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**PRESERVATION MONTANA: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2018-2022**  
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## **Darrel "Curley" Youpee**

**May 1, 1951 – May 22, 2021**

This report is written in honor of Darrell "Curley" Youpee, Sung' Gleska Tatanka Numpa: Spotted Horse Two Buffalo. As Cultural Resources Department Director of the Fort Peck Tribes, he coordinated cross-cultural training and presented historical and cultural backgrounds of the Assiniboiné and Sioux people. Concerned with the loss of tribal culture, he started collecting oral history in 1982 to assemble the Tribes' principal audio/visual collection. He lectured across the country using the history, traditional beliefs, and storytelling of the Assiniboiné Sioux people. He shared legend and creation stories of his people. He credited his elders as mentors for bringing him this far.

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## PRESERVATION MONTANA: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2018-2022

<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/About/PreservationPlan>

### Goals and Objectives

2018. **ISSUE: LACK OF PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING**

#### **GOAL I: EDUCATE\_– BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND TRAINING**

##### Objectives:

1. *Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Create and distribute widely a 2018-2022 Plan summary focusing on goals, objectives, and priorities
- Refresh online guidance
- Utilize social media applications
- How-to: address common preservation situations and considerations
- Where-to identify helpful preservation programs and contacts
- Elaborate on information about local preservation and ordinances
- Develop guidance for emergency and disaster response

2. *Pursue new ways and means to share information about Montana's historic, precontact and traditional cultural properties.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Make website platforms and content upgrades
- Continue to develop walking tour and travel map apps
- Ensure owner awareness
- Contribute to Montana Memory Project
- Produce publications, press, and other printed materials

3. *More fully incorporate academia and professional expertise in the discussion of historic preservation issues and the training of preservation professionals.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Encourage academic fieldwork and research in Montana
- Create student internship opportunities
- Become resources for University and tribal college historic preservation, history, and anthropology programs
- Integrate historic preservation into current research: climate change; environmental law; ecosystems; geographic information systems; emergency responses
- Identify historic properties and preservation issues on campuses

## II. ISSUE: LACK OF PUBLIC APPRECIATION

### GOAL II: CELEBRATE – MARKET PRESERVATION THROUGH OUTREACH, RECOGNITION, PRAISE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

#### Objectives:

1. *Use traditional and social media (e.g., television, print, internet) often to convey historic preservation stories, successes, and opportunities.*

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Generate regular press releases for local preservation events, projects, and National Register listings
- Create feature stories illustrating both practical and novel approaches
- PSA development with recognizable spokespersons
- Radio programming

2. *Create forums to acknowledge and reward outstanding achievements and efforts in historic preservation.*

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Support existing award ceremonies
- Re-invigorate local awards and recognition
- Establish meaningful awards and presentations
- Continue the biennial Montana Preservation Road Show
- Nominate Montana projects for national awards

3. *Increase public recognition of heritage properties through signage, published materials, events, and programs.*

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Promote Montana National Register sign program and highway signage
- Advertise that preservation workshops and conferences are open to the public
- Increase visibility of annual preservation poster in public spaces
- Include heritage places and properties prominently in tourism ads and marketing
- Attend and give public talks

4. *Expand outreach and partnerships beyond the usual historic preservation audience.*

#### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Set-up informational tables in non-preservation venues
- Develop basic marketing displays and products
- Experiment with new groups and audiences

### III. ISSUE: INCOMPLETE RECORD – LESS THAN 6% OF MONTANA IS SURVEYED FOR HERITAGE PLACES

#### GOAL III: LOCATE – IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT MONTANA’S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACES.

##### Objectives:

1. *Survey or support the survey of un-inventoried public and private properties throughout the state.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Prominent, but presently undocumented heritage places
- Properties associated with under-served or under-represented groups
- Historic communities with no previous historic inventory
- Endangered or at-risk properties
- Public properties, especially state and federal managed sites
- Tribal cultural properties (if appropriate)

2. *Encourage a holistic, landscape approach, when possible, to the identification and explanation of the relationships among individual properties.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Implement a successful cultural resource landscape case study
- Sponsor a landscape identification workshop with the National Park Service
- Identify potential rural agricultural landscapes
- Apply landscape approach to urban settings
- Investigate historic battlefields using KOCO military terrain analysis, per NPS ABPP guidance

3. *Enhance the management of and access to cultural resource property information.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Utilize the State Antiquities Database (SHPO) as a clearinghouse of property records
- Develop more public access to non-sensitive documentation
- Assist local inventories
- Contribute to the Montana Memory Project (Montana State Library)
- Develop data access and sharing agreements with tribes and land managing agencies to share and protect information

#### IV. ISSUE: WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN MONTANA AND WORTHY OF OUR PRESERVATION?

##### GOAL IV: EVALUATE – ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE AND INTEGRITY OF MONTANA’S HERITAGE PLACES

###### Objectives:

1. *Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana’s precontact, historic, and traditional cultural sites.*

###### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Develop Multiple Property Documents (MPD) with contexts for related properties
- Expand the African American Heritage Places MPD to other communities
- Revive the *Montana Mainstreets* series of published local city histories
- Underwrite research and historic background for better understanding common or problematic property types
- Share best practices and make existing studies accessible

2. *Promote forums that investigate and assess the significance of Montana’s heritage properties.*

###### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Host National Register workshops, fieldwork, and other presentations to discuss property significance
- Advertise and promote attendance at State Preservation Review Board meetings
- Encourage regular meetings amongst heritage personnel of state and federal agencies
- Use social media to create and gauge public interest and ideas
- Invite professionals to discuss current research

3. *Encourage and assist owners to document and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.*

###### 2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Develop more user-friendly step-by-step guidance
- Provide a clearinghouse of examples and best practices
- Maintain lists at the state and local level of the most significant Montana properties not yet listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Seek financial support through grant funding and donations
- Use historic anniversaries (e.g. WWI Centennial) to promote associated National Register property listings

## V. ISSUE: LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, SUPPORT AND POLITICAL CLOUT

### GOAL V: ADVOCATE – SEEK AND SECURE SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION THROUGH FUNDING, INCENTIVES, AND LEGAL PROTECTIONS.

#### Objectives:

1. *Research, learn and promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of preservation.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Conduct well-documented studies on the benefits of historic preservation in Montana, using recognized measures
- Create and share a digest of Montana case studies and success stories
- Link to national research and results
- Teach Montana Preservation Economics 101

2. *Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Public speaking and writing
- Local preservation assistance and training; Outreach to communities
- Communicate pro-actively with or in response to elected officials, administrators, boards and decision-makers at all levels

3. *Encourage compliance with existing preservation legislation and encourage new laws and incentives to protect heritage properties.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Increase public agency awareness of historic preservation responsibilities
- Recognize and reward good public stewardship
- Identify and question areas of non-compliance
- Find and/or assist legislative sponsorship, as appropriate, for improving and funding historic preservation

4. *Seek and obtain additional financial resources to enhance and supplement existing funding for historic preservation.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Request increased state budget support for historic preservation in Montana, including state match for the Montana State Historic Preservation Office
- Identify cost-share opportunities and federal-state-private partnerships
- Enhance grant-writing skills
- Explore other sources of funding, including fees, donations and sponsorships
- Strengthen funding available for emergency situations
- Seek continued funding for battlefield landscape studies from the NPS American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP)



## VI. ISSUE: WORKING TOGETHER IN A LARGE STATE WITH FEW PEOPLE

### GOAL VI: COLLABORATE – WORK TOGETHER WITH PRESERVATION PARTNERS TO PRESERVE MONTANA’S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES.

