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PRESERVATION MONTANA: [The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2018-2022](#)



On the cover: Montana Hotel, Anaconda; listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and recipient of Historic Revitalization Subgrant funds through Montana SHPO's Revitalizing Montana's Rural Heritage grant.

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PRESERVATION MONTANA: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2018-2022

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

Goals and Objectives

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
- Reinvigorate 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 yet-to-be-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

2022 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Success Stories

Hidden Stories: Montana's Black Past

Montana SHPO's 16-year effort to chronicle Montana's Black history and historic places reached a high point in September with the completion and premier to a packed house at the Myrna Loy Center in Helena of the hour-long documentary *Hidden Stories*. SHPO's Kate Hampton obtained over \$100,000 in grants and donations, including \$27,000 from the National Park Service's Underrepresented Communities (URC) program, to embark on a two-year effort to prepare National Register documentation, write a script, conduct research and interviews, and produce a feature. The documentary spans two centuries and conveys context and first-person experiences from York's arrival with the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1805, through the establishment of the Black Studies program at the University of Montana during the 1960s.

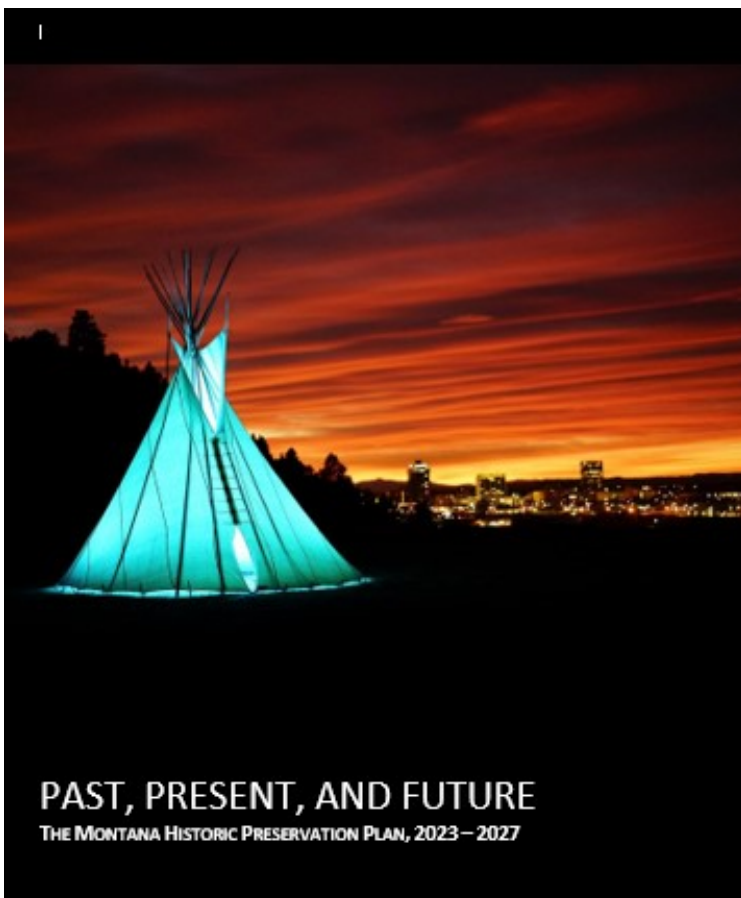
SHPO's Kate Hampton at the *Hidden Stories* premiere.



Montana Historic Preservation Plan Revision

Preservation maintains our legacy and that of our ancestors by keeping the places that generations have inhabited. Preservation benefits all Montanans – culturally, educationally, and economically. The plan, revised every five years by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), guides preservation efforts in all sectors: agencies, local governments, advocates, and private property owners. It provides up-to-date information on the state of preservation in Montana, useful to newcomers and veteran preservationists. The plan's goals and objectives establish SHPO's priorities and priorities of those who choose to integrate the goals and objectives into their work.

Between January 2021 and August 2022, Montana SHPO staff revised the state plan in consultation with Montanans; over 600 of whom participated in SHPO's online survey (570), in direct interviews (22), or through their role on the State Historic Preservation Review Board (9). The National Park Service approved the plan in December 2022 and SHPO posted [*Past, Present, and Future*](#) online.



