical Preservation Office, pursuant to 22-3-424 during the reporting period.

It is not currently known how many undocumented or unevaluated historical sites the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services owns. When they are discovered, documented and evaluated, they will be dealt with under the Montana Antiquities Act guidelines.

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services biggest challenge in identifying, evaluating, and protecting state-owned heritage properties is balancing the needs to meet the Agency's mission and to preserve heritage properties when possible and finding the funding to do so.

## Summary Table

Property #	Property Name	Status	Condition	Total Cost of Stewardship Efforts	Priority for Preservation Needs
24DL0784	MT State Hospital-Receiving Hospital (Post WWII)	Satisfactory	Fair	\$ -	5
24FH0356	Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD	Endangered	Poor	\$ 28,100.00	1
24JF0496	Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall)	Satisfactory	Good	\$ -	5

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## MONTANA STATE-OWNED HERITAGE PROPERTY REPORTING FORM

**Property Number** (e.g 24YL0001): 24DL0784 (# obtained from SHPO upon receipt of site form)

**Property Name:** MT State Hospital-Receiving Hospital (Post WWII)

**Property Town/Vicinity of:** Warm Springs, MT 59756

**Property Date** (Year of Origin/Construction or "Precontact") 1960

**State Agency** (Choose One): DPHHS

**Reporting Cycle Year:** 2011 (e.g. 2011; 2013; 2015, etc)

**Property Type** (Choose One): Historic

**Property Count** (#): \_\_\_ District 1 Building(s) \_\_\_ Structure(s) \_\_\_ Site(s) \_\_\_ Object(s)

**Status** (Choose one): Endangered

**Comment:**

This was not one of the original buildings on campus. It has been replaced by a similar building in 2000 for hospital use.

**Condition/Integrity** (Choose One): Poor

**Comment:**

This building has not had heat in it since the spring of 2010 due to gas leaks in the boilers. The outside is deteriorating, as is the roof and the interior. It has structural damage, broken sewer lines, and other significant maintenance issues.

**Stewardship Effort and Cost** (Enter all that apply in past 2 years)

\$ \_\_\_ Heritage Restoration/Rehabilitation/Preservation project activity (SOI standards)

\$ \_\_\_ Heritage Research/Documentation project activity

\$ \_\_\_ Heritage Interpretation/Education/Awareness project activity

\$ \_\_\_ Heritage Promotion/Tourism/Marketing project activity

\$ \_\_\_ Heritage Preservation/Conservation Plan Development

\$ \_\_\_ Regular/routine maintenance

\$ \_\_\_ Monitoring (reported upon)

\$ \_\_\_ Project designed/redesigned to avoid adverse effect to property's heritage values

\$ \_\_\_ Other heritage stewardship effort/activity (Explain)

**Comment:**

In 2008, there was an appropriation of \$4.5 million to renovate the Receiving Hospital. Consultants told us the project was attainable, but the project would likely result in many years of ongoing costs as the building has numerous challenges including broken sewer lines, a failing heating system, structural flaw and other issues. It was estimated that the project would exceed the appropriation by approximately \$2.5 million. April 23, 2008 in a meeting attended by Budget Director David Ewer, Director of DPHHS Joan Miles, Director of Correction Mike Ferriter and others present agreed that a significant investment in the Receiving Hospital was not in the best interest of the tax payer at this time when we did not have funding to complete the project. It was decided to abandon all plans for restoration.



**Prioritized Preservation Maintenance Needs (to correct deficiencies identified above under Condition/Integrity)**

Rank property need among all agency heritage properties:

Highest (1 = top 20%) to Lowest (5 = bottom 20%) = 5 (1-5)

Comment: List prioritized property-specific preservation maintenance needs -

**Other Comment:**

**Reported by (Name):** Tracey Thun, MSH Chief Fiscal Officer **Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** 02/06/2012

Optional: Send photo(s) labeled with Property Number

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**MONTANA STATE-OWNED HERITAGE PROPERTY REPORTING FORM**

**Property Number** (e.g 24YL0001): 24FH0356 (# obtained from SHPO upon receipt of site form)

**Property Name:** Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD

**Property Town/Vicinity of:** Columbia Falls

**Property Date** (Year of Origin/Construction or "Precontact") 1895

**State Agency** (Choose One): DPHHS

**Reporting Cycle Year:** 2011 (e.g. 2011; 2013; 2015, etc)

**Property Type** (Choose One): Historic

**Property Count** (#): 1 District 2 Building(s) 1 Structure(s)     Site(s)     Object(s)

**Status** (Choose one): Satisfactory

**Comment:**

Buildings: Chapel building and Superintendent's Residence are satisfactory.  
Structure: Old Main's status is watch.