#### Objectives:

1. *Reach out to federal, state, tribal, local, public, and private preservation stakeholders.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Increase awareness among the different preservation programs and people within Montana
- Recruit expertise at the local, state, tribal and federal level as needed
- Respond to inquiries and requests from other preservation stakeholders

2. *Solidify existing and form new partnerships for the benefit of historic preservation.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Sponsor or participate in forums to share ideas, experience, and information with colleagues and other like-minded individuals
- Attend and share new information at established conferences and workshops
- Support and participate in the biennial Montana Preservation Road Show as a cross-section of Montana preservation programs and efforts

3. *Meet and work regularly with tribal cultural representatives to facilitate more consideration of tribal perspectives in historic preservation.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Establish tribal consultation protocols
- Host or participate in Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) Summits
- Make indigenous collections accessible to collaborative management and stewardship

4. *Harness the growing momentum and local enthusiasm of the Montana Main Street Program and the larger work of the Montana Department of Commerce for historic preservation.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Advertise Department of Commerce assistance in planning and implementation
- Coordinate outreach and trainings with the Montana Main Street Program
- Strengthen connections between the Certified Local Government (CLG: SHPO/NPS) program and the Montana Main Street program

## VII. ISSUE: WORKING OUTSIDE OF THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION COMMUNITY

### GOAL VII: INTEGRATE - INCORPORATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INTO OTHER PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND POLICIES THAT HAVE POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT OR HARM HERITAGE PROPERTIES.

#### Objectives:

1. *Integrate historic preservation in public planning, policy-making, and politics at all levels.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Meet with city-county planning departments to discuss historic preservation
- Increase visibility and standing of local historic preservation commissions
- Grow state legislator awareness
- Monitor state and federal agency stewardship and compliance
- Incorporate historic properties into disaster planning and recovery

2. *Participate in reviews and comments on undertakings involving heritage properties, pursuant to federal, state and local preservation laws.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Promote *A Citizens Guide to Section 106* and other how-to participate guidance
- Participate in public meetings and hearings, as appropriate
- Prepare written comments, reviews, and editorials
- Acknowledge good stewardship

3. *Engage with interest groups that may approach heritage properties from other perspectives.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Contact and offer to meet with realtors, developers, contractors, outfitters/guides, architects, recreational and conservation groups, etc.
- Provide information regarding historic preservation philosophies and programs
- Participate in alternative conferences and trade shows

4. *Compile and make available answers to frequently asked questions about historic properties and historic preservation.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

- Speak to the myths and realities of historic preservation
- Provide easy access to resources for more information or points of contact
- Address most commonly asked questions first

5. *Gather public input on preservation priorities.*

2018-2022 priorities/recommended activities:

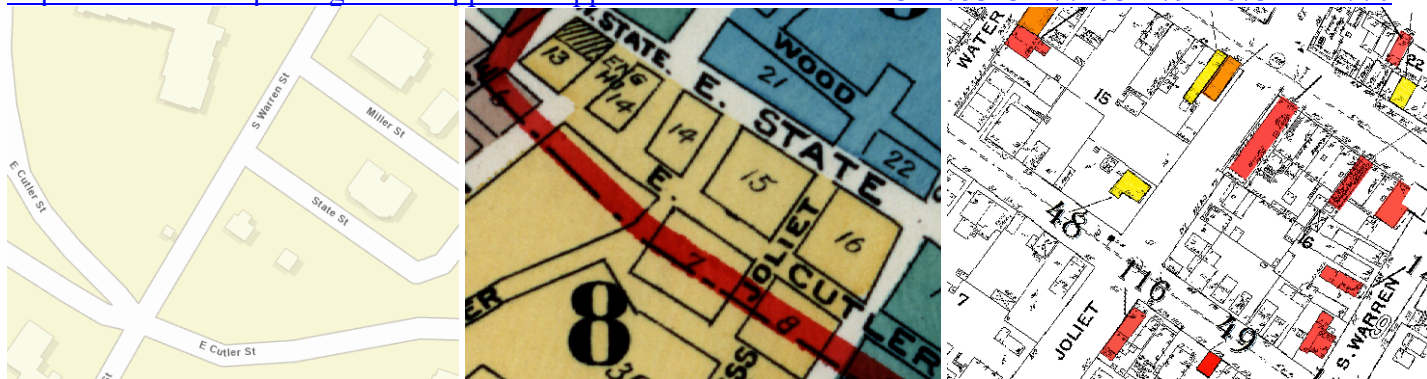
- Seek funding to contract for a professional public survey for development of the next Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2023-2027

## FFY2021 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Success Stories

### Sanborn Mapping of African American Heritage Properties & Neighborhoods

As part of SHPO's multi-year African American Heritage Resources Project, staff assembled information from Montana's 1910 and 1930s census data, 1920 Polk Directory listings, historic Sanborn maps, and current maps to show historic-era clusters of Black-owned or occupied properties relative to many of Montana's urban landscapes of today. This visual information is presented using GIS. Outside of this project, Sanborn maps are typically viewable in discrete pages in hard copy or scans. As such, they present a fragmented view of settlement patterns across a community. Using GIS to stitch Sanborn maps together, layer them with contemporary maps, and color code buildings relevant to a research topic provides a broader, deeper perspective. The maps allow one to witness the establishment and, frequently, erasure of communities due to historic events, including policies such as urban renewal, natural catastrophes, or development pressures as in the case of Butte's open pit mine. Through this effort, researchers see not only where Montana's African American inhabitants lived and worked historically, but that a remarkable number of those places no longer stand, and those that do remain vulnerable. This mapping tool could be tailored to other demographic groups, building types and uses, or historical events shaping communities.

<https://montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=34b753132f77453ea794b8734fe42770>



A contemporary Helena map, historic Sanborn map, and color-coded Sanborn map showing occupant ethnicity.

### SHPO Staff Expediting Emergency Drought Declaration Section 106 Reviews

Amid the COVID 19 pandemic and a statewide drought, Montana SHPO's Review and Compliance staff successfully undertook an unprecedented workload that exceeded FY20's record breaking review tallies. On July 1, Governor Gianforte declared a drought emergency, which released millions of federal funds for agricultural producers across the state to establish and augment water wells and pipelines. In FFFY2021's last 90 days, SHPO reviewed 343 such projects and began working out a programmatic agreement with the lead agency. SHPO staff, Laura Evilsizer, Jessica Bush, and Eric Newcombe tag-teamed efforts and responded to the agency well within 48 hours. SHPO can proudly say that its cooperation in a crisis impacting livelihoods, the lives of stock animals, and the state's economy withstood scrutiny from elected officials who contacted the office regarding the issue.

### GIS Digitization of Legacy Data: A New Foundation

In FFFY2021, SHPO's cultural records database and GIS mapping became the most complete ever. After 20 years of establishing a state-of-the-art database with GIS functionality, SHPO integrated into that system all site location information from hard copy, *legacy* data.

Integrating legacy data began in 2011 and involved staff, volunteers, graduate students, and contract employees examining site records and reports going back to Montana's first WPA-led "river bottom" archaeological surveys of the late 1930s. We now have a complete foundation on which to build GIS tools such as the site predictability modeling system now underway. SHPO houses a full and growing online research library for graduate student research. Eventually the system will enable SHPO to more immediately transition to e106.