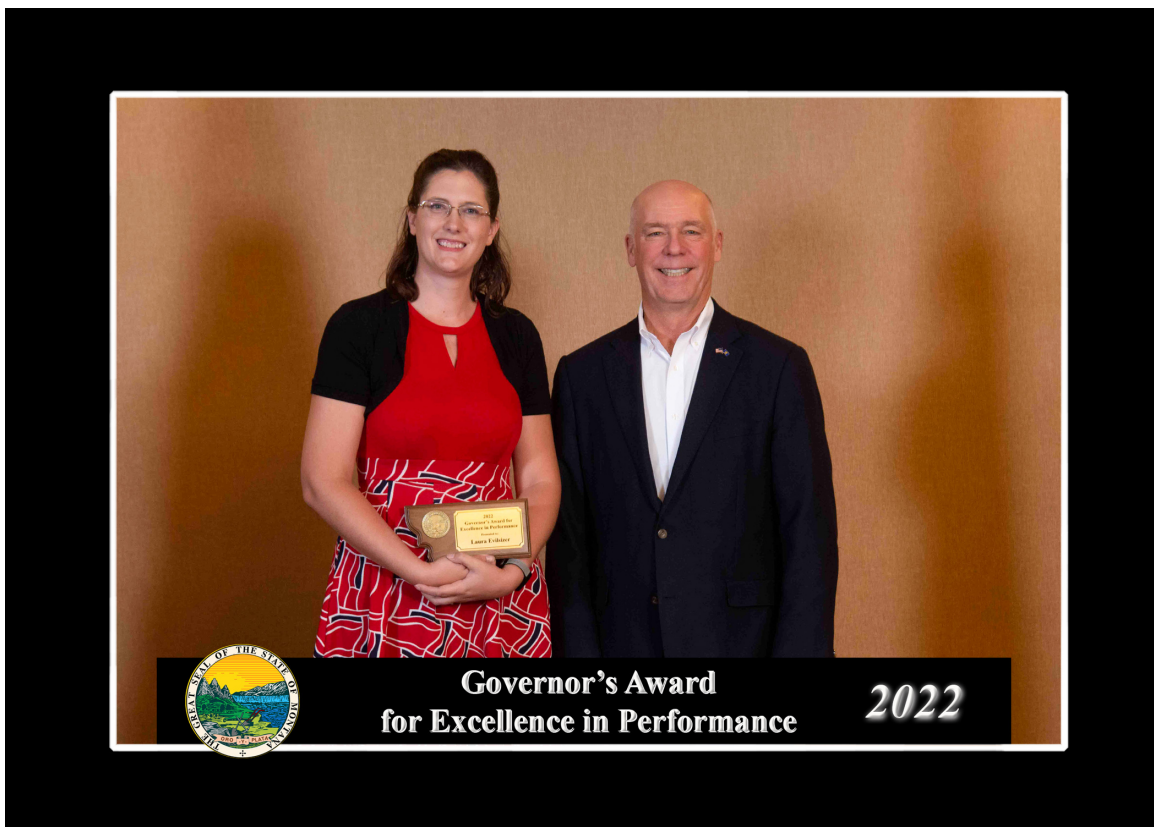
Governor Greg Gianforte Recognizes SHPO Staff Excellence in Section 106 Reviews

On September 30, 2022, Governor Gianforte recognized SHPO Compliance Officer Laura Evilsizer's hard work in accommodating expedited reviews under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act amid the Governor's 2021 Emergency Drought Declaration. Ms. Evilsizer performed over 500 project reviews within a 48-hour turn-around time. The bulk of these, 343 undertakings, arrived at SHPO in a 90-day period.

The drought declaration released millions of federal funds for agricultural producers across the state to establish and augment water wells and pipelines necessary to sustain Montana's agriculture-based livelihoods. The USDA-Farm Services Administration programs for drought-stricken farmers and ranchers require Section 106 review, a process that allows SHPO a 30-day review period.

Expedited review of drought related work within 48 hours is worthy of praise as it occurred at time when SHPO witnessed an unprecedented increase in Section 106 workload beginning in 2020 and continuing through 2022. Increased reviews occurred mostly due to large-scale landscape projects by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, Federal Great American Outdoors Act, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Although Ms. Evilsizer conducted the bulk of reviews, staffers Jessica Bush and Eric Newcombe supported her efforts. SHPO can proudly say that its cooperation in a crisis impacting livelihoods, the lives of stock animals, and the state's economy not only withstood scrutiny from concerned elected officials but earned SHPO the praise of Montana's top elected official.



SHPO's Laura Evilsizer with Governor Greg Gianforte.

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 FFY2022 annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) federal grant allocation to Montana SHPO totaling \$959,051.
- ✓ Documented the required 40% non-federal state match (\$639,367) to the FFY2022 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 accommodations-tax support of the Montana National Register (NR) sign program, private grants, program revenue (fees), donated State Preservation Review Board and volunteer services, and 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). SHPO distributed grants to projects in eight (8) communities. Beyond building repairs, the program yielded the National Register listing of the F.M. Mack Mercantile, and future listing of the Basin Creek Caretakers House. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives IV.3; V.4}



Montana Hotel, Anaconda, RMRH program.