**Condition/Integrity** (Choose One): Good

**Comment:**

Chapel building Superintendent's Residence are good by definition.  
Old Main is fair.

**Stewardship Effort and Cost** (Enter all that apply in past 2 years)

- \$     Heritage Restoration/Rehabilitation/Preservation project activity (SOI standards)
- \$     Heritage Research/Documentation project activity
- \$     Heritage Interpretation/Education/Awareness project activity
- \$     Heritage Promotion/Tourism/Marketing project activity
- \$     Heritage Preservation/Conservation Plan Development
- \$ 1 Regular/routine maintenance
- \$     Monitoring (reported upon)
- \$     Project designed/redesigned to avoid adverse effect to property's heritage values
- \$     Other heritage stewardship effort/activity (Explain)

**Comment:**

Chapel building and Superintendent's Residence have received regular/routine maintenance.  
Old Main none.

**Prioritized Preservation Maintenance Needs (to correct deficiencies identified above under Condition/Integrity)**

Rank property need among all agency heritage properties:

Highest (1 = top 20%) to Lowest (5 = bottom 20%) = 1 (1-5)

Comment: List prioritized property-specific preservation maintenance needs -

- 1) General maintenance in Chapel building and Superintendent's Residence due to continued current use of the buildings.
- 2) Old Main is not maintained and has no practical use at this time, only requires maintenance as needed to prevent further deterioration of the structure.

**Other Comment:**

Service Building and Superintendent's Residence are currently in use.  
Old Main is not used and would require extensive renovation in order for any type of use.

**Reported by (Name):** Joren Underdahl

**Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** 12/16/2011

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**MONTANA STATE-OWNED HERITAGE PROPERTY REPORTING FORM**

**Property Number** (e.g 24YL0001): 24JF0496 (# obtained from SHPO upon receipt of site form)

**Property Name:** Montana Developmental Center Administrative Building #100/ Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum (Main Hall)

**Property Town/Vicinity of:** Boulder, MT

**Property Date** (Year of Origin/Construction or "Precontact") 1896

**State Agency** (Choose One): DPHHS

**Reporting Cycle Year:** 2011 (e.g. 2011; 2013; 2015, etc)

**Property Type** (Choose One): Historic

**Property Count (#):** \_\_\_ District 5 Building(s)\_\_\_ Structure(s)\_\_\_ Site(s)\_\_\_ Object(s)

**Status** (Choose one): Satisfactory

**Comment:**

Vacant/Empty

**Condition/Integrity** (Choose One): Fair

**Comment:**

Quite run down

**Stewardship Effort and Cost**\_(Enter all that apply in past 2 years)

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Restoration/Rehabilitation/Preservation project activity (SOI standards)

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Research/Documentation project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Interpretation/Education/Awareness project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Promotion/Tourism/Marketing project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Preservation/Conservation Plan Development

\$\_\_\_ Regular/routine maintenance

\$\_\_\_ Monitoring (reported upon)

\$\_\_\_ Project designed/redesigned to avoid adverse effect to property's heritage values

\$\_\_\_ Other heritage stewardship effort/activity (Explain)

**Comment:**

None in past two years.

**Prioritized Preservation Maintenance Needs (to correct deficiencies identified above under Condition/Integrity)**

Rank property need among all agency heritage properties:

Highest (1 = top 20%) to Lowest (5 = bottom 20%) = 5 (1-5)

Comment: List prioritized property-specific preservation maintenance needs -

**Other Comment:**

**Reported by (Name):** Gary Campbell

**Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** 02/06/2012

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