**Documents from the 1937 WPA archaeological excavation at Pictograph Cave are part of SHPO's *legacy* data collection integrated into our GIS.**

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM

**. Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including budget formulation; personnel management and staff development; administrative organization; grant, sub-grant and contract management; and responsible fiscal policies and procedures (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: V.4, VI.2)**

- ✓ Complied with state and National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in the ongoing budgeting, expenditure, and accounting for the FFY2021 annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) federal grant allocation to Montana SHPO totaling \$926,767.
- ✓ Documented the required 40% non-federal state match (\$617,844.67) to the FFY2021 HPF grant. Most of Montana's cash and in-kind match derives from the allowable documented activities of local preservation offices in the form of over-match to the 10% required HPF pass-through to Certified Local Government (CLG) communities, as administered by SHPO. Additional eligible state match derives from state bed-tax support of the Montana National Register (NR) sign program, private grants, program revenue (fees), donated State Preservation Review Board and volunteer services, and certain state general funding as provided in the Montana Historical Society budget (FTE grant manager position).

- ✓ Awarded in FY2019 and continuing to administer \$491,067 in HPF dollars for brick-and-mortar subgrants. The Revitalizing Montana's Rural Heritage Grant combines a \$391,067 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant (HRSP), and \$100,000 in HPF funds (P20AF00031). In 2021, SHPO added a ninth project, the NR-listed Fort Assinniboine Amusement Building. Grantees are in nine (9) communities across the state, some of which engaged in little SHPO-



**Waterworks Museum repointing, RMRH program.**

- related preservation activity for decades. The program yielded the National Register listing of the F.M. Mack Mercantile, Augusta, and will bring about listing of the Basin Creek Caretakers House in Silver Bow County. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives IV.3; V.4}
- ✓ Ongoing development of a documentary on the historic African American experience in Montana using a variety of grants including NPS's Underrepresented Communities (P19AP00178). {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives II.1, 3, 4; IV.1, 2; V.4}
  - ✓ Allocated \$92,677 in FFY2021 HPF to Montana's 16 Certified Local Governments (CLGs), exceeding the 10% required HPF pass-through. Developed sub-grant contracts and processed CLG semi-annual reports and requests for reimbursement in a timely manner, ensuring use of HPF for allowable expenses. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.2, VI.2, VII.1}

- ✓ SHPO maintained professional staffing requirements with staff meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Professional Qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, and archaeology. SHPO staff (9.5 FTE) in FFFY2021 are:

Peter Brown – State Historic Preservation Officer

**Planning/Administration/Compliance**

Meets the SOI Professional Qualifications for **Historic Architecture, Architectural History**

M.S. Historic Preservation;  
Architectural History with emphasis in  
historic building technology

John Boughton – National Register Coordinator

**National Register/Survey and Inventory**

Meets the SOI Professional Qualifications for **History, Archaeology, and Architectural History**

M.A. Anthropology;  
emphasis in Archaeology

Eric Newcombe – Historic Architectural Specialist

**Preservation Tax Incentives/Compliance/ Development, Acquisition and Covenants**

Meets the SOI Professional Qualifications for **Historic Architecture, Architectural History**

M.S. Historic Preservation;  
emphasis Architectural History

Kate Hampton – Community Preservation Coordinator

**CLG Coordinator/National Register/Survey**

Meets the SOI Professional Qualifications for **History, and Architectural History**

M.A. History;  
emphasis in Western U.S. History

Melissa Munson – Administrative Assistant

**Administration**

B.S. Biology & Botanical Sciences

Renee Kelley – HPF Grants Contracts

**Grants Administration/CLG assistance**

B.A. History, B.A. Music

Damon Murdo – Cultural Records Manager

**Survey and Inventory/Compliance**

Meets the SOI Professional Qualifications for **Archaeology**

M.A. Anthropology, Forensic Anthropology  
and Archaeology

Kyler Mozell – Cultural Records Assistant

**Survey and Inventory**

B.A. Anthropology

Laura Evilsizer – Sec. 106 Compliance Officer

**Compliance**

Meets the SOI Professional Qualifications for **Archaeology**

M.A. in Anthropology; emphasis in  
Archaeology & Cultural Resource  
Management

Jessica Bush – State Archaeologist

**Survey and Inventory / Planning / Compliance**

Meets the SOI Professional Qualifications for **Archaeology**

M.A. Anthropology; emphasis  
in Archaeology

- ✓ Cultural Records Assistant, Jolene Keen left SHPO in January. Kyler Mozell replaced her on 3/1.
- ✓ Grants Manager, Vickie Sheppard left in November 2020. Her replacement, Renee Kelley began 1/19.
- ✓ All Montana SHPO positions in FFFY2021 are fully federally funded (HPF), except the Cultural Records Assistant (revenue-funded) and the Grants Contracts Coordinator (revenue-funded and state-funded).



- ✓ Staff development: attendance and participation in professional conferences, workshops, webinars, and online forums to maintain and enhance staff knowledge, skills, and abilities: {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.1&2, VI.2}
  - STAD webinar on archaeology and inequality (Bush); 10/7
  - MSU Professor, Shane Doyle's webinar on the Native American Crow Fair (Bush); 10/18
  - Diversity and Inclusivity in Archaeology webinar (Bush, Evilsizer); 11/18
  - NCSHPO Board Meeting (Evilsizer); 11/12
  - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation *Good Faith Efforts and Resolving Disputes* (Bush, Evilsizer); 1/14, 28
  - Copy-Editing course through Helena College-UM (Munson); Spring Semester
  - ACHP and NPS Virtual Open Houses (Evilsizer, Brown, Newcombe); 3/8
  - Dept. of the Interior Oil Spill Response webinar (Evilsizer); 3/25
  - NPS Grant Management Training (Kelley); 4/6
  - Clear and Concise Legal Writing class (Bush, Evilsizer); 4/20
  - Smithsonian Climate Change Communication class (Munson); 5/3
  - Red Ochre Use among Early Humans presentation by SA Archaeological Society (Evilsizer); 5/11
  - State Tribal Antiquities Database training (Bush); 7/22
  - Montana Arbitration & Labor Relations Conference (Brown); 9/1, 2
- ✓ Met monthly with Montana Historical Society Centralized Services Division to closely monitor State Historic Preservation Office fiscal activity and policies, budget, revenue, and expenditures.
- ✓ Met with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) and/or Native People {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.1&3}
  - Society for Industrial Archaeology Tour of Irrigation, Transportation, and Industrial sites on the Flathead Reservation (Evilsizer); 6/18,19
  - Met Chippewa-Cree THPO and state Senator, Jonathan Windy Boy to discuss access to SHPO's database (Brown, Murdo); 5/12
  - Met with MHS's Indian Advisory Panel (Bush); 5/6
  - Attended Burial Board meeting (Bush); 5/7
  - Language Matters: How to Talk about Native Nations, Native Governance Center (Evilsizer); 5/12
  - Met with MHS Indian Advisory Panel to discuss the Montana Heritage Center's upcoming Montana Homeland Exhibit and how it depicts pre-contact, native lifeways (Bush); 6/9
  - Met with Ft. Belknap THPO, Michael Black Wolf at Ft. Belknap (Bush); 6/20
  - Met with Ft. Peck THPO, Dyan Youpee at Ft. Peck (Bush); 8/26, 27

## PLANNING PROGRAM

***. Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the development and implementation of state and local preservation ordinances, regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: I.1, IV.1, VII.1)***