RMRH Grantees:

- Basin Creek Caretakers House, Silver Bow County, \$100,000
- Central School, Roundup; \$100,000
- Dion Block, Glendive; \$65,000
- Fort Assinniboine Amusement Building, Hill County; \$60,720
- F.M. Mack Mercantile, Augusta; \$24,500
- I.G. Baker House, Fort Benton National Historic Landmark District (NHL); \$66,480 **COMPLETED 2022**
- Montana Hotel, Anaconda NHL; \$54,061 **COMPLETED 2022**
- Waterworks Museum, Miles City, Custer County; \$20,306 **COMPLETED 2022**

- ✓ Completion of the Hidden Stories: Montana's Black Past 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 \$92,676.70 in FFY2022 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}
- ✓ Submitted application for SHPO's FFY 22-23 Historic Preservation Fund apportionment.
- ✓ Received a \$50,000 grant from the National Park Service Underrepresented Communities program to chronicle Montana's historic Chinese population and associated places following a Multiple Property Documentation format. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives III.1, IV.1, V.4}

This Havre Sanborn Map indicates a Chinese-affiliated property.

- ✓ 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 (10.5 FTE) in FFY2022 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 SOI Professional Quals. for **History, and Architectural History**

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

Melissa Munson – Program Officer 1

Administration

B.S. Biology & Botanical Sciences

Cherese Gerhardt – HPF Grants Contracts

Grants Administration/CLG assistance

B.A. Psychology

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 & CRM

Laura Marsh – Sec. 106 Compliance Officer

Compliance

Meets the SOI Professional Qualifications for **Archaeology**

M.A. in Anthropology; emphasis in
Archaeology

Jessica Bush – State Archaeologist

Survey and Inventory / Planning / Compliance

Meets the SOI Professional Qualifications for **Archaeology**

M.A. Anthropology; emphasis
in Archaeology

- ✓ Compliance Officer, Laura Marsh joined SHPO in January to supplement existing staff.
- ✓ Grants Manager, Renee Kelley left in May. Her replacement, Cherese Gerhardt began in June.
- ✓ All Montana SHPO positions in FFY2022 are fully federally funded (HPF), except the Cultural Records Assistant and one Compliance Officer (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}
 - Attended the virtual National Trust for Historic Preservation Past Forward Conference, November.
 - Attended a virtual National Register Workshop hosted by National Register program administrator Paul Lusignan, November.
 - Federal Highways Historic Road Conference, November.
 - Montana Historical Society's supervisory training on motivational workplace, November.
 - Montana Office of Public Instruction *Contemporary Topics in Indian Country*, November.
 - Lewis & Clark County Library's *Blood Quantum: history and impact on tribal people*, featuring Montana State Senator Susan Weber, November.
 - Montana Historical Society hosted *How to Have Difficult and Sensitive Conversations*, November.
 - Attended adobe block making demonstration at Ft. Owen State Park hosted by Friends of Fort Owen, February.
 - Attended NATHPO annual conference sessions, February.
 - Wind River Inter-Tribal Yellowstone Ecosystem Meeting hosted by the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, March.
 - Lessons Learned and Considerations for Conducting Research with Indigenous People webinar hosted by the Ecological Society of America, April.
 - Hosted the first post-COVID meeting of the Montana Archaeological Society at the Montana Historical Society, April.
 - Tribal Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Summit hosted by the Oregon State University Traditional Ecological Knowledge Club, May.
 - Morgan-Case Homestead log work repair training with the Friends of Upper Rock Creek, May.
 - Indigenous science webinar, May
 - American Rock Art Research Association webinar, Developing Plans for Rock Art Sites, June
 - Historic masonry repair training by Preserve Montana at the Sieben Ranch, Lewis and Clark County, August.
- ✓ 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 American Organizations {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.1&3}
- State Archaeologist Jessica Bush, staff to the State Burial Preservation Board, attended Montana Burial Preservation Board meetings in October, May, June, and July.
 - State Archaeologist Jessica Bush attended a burial in the Roundup vicinity with Chippewa-Cree Elders, and Rocky Boy THPO in November.
 - Interviewed Dyan Youpee (Ft. Peck THPO) for SHPO's preservation plan revision, November.
 - National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) multi-session native repatriation training, November.
 - Interviewed Shane Doyle of Native Nexus for SHPO's preservation plan revision, December.
 - Worked with Lolo Trail Working Group to advise on revisions to the trail's history so that the historic narrative reflects its significant pre-contact era, January.
 - Wind River Inter-Tribal Yellowstone Ecosystem Meeting hosted by the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, March.
 - Met with Crow THPO Aaron Brien to discuss SHPO's preservation plan revision, March.

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 FFY2022 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.
- ✓ Continued outreach begun in 2021 to revise the 2018-2022 Plan's Goals and Objectives for [Past, Present, and Future](#), released in January 2023. SHPO's outreach yielded 570 responses to an online survey, 22 interviews with diverse preservation stakeholders, and input from the nine-person State Preservation Review Board. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VII.5}
- ✓ 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 serves to share information on how SHPOs in the region manage and track project correspondence and site information. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives III.3; VI.2}
- ✓ Staff volunteered to score Montana History Foundation (MHF) grant applications in March. MHF awarded over \$200,000 in April. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.2, VII.3}
- ✓ Met with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the agency's Fort Peck Reservoir Master Plan, January. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.1}
- ✓ Provided anthropological expertise and participated in weekly exhibit planning meetings for the Montana Heritage Center's new Homeland Exhibit. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives I.2; II.4}
- ✓ Participated in strategic planning and assessment for the Montana Historical Society (MHS) in April. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VII.3}
- ✓ Consulted in person and remotely with community historic preservation officers and their commission members regarding eligibility, design review, certificates of appropriateness, and demolition review. Provided preservation training to these parties at the Montana History Conference Preservation Workshop, September. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives I.1, V.2, V.3, VI.2, VII.1}

