



Biennial Report on State-Owned Heritage Properties

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The Montana Historical Society oversees three heritage properties: the Original Governors’ Mansion and Carriage House, the Moss Mansion, and the Lewis and Clark Bridge. MTHS complies with MCA 22-3-424 sections 1 and 2 regarding the maintenance and repair of the agency’s heritage and non- heritage properties. MTHS confers with the State Historic Preservation Office and the Department of Administration on maintenance, repair, and construction projects. For the Moss Mansion, MTHS confers with the Billings Preservation Society and for the Lewis and Clark Bridge, MTHS confers with the Montana Department of Transportation.

MTHS staff spent 8 hours preparing this report at a total cost of approximately \$638.64.

<u>Heritage Property</u>	<u>Status and Condition</u>	<u>Stewardship Efforts</u>	<u>Maintenance Needs</u>
<p><u>Original Governors’ Mansion and Carriage House</u> (24LC088) 304 North Ewing, Helena</p>	<p>Status: Satisfactory Condition: Fair Preservation Priority: 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1888 Administered as a historic house museum. Managed jointly with Department of Administration. MTHS is responsible for finishes and furnishings; Department of Administration is responsible for the structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MTHS staff conducts regular maintenance and monitoring of the interior furnishings and exhibits. Deterioration of the front porch structure and balustrade has been observed. MTHS met in September 2020 with GSD and A&E to call attention to the issue. During the 2023 Legislative Session \$600,000 was allocated to Architecture and Engineering to address maintenance issues at the OGM. A plan for utilizing this funding is being formulated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Architecture and Engineering will make exterior repairs including repairing and replacing sections of the upper balustrade, main level deck and porch; and repaint. Repaint and replace existing wallpaper with period appropriate wallpaper in the third-floor south bedroom. repaint and replace existing wallpaper with as close as possible reproduction of existing original historical wallpaper for the third-floor north bedroom. Repair and paint the basement storage room wall. <p>Status: Ongoing</p>

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<p><u>Moss Mansion</u> (24YL0263) 914 Division Street, Billings</p>	<p>Status: Satisfactory Condition: Good Preservation Priority: 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Owned jointly by MTHS and the City of Billings. Managed and administered by the Billings Preservation Society. MTHS performs a walk-through of the facility at least once each biennium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through an Agreement, the Billings Preservation Society is responsible for all maintenance and restoration projects. In 2018 Risk Management & Tort Defense Division provided a Property Loss Prevention Report after an on-site review of the Moss Mansion. And in 2019 RMTD provided an on-site survey of the electrical system of the Moss Mansion and Pavilion. In 2020 the Moss Mansion completed \$400,000 worth of conservation projects including painting, plaster work, and roof repairs. 	<p>The Billings Preservation Society – a non-state agency has determined the following maintenance priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop a plan to correct settlement, cracking, minor maintenance issues on an ongoing basis develop a plan to reset brick pavers and possible long-term replacement of some concrete. <p>Status: Ongoing</p>
<p><u>Wolf Point Bridge</u> (Lewis and Clark Bridge) (24KV0438) Montana Route 13, McCone County</p>	<p>Status: Watch Condition: Fair Preservation Priority: 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1930. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2015 MTHS contracted for a professional bridge inspection and condition assessment of the Wolf Point Bridge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspection of the structure was completed in 2015 to identify maintenance needs. The inspection report summary was submitted in 2016. Priority maintenance needs project include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor condition, usage and stewardship. Consider disposition of the property <p>Status: Ongoing</p>