- ✓ Developed and routinely monitored FFFY2021 SHPO activities and projects for conformance with the goals and objectives of the state preservation plan (see above, 2018-2022 Goals and Objectives).
- ✓ Undertook or contributed to priority planning activities as identified in the 2018-2022 state plan (see above), including use of social media to increase public awareness and appreciation of historic preservation in collaboration with the Montana Historical Society's Social Media Committee, collaborative meetings with state and federal agencies, and other recommended activities described elsewhere in this report under individual programs.
- ✓ Conducted outreach and a survey between June 1 and September 30 to revise the 2018-2022 Plan's Goals and Objectives for 2023-2027; (Brown).
- ✓ Met virtually with other Western SHPOs and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) data managers in January at the annual Cultural Resource Data Partnership meeting. The meeting is a way to share information on how SHPOs in the region are managing and tracking project correspondence and site information (Murdo). {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives III.3; VI.2}
- ✓ Participated in weekly exhibit planning meetings for the Montana Heritage Center's new Homeland Exhibit (Bush). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives I.2; II.4}
- ✓ Participated in strategic planning and assessment for the Montana Historical Society (MHS) in April. Created SHPO's SMART goals in August (Brown). {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VII.3}
- ✓ Consulted via email and telephone with local historic preservation officers and commission members regarding eligibility, design review, certificates of appropriateness, and demolition review. Though MT SHPO does not have jurisdiction or authority to dictate local review outcomes, MT SHPO's CLG program provided guidance regarding best practices and how to conduct meetings vis-à-vis COVID restrictions to the CLGs that have review responsibilities. Provided CLG training to all CLGs on 9/23; and maintained communication with potential CLGs in Hamilton, Dillon, and Glendive. (Hampton, Kelley). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives I.1, V.2, V.3, VI.2, VII.1}
- ✓ Met with project architects and Montana Historical Society (MHS) administration throughout the ongoing Montana Heritage Center design process. The new heritage center will attach to the National Register-listed Veterans & Pioneers Building. SHPO continues to assess its space needs prior to moving into the Veterans & Pioneers Building following the heritage center's projected completion in 2025. SHPO is one of MHS's six programs. Moving to the Veterans & Pioneers Building will be mutually beneficial to MHS and SHPO in combining resources and expertise.
- ✓ Met throughout September with MHS Centralized Services Division to develop a proposal for a new Compliance Officer 2 position at SHPO (Brown, Kelley, Evilsizer). \*Half-time position granted, 10/21.



## SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM

***Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and pre-contact sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: III.1-3)***

- ✓ Added 906 newly recorded properties in FFY2021 to SHPO's *Cultural Resource Information System* (CRIS) database and statewide inventory files [FY2020: 1,020 new properties]. These comprise 632 new historic properties, 238 pre-contact sites, 32 combination historic/pre-contact sites, and 4 paleontological sites. Updated information was also collected and registered for 177 additional previously recorded properties. There are presently 64,113 total cultural resource properties (districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects) recorded in Montana as part of the State Antiquities Database inventory {2018-2022 Goal/Objective III.1}.
- ✓ Assigned individual Smithsonian trinomial numbers to all newly recorded properties for inventory tracking purposes. Filed and uploaded property records and updates into the State Antiquities Database. Continual re-scanning first-generation site records, as needed and as time permits, to improve quality and convert to OCR.pdf format. There is at least one scanned registration form for each of the recorded 64,113 properties in CRIS, and several forms/updates for many of these sites. SHPO houses physical property records (Site Records Office). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives III.3}
- ✓ Added 493 new cultural resource reports to the SHPO statewide *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS) database and inventory library in FFY2021, representing 120,957 acres of new survey [FY20: 667 new reports/157,812 acres]. There are presently 38,633 individual report documents in CRABS and on file at SHPO, comprising documentation on 6,167,647 acres of historic and archaeological survey in the state as well as other cultural resource studies - including overviews, histories, syntheses, archaeological excavations, analyses, and research studies. While the majority of documented survey in Montana has occurred on public lands (especially lands managed by the USFS and BLM), significant survey has also taken place in and around many Montana communities and on private lands, particularly lands involved in federally permitted or funded undertakings (e.g. pipelines, transmission lines, mining, highway projects, land exchanges, etc.). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives III.1}
- ✓ Continued to grow the comprehensive digital text library of the existing 38,633 cultural resource survey reports and other documents in the Montana *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS). SHPO completed digitizing pre-electronic reports, an effort begun in FFY2011. Going forward, new reports arrive in hard copy and digitally for upload. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives III.3}
- ✓ Original printed hard copies of all survey documents and research reports are curated in the Montana Historical Society Research Center (Library-Archives) and are accessible by permission. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective I.2}
- ✓ Furthered the import of new GIS map data (Arc-GIS shape files) for both cultural resource site and survey records in the State Antiquities Database. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives III.3}

- ✓ Continuing FY19&20 work, SHPO again contracted in FFFY2021 with Steffany Wood to verify accuracy of shape files and legacy site and survey data. This project is not yet complete {2018-2022 Goals/Objectives I.3, III.3}
- ✓ As fiscal year end, approximately 97% of all recorded properties and 97% of all documented surveys in the state have been spatially digitized and registered as shape files in the State Antiquities Database. SHPO will not be able to achieve 100% because some properties documented by non-standard practices over the last 80 years lack adequate maps or specific location information for SHPO to create shape files. All newly submitted site records and survey reports are entered in the state GIS on a go-forward basis. {2018-2022 Goals/Objectives I.3, III.3}
- ✓ Perform file searches by providing digital and hard copies of site records and reports, as well as GIS shape files, to agencies, consultants, property owners and other qualified researchers. Managed Digital Data and Information User Agreements for the use and protection of confidential shared cultural resource information. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective III.3}
- ✓ SHPO currently shares online access to the State Antiquities Database with the Bureau of Land Management, Montana Department of Transportation, Natural Resource Conservation Services, Bonneville Power Authority, Tetra Tech, Inc. for its Air Force contract, and with THPOs on request through individual tribal data sharing agreements. {2018-2022 Goals/Objectives III.3, VI.3}
- ✓ Joined the annual regional Bureau of Land Management-State Historic Preservation Office (BLM-SHPO) Cultural Resource Data Partnership (CRDP) virtual meetings (Murdo, Mozell) 10/29, 4/29. 6/3,4. BLM and SHPO representatives from 11 western states collaborated in these meetings. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives VI.2}



**A Choteau County schoolhouse Preserve Montana surveyed with support from SHPO revenue.**

- ✓ Using \$15,000 of SHPO's file search revenue to support a rural one-room schoolhouse survey in seven (7) counties. SHPO contracted with Preserve Montana for this and provided match for grants the organization obtained for the project. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives III.1}
  - ✓ Ongoing development of a GIS-based predictive modeling for historic sites (Mozell).

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM

***. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register property interpretive sign program (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: IV.1-3)***

- ✓ John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, organized three meetings of the nine-member, Governor-appointed Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board in FFFY2021. Meetings occurred on 1/15, 5/14, and 9/16,17. The Board reviewed and approved 11 draft National Register nominations; no nominations were unapproved or tabled. The St. Regis Airway Beacon nomination is tied to the *Sentinels of the Airways: Montana's Airway Beacon System, 1934-1979 MPS*. It is the final beacon to be listed under the MPD. (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/RBagenda>) {2018-2022 Goal/Objective IV.2, 3}

### **FFFY2021 nominations include:**

- Billy Kruse Cabin, Flathead County
  - St. Regis Airway Beacon, Mineral County
  - Hall Bungalow, Jefferson County
  - Shaw's Best Pancake Factory, Lewis & Clark County.
  - McMaster Ranch Historic District, Broadwater County.
  - Billings Mausoleum, Yellowstone County
  - F.M. Mack Mercantile, Lewis & Clark County.
  - Paradise School, Sanders County
  - Pioneer Park, Yellowstone County
  - McKinley School, Yellowstone County
  - Everson Creek Archaeological District, Beaverhead County.
- ✓ Twelve (12) properties were listed in the National Register of Historic Places in FFFY2021 {2018-2022 Goal/Objective IV.3}