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 1,592 newly recorded properties in FFY2022 to SHPO's *Cultural Resource Information System* (CRIS) database and statewide inventory files [FY2021: 906 new properties]. These comprise 1,190 new historic properties, 343 pre-contact sites, 29 combination historic/pre-contact sites, and 30 paleontological sites. Updated information was also collected and registered for 195 additional previously recorded properties. Presently 65,842 total cultural resource properties (districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects) are 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. There is at least one registration form for each recorded property in the database, and several forms/updates for many of these sites. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives III.3}
- ✓ Continued to grow the comprehensive digital text library of documents in SHPO's *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS) database. Added 439 new cultural resource reports to SHPO's and inventory library, representing 147,550 acres of new survey [FY2021: 493 new reports/120,957 acres]. SHPO presently holds 39,072 reports, comprising documentation on 6,315,197 acres of historic and archaeological survey work. Beyond surveys, CRABS features other studies including overviews, histories, excavation reports, and analyses. While the majority of survey in Montana has occurred on public lands (especially lands managed by the USFS and BLM), significant survey has also occurred 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, 3}
- ✓ Original printed hard copies of all CRABS documents are curated in the Montana Historical Society Library-Archives and accessible with SHPO's permission. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective I.2}
- ✓ Approximately 97% of recorded properties and 97% of documented surveys in the state are digital and registered as shape files in the State Antiquities Database. SHPO will likely fall short of 100% digitization as 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 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 site records, reports, and GIS shape files to agencies, consultants, property owners, and qualified researchers. Managed Digital Data Use Agreements for the access and protection of confidential 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, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and THPOs. {2018-2022 Goals/Objectives III.3, VI.3}

- ✓ Joined the annual 11-state western regional Bureau of Land Management-State Historic Preservation Office (BLM-SHPO) Cultural Resource Data Partnership (CRDP) virtual meetings in October, April, and June. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objectives VI.2}
- ✓ Continuing financial support (\$15,000) of Preserve Montana's multi-year one-room schoolhouse survey in seven (7) counties. SHPO contracted with Preserve Montana and provided match for grants the organization obtained for the project. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives III.1}
- ✓ Preserve Montana and the Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) worked with SHPO to identify, document, and plan for interpretation of African American historic places in Virginia City. MHC partnered with the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and Eastern Carolina University's African American Studies program to conduct field studies necessary to develop an interpretive plan. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1, 3, IV.1}
- ✓ Sponsored 3D scanning of rock art sites in Headwaters State Park as part of a Salish-Kootenai College and Montana State Parks field school, which surveyed areas in the park. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.3, VI.1}
- ✓ At the invitation of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Dyan Youpee, State Archaeologist Jessica Bush visited Ft. Peck Reservation and participated in an archaeological survey, March. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.1, 3}
- ✓ Recorded stone circles in the vicinity of Canyon Ferry Lake at the property owner's invitation, March. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives II.4, III.1, 2}
- ✓ SHPO contracted with Lost Horse Archaeology in May to survey Montana's high elevation stone alignments; and to develop and answer research questions about the alignments in consultation with tribal nations, May. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.3, III.1, 2, IV.1, 2}
- ✓ Ongoing development of a GIS-based predictive modeling for historic sites. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives III.3}

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)

- ✓ SHPO hosted three meetings of the nine-member, Governor-appointed [Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board](#) in January, May, and September of FFY2022. The Board reviewed and approved 16 draft National Register of Historic Places (NR) nominations and a Multiple Property Document for Black Montana's Heritage Places. All nominations approved and none tabled. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective IV.2, 3}
- ✓ Met with National Park Service (NPS) Staffer Justin Henderson and Preserve Montana staff to discuss the National Historic Landmark (NHL) potential of the Western Clay Brickworks-Archie Bray Center for Ceramic Arts. Preserve Montana has long advocated that the NR-listed property holds exceptional national significance and worthy of NHL status. NPS invited Preserve Montana to continue its research and present its findings to NPS for further consideration, February. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives IV.3}

Sixteen (16) nominations in 2022 include:

- James F. Battin Federal Building, Billings
- Black Montana's Heritage Places Multiple Property Document, statewide
- Como School, Ravalli County
- Dell Flight Strip, Dell (denied for listing by Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places)
- Driver's Saloon, Anaconda
- Edwards & McLellan Block, Malta
- Ford Schoolhouse, Flathead County
- Montana National Bank, Billings
- Monture Guard Station, Powell County
- Morelli Bridge, Helena
- Poker Jim Butte Fire Lookout, Rosebud County
- River View Dairy Barn, Glacier County
- Shenango Work Center, Gallatin County
- Swanson Homestead, Mineral County
- Thompson Falls Historic District (Boundary Modification and Additional Documentation), Sanders County
- Yellowstone Bighorn Research Association, Carbon County

Thirteen (13) listings for 2022 include:

- Kruse, Billy, Cabin, 15920 North Fork Rd., Polebridge vicinity, Flathead Co. SG100007131, listed 10/28/2021
- McMaster Ranch Hist. District, 6043 US 12/287 East, East Helena vicinity, Broadwater Co. SG100007169, listed 11/18/2021
- Hall Bungalow, 500 Lower Valley Rd., Boulder vicinity, Jefferson Co. SG100007197, listed 11/19/2021
- St. Regis Airway Beacon, 2 mi. SE of St. Regis, St. Regis vicinity, Mineral Co. MP100007145, listed 11/8/2021 (Sentinels of the Airways: Montana's Airway Beacon System, 1934-1979 MPS)

- Edwards & McLellan Block, 101 South 1st St. E., Malta, SG100007498 Phillips Co., listed 3/17/2022
- Montana National Bank, 201 North Broadway, Billings, Yellowstone Co. SG100007494, listed 3/14/2022
- Everson Creek Archaeological District, Dillon vicinity, SG100007636 Beaverhead Co., listed 4/25/2022
- Beavertown Historic District, Jefferson City vicinity, SG100007897, listed 6/30/2022
- Ford Schoolhouse, North Fork Flathead Rd. Polebridge vicinity, Flathead County, SG100008041, listed 8/23/22
- Riverview Dairy Barn, Corrigeux Rd., Cut Bank vicinity, Glacier County, SG00007922, listed 7/7/22
- Thompson Falls Hydroelectric Dam Historic District (Boundary Revision & Additional Documentation), US Alt 10 at Clark Fork River, Thompson Falls, BC100007902, AD86002756, approved 7/6/22
- Shenango Workstation, Custer Gallatin NF Storm Castle Rd., Gallatin Gateway vicinity, SG100008100, listed, 9/1/2022
- Poker Jim Butte Fire Lookout, FS Rd. 4801, Custer Gallatin National Forest vicinity, SG100008167, listed, 9/1/2022



The National Register listed Edwards & McLellan Block, Malta.

- ✓ Governor Gianforte appointed Chris Averill to the State Historic Preservation Review Board in September. Mr. Averill fills a vacancy left by Riley Auge, Ph.D. He serves on the board as a professional historian. Ms. Auge reached the end of her second term.

- ✓ Regularly communicated with historic property owners interested in listing their properties in the NR. Provided guidance and technical assistance to owners researching and documenting properties. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective IV.3}
- ✓ Routinely provided information in response to frequent public inquiries regarding NR-listed properties. Completed [NR information](#) and public access upgrade with Geographic Information System (GIS) map-based platform. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.2, VII.4}
- ✓ Documented and concurred with assessments of NR eligibility of historic and archaeological properties for eventual NR listing 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 183 properties as eligible and 250 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. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives III.3}
- ✓ Continued supporting the Montana Historical Society Research Center in maintaining and expanding the [Historic Montana](#) mobile app. The app is a way-finder program using NR interpretive sign texts and historic photographs, from SHPO’s NR files to provide historical background and context on select places statewide. The rise in sites featured on Historic Montana coincides with an absence in communities developing new historic walking tours. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.2, II.3, III.3}
- ✓ Provided file support to the Montana Historical Society’s Outreach & Interpretation Division, NR Property Sign Program in the production of 53 interpretive plaques in FFY2022. This unique state sign program is supported by an annual allocation from the state accommodations tax. Signs went to properties in 17 counties and include 12 individual listings and 41 contributing properties within 18 Historic Districts. Signs for recently listed resources include the Montana National Bank, Billings; the McMaster Ranch Historic District, Broadwater County; and Billy Kruse Cabin, Flathead County. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective II.3}
- ✓ Regularly announced or assisted property owners in the preparation and distribution of press releases and stories of newly and previously listed NR properties. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}
- ✓ Frequently featured Montana NR-listed properties in [Montana Historical Society social media](#). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}

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Adams/Strain House

Great Falls Northside Residential Historic District

The Adams/Strain House owners elected to have their California Mission style house listed in the National Register of Historic Places and to have it interpreted through Montana's National Register Sign Program.