### **FFFY2021 listings include:**

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| ○ Pioneer Park, Billings                   | ○ Fratt-Link House, Billings                      |
| ○ Paradise School, Paradise                | ○ Finlen Hotel, Butte                             |
| ○ McKinley School, Billings                | ○ Everson Creek Archaeo. District, Beaverhead Co. |
| ○ F.M. Mack General Store, Augusta         | ○ Shaw's Best Pancake Factory, Helena             |
| ○ Symmes Park Missile, Lewistown           | ○ Billings Mausoleum, Billings                    |
| ○ Monarch Depot Historic District, Monarch | ○ Pugsley Bridge, Liberty Co.                     |





**The National Register listed Pugsley Bridge, Liberty County**

- ✓ Governor Gianforte appointed Frank LaLiberty to the State Historic Preservation Review Board on September 21. Mr. LaLiberty fills a vacancy left by Carol Bronson. He serves on the board as a member of the interested public. Mr. LaLiberty is an avocational historian, a poet, and cycling advocate. Ms. Bronson reached the end of her second term as a member of the interested public.
- ✓ Recognized twenty-nine (29) NR listed properties and their owners in the biennial preservation awards ceremony [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJI\\_H5LV9ag](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJI_H5LV9ag). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.2}
- ✓ Regularly met or communicated with public and private owners of historic properties interested in listing their properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Provided guidance and technical assistance on request to owners to assist in research and documentation efforts. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective IV.3}
- ✓ Routinely provided information in response to frequent public inquiries regarding National Register listed properties. Completed National Register information and public access upgrade with Geographic Information System (GIS) map-based platform <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/NRMap> . {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.2, VII.4}
- ✓ Documented and concurred in assessments of eligibility of historic and archaeological properties for listing in the NR by applying NR criteria of significance and assessment of integrity within the context of state and federal historic preservation legislation, aka: “consensus determinations” between SHPO and state/federal agencies under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Montana State Antiquities Act. Evaluated 167 properties as eligible and 486 as not eligible. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective IV.1}

- ✓ Maintained a public inventory of *state-owned heritage properties*, which are NR listed/eligible state-owned properties. State agencies use the list in biennial reporting on their heritage property stewardship efforts as required under the Montana State Antiquities Act.
- ✓ Continued supporting the Montana Historical Society Research Center in maintaining and expanding the *Historic Montana* mobile app (<https://historicmt.org/>). The app is a way-finder program using National Register interpretive sign texts and other content, including historic photographs, from SHPO's National Register files to provide historical background and context on select places statewide. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.2, II.3, III.3}
- ✓ Gave file support to the Montana Historical Society's Outreach & Interpretation Division, National Register Property Sign Program in the production of 67 interpretive plaques in FFY2021. This unique state sign program is supported by an annual allocation from the state accommodations tax. Signs went to properties in 20 counties and include 19 individual listings and 48 contributing properties within 17 Historic Districts. Signs for recently-listed resources, include Shaw's Best Factory, Helena; Paradise School, Paradise; and Billings Communal Mausoleum. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective II.3}
- ✓ Regularly announced or assisted local communities, public agencies, and private owners in the preparation and distribution of press releases and stories of new and previously listed National Register properties across the state (see Outreach). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}
- ✓ Employed MHS's staffer, Katie White to introduce physical and organizational improvements to SHPO's NR hard filing system. Some file folders and labels date to SHPO's earliest days over 40 years ago.
- ✓ Frequently featured Montana National Register-listed properties in Montana Historical Society social media (see Outreach). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}



**The owners of the Stark House in Mr. Stark's workshop with their sign prior to its installation.**



## DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM

***. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements. (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: I.1; V.4; VI.2; VII.3)***

- ✓ Routinely responded to owner inquiries regarding care of historic buildings and structures eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1; VII.4}
- ✓ Gave technical advice and/or made field visits to public and private preservation projects (beyond federal compliance and tax credit projects reported elsewhere) that were active in planning (pre-development) or implementation (development) in FFFY2021. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VI.1} These include:

- Beavertown, MT, archaeological survey of a multi-component, privately-owned site in Jefferson Co.;
- Reed & Bowles Trading Post, excavation of a county-owned territorial era site, Fergus Co.
- Montana Historical Society programming for new museum's Homeland Exhibit;
- Clark Fork Management Committee meetings to discuss natural and cultural resources in the Clark Fork River Corridor

- ✓ Met with agencies and architects and consulted onsite under the Montana State Antiquities Act on a variety of undertakings involving state-owned heritage properties

listed in the National Register of Historic Places, including the Governor's Mansion. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.3; VII.1 & 2}

- ✓ Currently monitoring active preservation covenants and/or easements for eleven (11) historic properties as a result of previous federal historic preservation assistance grants (e.g. NPS Save-America's Treasures grants), tax credit projects, property disposals, and/or other compliance mitigation agreements. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.2}



**SHPO Staff establishing a test pit at Beavertown.**

## PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM

***. Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and state tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67 (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3; VI.2; VII.2)***

- ✓ Since Montana's first federal rehab tax credit project in 1990, investments total \$82,770,293. The Kalispell Drug project was certified in FFFY2021.
- ✓ Regularly communicated with and advised owners of commercial properties considering the federal tax credit rehabilitation program. {2018-2022 Goals/Objectives V.1; VII.3}.
- ✓ In FFFY2021, SHPO submitted two (2) Part 1s, eight (8) Part 2s, and one (1) Part 3 for these properties:
  - Roundup School, Roundup; Part II
  - Albrecht Building, Great Falls; Part I
  - Crowley Block, Lewistown; Part II
  - Fratt School, Billings; Part II
  - Andrus Hotel, Dillon; Part II
  - Kalispell Grand Hotel; Parts I, II
  - Kalispell Drug; Part III certified
  - Eureka Community Center; Part II
  - Northern Apartments, Great Falls; Part II
  - Gallatin Laundry, Bozeman; Part II



136 Main St. Kalispell; certified for tax credits.

## REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

**. Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; specific assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the development and participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana State Antiquities Act, the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: III.1; IV.1; V.3; VI.1 and 3; VII.2)**

- ✓ SHPO's Review and Compliance team includes Compliance Officer Laura Evilsizer, State Archaeologist Jessica Bush, Historic Architecture Specialist Eric Newcombe, and Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo. In FFFY2021, the team provided written responses to 2,009 project requests submitted for review and comment in compliance with National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and/or state preservation laws (Montana State Antiquities Act, Montana Environmental Protection Act). These responses represent an average of 8 written review and compliance consultations per *workday* (251 workdays/yr.), comparable to FY20 tallies of 2,169 reviews; 8.6 reviews/workday. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.2}
- ✓ Each compliance review request for SHPO comments is a written piece of correspondence which may involve one or more projects and properties, i.e. ranging from the potential for effects of a single 10-acre gravel pit with no identified properties versus an entire 100-mile pipeline project with tens or hundreds of sites. Certain compliance projects from some federal agencies (e.g. Bureau of Land Management; USDA Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs/THPOs) are also sometimes programmatically received and processed, but do not require or generate SHPO written responses. In FFFY2021, there were 255 project submittals or notifications on which SHPO reviewed but did not comment.
- ✓ Of the total 2,009 written review and compliance consultations in FFFY2021, 713 were initiation of consultation or "file search" requests for known SHPO cultural resource information and recommendations for the need for additional survey of project areas of potential effect. SHPO provided same day or next-day responses to most file search requests. The average response turn-around rate was .5 *calendar days*, where 0 = same day; 1 = next *calendar day*. These 713 FFFY2021 file searches involved cultural record searches and reviews for a total of 3,525 sections of land.
- ✓ SHPO recommended no further cultural resource work was warranted in 348 (49%) of the 713 file searches. Information in the State Antiquities Database serves as the basis of staff determining the likelihood of significant historic properties within the project scope or area of potential effect. These 348 projects proceeded without further consultation.
- ✓ For the remaining 1,296 written consultations that are not file search responses, SHPO's average response time in FFFY2021 was 4.31 *calendar days* per consultation. This changed from FY20 (7.6 *calendar days*) due to a smaller conventional Sec. 106 workload and heavier, expedited drought emergency Sec. 106 reviews. SHPO continues to operate well below the allowable 15 and 30-day response times.