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 (NR). {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1; VII.4}
- ✓ Provided technical advice and/or made field visits to public and private preservation projects (beyond federal compliance and tax credit projects reported elsewhere in this document) active in planning (pre-development) or implementation (development) in FFY2022. {2018-2022 Goal/Objective VI.1}
These include:
 - Reed & Bowles Trading Post, excavation of a county-owned territorial-era site, Fergus Co.
 - Contributed information from the archaeological record to support the accurate depiction of precontact Native American lifeways in the Montana Historical Society's new Homeland Exhibit.
 - Fort Benton excavation of a fur trade-era outpost on city property, Fort Benton.
- ✓ Met with agencies and architects and consulted onsite under the State Antiquities Act on a variety of undertakings involving state-owned heritage properties listed in the NR, including the Governor's Mansion. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.3; VII.1 & 2}
- ✓ Monitoring preservation agreements for 17 properties that received federal preservation grants, federal tax credits, or conveyed out of federal ownership. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.2}



Fort Benton's I.G. Baker House is protected under a 15-year preservation agreement as part of SHPO's Revitalizing Montana's Rural Heritage grant.

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 rehabilitation tax credit project in 1990, rehabilitation investments total \$82,473,184. The Eureka Community Center, Eureka, and the Gallatin Laundry, Bozeman received certification for tax credits in FFY2022.
- ✓ Regularly communicated with and advised owners of commercial properties considering the federal tax credit rehabilitation program. SHPO performed 29 draft application reviews in FFY2022, some that are multiple drafts for a single project. {2018-2022 Goals/Objectives V.1; VII.3}
- ✓ In FFY2022, SHPO submitted seven (7) Part 1s, four (4) Part 2s, and two (2) Part 3 for these properties:

Part 1 approvals

Battin Building, Billings
Stephens Hotel, Philipsburg
Lacey House, Helena
Billings Hardware, Billings
Collins Block, Billings
Milligan Building, Miles City
Finlen Hotel Annex, Butte

Part 2 approvals

Finlen Hotel Annex, Butte
Northern Hotel, Great Falls
Crowley Block, Lewistown
Thornton Apartments, Missoula

Part 3 approvals

Eureka Community Center, Eureka
Gallatin Laundry, Bozeman



The Eureka Community Center, Eureka was certified for Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits in 2022.

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 Officers Laura Evilsizer and Laura Marsh, State Archaeologist Jessica Bush, Historic Architecture Specialist Eric Newcombe, and Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo. In FFY2022, the team provided written responses to 2,241 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 nine written review and compliance consultations per *workday* (251 workdays/yr.), comparable to FY2021 tallies of 2,009 reviews; eight reviews/workday. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.2}
- ✓ Each compliance review request for SHPO comments consists of a written piece of correspondence that 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 to a 100-mile-long pipeline 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 sometimes programmatically received and processed, but do not require or generate SHPO written responses.
- ✓ Of SHPO's compliance, 1,030 pieces of correspondence initiated "file search" requests for cultural resource information compiled in SHPO's database. File searches also result in SHPO's recommendations for any additional surveys within the project's *area 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 1,030 FFY2022 file searches involved cultural record searches and reviews for a total of 7,094 sections of land.
- ✓ SHPO recommended no further cultural resource work warranted in 514 (50%) of the 1,030 file searches. Information in the State Antiquities Database serves as the basis of staff determining the

| Compliance Correspondence | FFY2022 |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Adverse/No Adverse Effect | 193 |
| EA/EIS Comment | 3 |
| Eligibility Review | 89 |
| MOA Product Review | 8 |
| MOA Comment | 20 |
| MOA Signed | 15 |
| NEPA 106/Comment | 1 |
| NEPA/106 Final | 0 |
| No Properties Affected | 504 |
| Other | 122 |
| PA Comment/Review | 18 |
| PA Product Review | 16 |
| PA Signed | 4 |
| Unresolved | 218 |
| Compliance Total | 1211 |
| File Search | |
| File Search/Consultant | 342 |
| File Search/No Survey | 514 |
| File Search/Survey | 174 |
| File Search Total | 1030 |

likelihood of significant historic properties within the project scope or area of potential effect. These 514 projects proceeded without further consultation.

- ✓ For the 1,211 written consultations that are compliance-related but not file search responses, SHPO's average response time in FFY2022 was 5.9 *calendar days* per consultation. This increased from FY2021 (4.31 calendar days), though SHPO continues to operate well below the allowable 15 and 30-day response times.
- ✓ Of the 1,211 written consultations in FFY2022, 15 concluded in findings of adverse effect to National Register properties; six (6) fewer than in FFY2021. Agencies elected to cancel or modify several other projects to avoid adverse effects. Fourteen (14) of these adverse effects were federal undertakings, involving seven (7) federal agencies: US Forest Service (4), Montana Department of Transportation (MDT, funded by Federal Highways) [3], Department of Energy (2), Bureau of Reclamation (1), Bureau of Land Management (1); Economic Development Authority (2), the Environmental Protection Agency (1). The single *adverse* state project subject to the State Antiquities Act involved the University of Montana (1). In some cases, Memoranda of Agreement with stipulations to mitigate adverse effects will be established with certain agencies in FFY2023.
- ✓ Signed fifteen (15) new Memoranda of Agreements (MOA) stipulating mitigation for undertakings that adversely affect historic properties. MOAs are legal agreements in which agencies commit to mitigation commensurate with adverse effects that their undertakings would have on historic properties. Some MOAs in the following table tie to findings of adverse effects in FFY2021.