- ✓ Of the 2,009 written consultations in FFFY2021, twenty-one (21) concluded in findings of adverse effect to National Register properties; twelve (12) greater than in FY20. Several other projects were cancelled or modified to avoid adverse effects. Sixteen (16) of these adverse effects were federal undertakings, involving 8 federal agencies: US Forest Service (3), Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) (4), Army Corps of Engineers (3), National Park Service-Glacier (1), Bureau of Reclamation (2), USDA (1), FERC (1), NEH (1). The five non-federal, state projects reviewed under the Antiquities Act resulting in adverse effects to historic properties involved the University of Montana (2), Department of Administration (2), Montana State University (1). MDT's Musselshell River Bridge Replacement is addressed under the terms of a Programmatic Agreement. None of these agencies have concluded consultation by completing mitigation in FFFY2021.



Laura Evilsizer and Eric Newcombe meet with USFS staff at Wise River Ranger Station to discuss an MOA.

- ✓ Signed 20 new Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) stipulating mitigation for undertakings that adversely affect historic properties. These include:

Project Number	Project Name	Agency	Reviewer	Review Action	Date In	Date Out	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021060203	CANYON FERRY WMA MOA AMENDMENT	BOR	Jessica Bush	MOA/MOU Signed	6/2/2021	6/2/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021052701	MID-RIVERS HAMMOND AND ASHLAND MOA FINAL	FCC	Jessica Bush	MOA/MOU Signed	5/27/2021	7/6/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020113008	MOA AMENDMENT INTAKE DIVERSION DAM LOWER YELLOWSTONE	BOR	Laura Evilsizer	MOA/MOU Signed	11/30/2020	12/9/2020	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020121801	ROSS FORK BRIDGE MOA	DOD/COE	Laura Evilsizer	MOA/MOU Signed	12/18/2020	12/21/2020	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021052404	MOA FALLON COUNTY BRIDGE (24FA0231)	DOD/COE	Laura Evilsizer	MOA/MOU Signed	5/24/2021	5/24/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021051002	FARRELL STREET BRIDGE MOA MUSSELSHELL CO	DOD/COE	Laura Evilsizer	MOA/MOU Signed	5/10/2021	5/13/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021032906	SOUTH CRAZY MOUNTAIN LAND EXCHANGE MOA	USFS/CUSTER	Laura Evilsizer	MOA/MOU Signed	3/29/2021	4/6/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021041504	BOULDER RIVER BRIDGE MOA	DOD/COE	Laura Evilsizer	MOA/MOU Signed	4/15/2021	4/16/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021042301	JIM GIEM BRIDGE MOA	DOD/COE	Laura Evilsizer	MOA/MOU Signed	4/23/2021	4/28/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021031605	T102 AND T103 FOR I HARRISON KITCHENS MOA	MT/MILITARY AFFAIRS	Laura Evilsizer	MOA/MOU Signed	3/16/2021	3/16/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021070110	WISE RIVER HELIBASE MOA	USFS/BEAVERHEAD DEERLODGE	Laura Evilsizer	MOA/MOU Signed	7/1/2021	7/1/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021062201	MOA SIGNED BUILDINGS IN WINNETT	EPA/BROWNFIELDS	Eric Newcombe	MOA/MOU Signed	6/22/2021	6/22/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021071208	MOA UPPER McDONALD CREEK BRIDGE GLACIER NATIONAL PARK	NPS/GLACIER	Eric Newcombe	MOA/MOU Signed	7/12/2021	7/14/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021081701	FAA WEST YELLOWSTONE TERMINAL PA AND MOA SIGNED	FAA	Eric Newcombe	MOA/MOU Signed	8/17/2021	8/17/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021080207	USFS-CG YAGER BUTTE LOOKOUT MOA SIGNED	USFS/CUSTER	Eric Newcombe	MOA/MOU Signed	8/2/2021	8/4/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021033110	MOA SIGNED WEST YELLOWSTONE AIRPORT TERMINAL	FAA	Eric Newcombe	MOA/MOU Signed	3/31/2021	4/6/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021011501	TWO MEDICINE COMFORT STATION MOA SIGNED	NPS/GLACIER	Eric Newcombe	MOA/MOU Signed	1/15/2021	1/15/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021011502	MSU SARC MOA SIGNED	MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY	Eric Newcombe	MOA/MOU signed	1/15/2021	1/15/2021	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020120806	JERMUNSON CABIN MOA AMENDMENT	USFS/BEAVERHEAD DEERLODGE	Eric Newcombe	MOA/MOU Signed	12/10/2020	12/10/2020	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020120807	KIRKPATRICK CABIN MOA AMENDMENT	USFS/BEAVERHEAD DEERLODGE	Eric Newcombe	MOA/MOU Signed	12/10/2020	12/10/2020	<a href="#">Edit</a>

- ✓ Signed 6 new FFFY2021 Programmatic Agreements and no PA amendments. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.1} These include:

Project Number	Project Name	Agency	Reviewer	Review Action	Date In	Date Out	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021051404	EAST PIONEERS FINAL PA	BLM/DILLON	Jessica Bush	PA Signed	5/14/2021	5/24/2021	Edit
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021051405	MADISON WATERSHED FINAL PA	BLM/DILLON	Jessica Bush	PA Signed	5/14/2021	5/24/2021	Edit
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021011903	GARRISON ANACAONDA SALE FINAL PA	DOE/BPA	Jessica Bush	PA Signed	1/19/2021	1/22/2021	Edit
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020121602	PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT WITH MT DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	MT/DOA	Peter Brown	PA Signed	12/16/2020	12/16/2020	Edit
<input type="checkbox"/> 2021071603	FEMA PA	FEMA	Laura Evilsizer	PA Signed	7/16/2021	7/19/2021	Edit
<input type="checkbox"/> 2020120705	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PA AMENDMENT	DOE/GENERAL	Eric Newcombe	PA Signed	12/7/2020	12/7/2020	Edit

- ✓ SHPO Review & Compliance Officer Laura Evilsizer and State Archaeologist, Jessica Bush continue to work with USFS Forests on a draft site identification strategies (SIS), which are region and landscape-specific guidelines for Forest Service cultural staff to conduct archaeological surveys. SIS's characterize site conditions that indicate a high likelihood of past human activity and a need for more intensive site survey. SHPO approved one new SIS from the Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest. Three other forests' SISs remain in draft.
- ✓ SHPO reviewed and commented on a USFS nationwide programmatic agreement outlining the agency's desire for phased NEPA-Section 106 compliance. SHPO provided comment to the Forest Service, National Conference of SHPOs, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Though SHPO maintains longstanding concerns about the document, the National Conference of SHPOs is likely to sign it in FFY22. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective V.3}
- ✓ Produced the online *Montana State Antiquities Act Training* <https://youtu.be/4NrQRCHpO6E>. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective V.3}
- ✓ SHPO compliance reviewers hosted or attended 157 meetings in FFFY2021 with representatives of federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties regarding project undertakings. Many of these meetings were held virtually. As described under Administrative Program, SHPO also participated in webinars that staff would not have been able to attend were they not online. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VI.1 & 3; VII.3}.
- ✓ Provided support to the Montana Burial Board under the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Site Protection Act, assisting in the notification, handling, and documentation of new cases of discovery of human remains and maintaining a separate and confidential unmarked burial registry. Jessica Bush, SHPO State Archaeologist and staff to the Board, attended one Burial Board meeting scheduled in FFFY2021. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VI.3; VII.3}
- ✓ Regularly consulted with state agencies involving state-owned heritage properties and projects on state land under the Montana State Antiquities Act, including the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Trust Lands), Fish Wildlife & Parks, the Montana Heritage Commission (Virginia City NHL/Reeder's Alley), the Montana Department of Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Montana University system. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VI.1}

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

***. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: VI.1; VII.1)***

- ✓ Allocated \$92,677 in financial support from the FFY2021 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to 15 of the 16 communities and/or counties participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, meeting the NPS 10% HPF pass-through requirement.
- ✓ Reviewed and approved semi-annual and annual reports and requests for reimbursement from CLGs, including documentation of allowable activities and match (cash and in-kind). Montana's CLGs currently make up the majority of Montana's 40% state match for federal funding (HPF).
- ✓ Assisted and communicated regularly via phone, email, and social media with all Montana local preservation officers during the year. Responded to requests in a timely manner. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.1; VII.4}
- ✓ Provided two CLGs HPF pass-through funds for feasibility studies. HPF funds will match non-federal grants obtained by the CLGs. HPF pass-through totaling \$8,000 to the Lewis & Clark County CLG support a study of the Montana Club, and \$6,000 to the Miles City CLGs supports a study of the Miles City Depot. Both buildings are listed in the National Register. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective III.1}



**SHPO is supporting a feasibility study for rehab of the Montana Club with passthrough funds to the Lewis & Clark County CLG.**

- ✓ Virtually participated in May Preservation Month activities by providing information, guidance, and review to CLG programs' activities. Due to COVID-19, restrictions, however, several CLGs postponed their preservation month projects. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.1}
- ✓ Performed 4-year performance evaluations of CLG programs including: Anaconda and Bozeman. Each met or exceeded program performance standards. COVID restrictions hampered the ability to conduct evaluations. Additional evaluations will occur in 2021-2022.
- ✓ Conducted CLG training at the Montana History Conference in the CLG community, Butte, 9/23. The training's topic was Mapping Local History using GIS. Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives and SHPO staff (Mozell) presented. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.2; II.3}
- ✓ Assisted CLGs with the review and development of local preservation plans and ordinances, as requested (see above, Planning Program) {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.1, VII.1}
- ✓ SHPO is not providing CLG funds for the unstaffed Lewistown CLG. SHPO is evaluating that CLG's future amid interest from other communities to establish CLG programs.



**OTHER ACTIVITIES  
(OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS)  
See also individual programs**

***. Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas (2018-2022 Goals/Objectives: I.2, II.1-4, VII.3; All)***

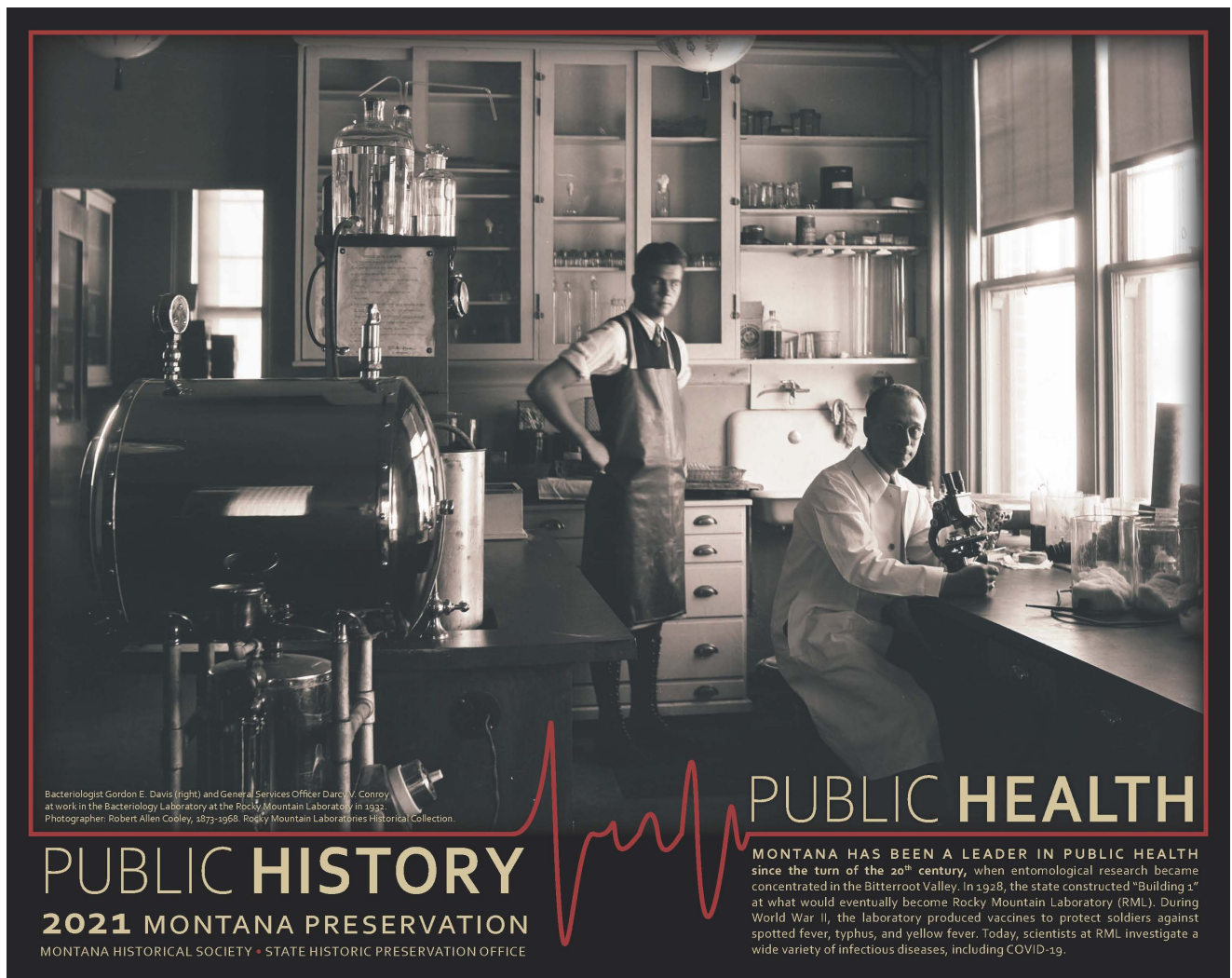
- ✓ Responded to public and professional inquiries and provided technical assistance through 2,045 phone calls, 4,103 emails, and 179 meetings (with 322 people) in FFY2021, in addition to written letters and consultations. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.1, VII.3&4}
- ✓ Networked with national preservation partners, including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the National Park Service (NPS).