| Project Name ↕ | Agency ↕ | Reviewer ↕ | Review Action ↕ | Date In ↗ |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT HIGHLINE PUMP STATION MOA | BOR | Laura Evilsizer | MOA/MOU Signed | 10/19/2021 |
| NEH AND MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MOA FOR THE VETS AND PIONEERS BLDG | FEDERAL/OTHER | Eric Newcombe | MOA/MOU Signed | 10/21/2021 |
| BIG CREEK RANGER STATION MOA | USFS/FLATHEAD | Eric Newcombe | MOA/MOU Signed | 12/6/2021 |
| BIG FORK HYDRO ELECTRIC DAM MOA | DOE/FERC | Eric Newcombe | MOA/MOU Signed | 1/26/2022 |
| KING'S HILL PASS BRIDGE 2 VS 3 MOA AMENDMENT | USFS/HELENA | Laura Evilsizer | MOA/MOU Signed | 2/8/2022 |
| SHEEP CREEK MOA FINAL | BLM/MILES CITY | Jessica Bush | MOA/MOU Signed | 3/14/2022 |
| ST. REGIS ADMIN OFFICE REMOVAL MOA | USFS/LOLO | Eric Newcombe | MOA/MOU Signed | 3/14/2022 |
| MERIDIAN BRIDGE MOA | DOD/COE | Laura Evilsizer | MOA/MOU Signed | 4/1/2022 |
| 15 MAF MOA EXTENSION AMENDMENT | DOD/AIR FORCE | Laura Evilsizer | MOA/MOU Signed | 4/27/2022 |
| BUILDING 1840 MOA EXTENSION AMENDMENT | DOD/AIR FORCE | Laura Evilsizer | MOA/MOU Signed | 4/27/2022 |
| GARRISON ANACONDA SALE FINAL MOA | DOE/BPA | Jessica Bush | MOA/MOU Signed | 8/4/2022 |
| FRESNO DAM MODIFICATION HILL COUNTY MOA | BOR | Laura Evilsizer | MOA/MOU Signed | 8/12/2022 |
| MADISON GULCH DRAGLINE MOA | USFS/HELENA | Laura Evilsizer | MOA/MOU Signed | 8/16/2022 |
| TROWBRIDGE MOA SIGNED | USFS/GALLATIN | Eric Newcombe | MOA/MOU Signed | 8/31/2022 |
| BURNT LEATHER MOA | USFS/CUSTER | Laura Evilsizer | MOA/MOU Signed | 9/19/2022 |

- ✓ Signed four (4) new Programmatic Agreements (PA) and amended none. PAs establish a set of legal protocols between agencies, SHPO and/or THPOs establishing efficiencies and expectations for consultation or reporting on often routine undertakings or undertakings the agency cannot define due to unknown variables in a project. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VII.1}

| Project Name ↕ | Agency ↕ | Reviewer ↕ | Review Action ↕ | Date In ↗ |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| FCRPS HUNGRY HORSE PA FINAL | DOE/BPA | Jessica Bush | PA Signed | 1/4/2022 |
| REVISIONS TO THE PROTOTYPE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT EXHIBITS | NRCS | Laura Evilsizer | PA Signed | 4/4/2022 |
| ASH CREEK RESTORATION AND RESILIENCY PROJECT | USFS/CUSTER | Laura Evilsizer | PA Signed | 11/22/2021 |
| MSU PA SIGNED | MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | Eric Newcombe | PA Signed | 3/1/2022 |

- ✓ SHPO continues to work with USDA-Farm Service Administration to develop a PA to streamline drought related undertakings. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.3, VII.2}

- ✓ SHPO continues to work with USFS Region 1's Western Forests (Lolo, Flathead, and Bitterroot) on a draft site identification strategy (SIS). An SIS establishes region and landscape-specific guidelines to conduct archaeological surveys efficiently and comprehensively. An SIS characterizes site conditions that indicate a high likelihood of past human activity and a need for more intensive site survey. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.3, VII.2}
- ✓ Revised SHPO's [Consultation Guidelines and Procedures](#). {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective V.3}
- ✓ SHPO compliance reviewers hosted or attended 203 meetings in FFY2022 with representatives of federal, state, and local agencies, tribal nations, 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 in person. {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 four Burial Board meetings scheduled in FFY2022. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VI.3; VII.3}
- ✓ Regularly consulted with 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)