- ✓ Provided expertise in preservation, historic architecture, architectural history, archaeology, and GIS to the programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society (MHS). State Archaeologist Jessica Bush meets weekly with the MHS museum staff and exhibit designers to establish accurate exhibits of pre-contact artifacts and lifeways in the Montana Heritage Center, to be completed in 2025. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VI.1}



**Former SHPO, Mark Baumler (left) with SHPO's Kyler Mozell, and Jessica Bush at Reed & Bowles Trading Post.**

- ✓ Provided input and service to boards and special committees or programs of other state and statewide organizations, including: the Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees, the State Historic Preservation Review Board, the Montana Burial Preservation Board, the State Information Technology Services Division Geographic Information System Coordination Committee, the Montana Heritage Commission, the Montana Archaeological Society, the Forest Fire Lookout Association, the Montana Main Street Advisory Board, and Preserve Montana. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VI.2}
- ✓ SHPO's Community Preservation Coordinator, Kate Hampton continues with her multi-year *Montana's African American Heritage Resources* effort. Ms. Hampton and her steering committee have developed a documentary script on the African American experience in Montana. Montana PBS will air the eventual product in 2022. <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans> {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.3; II.1; IV.1}



- ✓ Created and distributed the 2021 Montana Preservation poster: *Public Health, Public History*. The poster, released in May, celebrates the National Institute of Health's National Register listed Rocky Mountain Labs in Hamilton, and its historic contribution to public health research. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives II.1, 3, 4}
- ✓ Provided expertise and site leadership assistance at the NR-listed Reed & Bowles Trading Post excavation, sponsored by the Reed & Bowles Friends Group.
- ✓ SHPO staff conducted the following presentations and outreach activities {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1-3; II.1-4}:

#### **Presentations**

- Met with Glendive community members and elected officials regarding the potential for a community preservation program, (Hampton); 10/8.
- Met with MSU Architecture students to discuss the student-designed modifications to the NR-listed Danforth Chapel, (Newcombe); 10/13.
- Guest lectured Carroll College anthropology students on Rehabilitation Standards (Newcombe), 10/28.
- Presented the topic of stone circle research using SHPO's database to UM students (Bush, Murdo); 10/29.
- Guest lectured Carroll College anthropology students on Precontact Archaeology (Bush), 11/4.

- *Montana's Native People: Perspectives on the Clovis Child* (Bush) hosted by the Yellowstone Gateway Museum via zoom, 11/17. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RMT1CmlhTE4>
  - Consulting *Under the State Antiquities Act* presented to state agencies (Evilsizer, Brown), 12/14.
  - *Ft. Ellis Archaeology* presented to Montana State University Facilities Planning Staff (Bush), 12/14.
  - Met with the Billings Historic Preservation Board to answer questions about the city's Pioneer Park NR nomination, (Hampton & Boughton); 12/15.
  - Presented *The National Historic Preservation Act, Rehabilitation Standards, and Introduction to SHPO* in three class sessions to University of Montana undergraduate Historic Preservation students (Brown, Newcombe, Hampton), February.
  - "Montana's Carnegie Libraries" (Hampton) via zoom (3/18) in conjunction with the book, *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries*.
  - Participated as a panel member discussing the history of the public's use of public lands at the National Council on Public History Conference (Newcombe); 3/25.
  - SHPO staff conducted an archaeological and architectural inventory of the privately owned Beavertown Stage Stop and vicinity after the property owner consulted with SHPO about artifacts on his property; 4/23, 8/13.
- ✓ Press releases are an outreach priority promoting SHPO activities and success stories, including NR meetings and property listings, public forums, special events, and grant awards. SHPO staff also provides historic preservation content to the Montana Historical Society newsletter (*Society Star*) and social media outlets, including the MHS Facebook page. FFFY2021 press releases include {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}:
- *Preservation Office Awarding Eight Grants*, Helena Independent Record; 10/9.
  - *Depot-Area Nominated for Historic Designation*, Helena Independent Record; 10/9.
  - *Nuggets from Helena: How to take care of your historic windows*, Pam Attardo (Lewis & Clark County CLG), Helena Independent Record; 3/8.
  - *Montana Historical Society Honors Preservationists*, Helena Independent Record; 4/1.
  - *Local Entrepreneurs Busy Renovating Buildings*, Hunter Herbaugh; Glendive Ranger Review; 4/1
  - *McKinley Elementary School added to National Register of Historic Places*, Billings Gazette; 4/6.
  - *Critical repairs at Fort Assinniboine see influx of financial support*, Patrick Johnston; Havre Daily News; 5/10.
  - *McMaster Ranch near Helena Nominated for National Historic Register*, Meridith Depping; Montana Right Now.com; 5/19
  - *Shaw's Pancake Factory Nominated to National Register*, Helena Independent Record; 5/28
  - *Two Helena-area Sites Nominated for Historic Designation*, Helena Independent Record; 5/29
  - *Billings Mausoleum nears Last Step in Historic Recognition*, Griffen Smith; Billings Gazette; 5/29
  - *Dion Restoration Makes Progress*, Hunter Herbaugh; Glendive Ranger Review; 7/1
  - *Restoration advances on historic East Helena rail depot*, Jonathon Ambarian; KBZK; 8/11

SHPO staff created the following Facebook posts for the MHS account:

*NR listed Billy Miles & Bros. Grain Elevator*, 10/01;

*Revitalizing Montana's Rural Heritage Story Map*, 10/7;

*Montana Heritage Property Story Map*, 10/8;

*Virtual Archaeology Day*, 10/14;

*NHPA 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, 10/15;

*Montana's Carnegie Libraries poster*, 10/22;

*Montana National Register Story Map*, 10/29;

*Staff Profile: Jolene Keen, 11/5;*  
*NR listed Airway Beacons, 11/10;*  
*Power of Perspective poster, 11/19;*  
*Jessica Bush's Yellowstone Gateway Museum Webinar, 11/16;*  
*NR listed Belton Chalet. 11/26;*  
*What does SHPO do: SHPO, 12/10.*  
*Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Depot, Great Falls, 1/12;*  
*Mineral Peak Lookout, 1/15;*  
*African American History, Haight-Bridgewater House, 2/16;*  
*Deerborn River High Bridge 2/18;*  
*African American History SHPO's 2013 Building Community poster, 2/25;*  
*Missoula approves \$125K to preserve historic downtown building façade, 3/2;*  
*Meet Eric Newcombe, 3/4;*  
*The Arvon Block Tax Credit Project and Sustainable Building, 3/11;*  
*"Celebrating Historic Schools" poster giveaway, 3/25;*  
*McKinley School listed on NR, 4/8;*  
*Montana History in 9 Easy Lessons: #1 Pre-Contact Montana (Bush), 4/12;*  
*Historic Montana website featuring information on NR properties, 4/13;*  
*The Greenest Building is the One Already Built, 4/15;*  
*Rehab vs. Demo, 4/22;*  
*Montana Capitol from 2001 available, 4/29;*  
*Public History, Public Health, 5/6;*  
*Swift Building Rehabilitation, 5/13;*  
*What to do if you find an artifact, 5/20;*  
*SHPO survey for State Plan, 5/27;*  
*MT Antiquities Act Tutorial video, 6/3;*  
*National Register story map, 6/10;*  
*Locally produced brick and a small carbon footprint, 6/17;*  
*Dust to Dazzle tour (Butte NHL) and giveaway of SHPO's 2009 Montana Vernacular poster, 6/24;*  
*Dust to Dazzle follow-up, 7/1;*  
*Montana Burial Preservation Board, 7/8;*  
*Billings Mausoleum Added to the National Register, 7/22;*  
*Shaw's Best Pancake Factory Added to the National Register, 7/29;*  
*F.M. Mack Mercantile and RMRH grant funded work, 8/3;*  
*TB Hospital in Galen, 8/5*  
*Meet Renee Kelley, 8/12*  
*East Helena RR depot, 8/13*  
*SHPO staff visit to Beavertown for archaeological test pits, 8/19;*  
*Montana Modern poster redux, 8/26;*  
*Rocky Mountain Laboratories, 9/2;*  
*Montana Waterworks Museum Masonry Repair, 9/9;*  
*SHPO's Five-Year Plan Survey, 9/16;*  
*SHPO's Five-Year Plan Survey, 9/22;*  
*Mining Car Poster giveaway, 9/23;*  
*Montana Hotel RMRH, 9/30;*  
*Rosebud battlefield, 9/30.*