- ✓ Identified \$95,905 in financial support from the FFY2022 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to 16 Certified Local Government (CLG) communities, 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 contribute the majority of Montana's 40% state match for federal funding (HPF).
- ✓ Assisted and communicated regularly 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 the City of Bozeman CLG with \$6,400 HPF pass-through funds to supplement their ongoing survey and inventory city-wide. HPF funds allocated to the documentation of African American associated properties in the City of Bozeman. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective III.1}
- ✓ Participated in May Preservation Month activities by providing information, guidance, and review to CLG programs' activities. Pete Brown presented a keynote address on locally sourced wood, brick, and stone to establish Lewistown's historic built environment at the Lewistown Preservation Awards. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.1}
- ✓ Performed 4-year performance evaluation of CLG programs including a three-day visit in Virginia City. Each program met or exceeded program performance standards. Additional evaluations will occur in 2022-2023.
- ✓ Conducted CLG training at the Montana History Conference in Red Lodge, the county seat of the CLG Carbon County, September. The training showcased statewide examples of locally sourced wood, brick, and stone to establish Montana's historic built environment. Training also included a presentation by an architect showing case studies of the tax credit projects combined with LEED certified (low environmental impact) projects to encourage building reuse and affordable housing. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.2; II.3}
- ✓ Assisted CLGs with the review and development of local preservation plans and ordinances, particularly in Virginia City and in Anaconda. Anaconda is considering design review tied to a local Tax Increment Financing District grant. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.1, VII.1}
- ✓ Met in Red Lodge with a property owner, the mayor, and a city commissioner to discuss funding options for repairs to a National Register-listed property following devastating June floods that drew national headlines. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives V.2, VI.1}

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

. 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 inquiries and provided technical assistance through 1,864 phone calls, 6,285 emails, and 427 meetings with 1,031 people. {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 Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), 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). {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.2}
- ✓ 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 met weekly for much of the year with the MHS museum staff and exhibit designers to establish accurate interpretation of pre-contact artifacts and lifeways in the Montana Heritage Center, to be completed in 2025. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VI.1}

- ✓ 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 Preservation Commission, the Montana Archaeological Society, the Forest Fire Lookout Association, the Montana Main Street Advisory Board, Montana Department of Commerce Historic Preservation Grant staff, and Preserve Montana. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective VI.2}
- ✓ SHPO's Community Preservation Coordinator, Kate Hampton reached a milestone in her multi-year [Montana's African American Heritage Resources](#) effort with the completion of *Hidden Stories: Montana's Black Past*, to air on Montana PBS January 15, 2023. {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective I.3; II.1; IV.1}



SHPO Compliance Officer Laura Marsh finds a cannon ball at the Fort Benton excavation.



SHPO replaced its annual poster with greeting cards promoting Revitalizing Montana's Rural Heritage (RMRH) Grant projects.

- ✓ Created and distributed the 2022 Montana preservation greeting cards featuring Revitalizing Montana's Rural Heritage (RMRH) grant projects that highlight the Montana Hotel in Anaconda and the Miles City Waterworks Museum in Miles City. The cards feature contemporary photos of each building with a paragraph on each building's history. SHPO mails recipients four blank cards, which can be used to correspond with friends, quadrupling SHPO's reach. Cards were also distributed to Montana History Conference attendees. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives II.1, 3, 4}
- ✓ SHPO staff conducted the following presentations and outreach activities. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1-3; II.1-4}:

Outreach and Presentations

- Moderated a panel discussion on the history of Montana's preservation movement for Preserve Montana's virtual Road Show, October.
- Presented an overview of SHPO's online resources to UM Anthro graduate students, November.
- Attended a burial in the Roundup vicinity with Chippewa-Cree Elders (Rocky Boy THPO affiliated) in her role as staff to the State Burial Preservation Board, November.
- Participated in Intermountain SHPO meeting to discuss common preservation issues among SHPOs in the Northern Rockies and Great Plains regions, December.
- Presented Archaeology 101 and Stone Tools to Helena grade school students through the Starbase STEM program, January.
- Attended the Lolo Trail Working Group meeting hosted by National Park Service to discuss perspectives on trail interpretation that reflects the trail's ancient use, January.

- Met throughout January and February with Helena 7th Ave Gym stakeholders, Helena School District, Montana Business Assistance Connection, Downtown Helena, Helena BID, Lewis & Clark County HPO, Preserve Montana to discuss the gym building's future.
- Presented Montana State University-Bozeman's Campus Facilities Planning staff in the Montana State Antiquities Act consultation process, February.
- Guest lectured to the University of Montana Historic Preservation class on SHPO's Preservation Planning, the National Register Program, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation, March.
- Presented Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits at *Invest Helena* event, March.
- Presented an overview of the Anzick Child Site to the Southwest Alberta Archaeological Society, May.
- Provided expertise and site leadership assistance to the River & Plains Society at the National Historic Landmark [Fort Benton](#) Engages Quarters excavation, May and August.
- Presented Preservation Efforts along the Mullan Road Corridor at Mullan Road Conference, Fort Benton, June.



SHPO's Historic Architecture Specialist Eric Newcombe met with the Winnett community in July to discuss rehabilitation of that community's historic buildings.

- Presented the Montana Historical Society's Heritage Keeper Award to Arlene Reichert of Preservation Cascade. Ms. Reichert led her organization for 20 years to rehabilitate the Great Falls Tenth Street Bridge after she saved it from demolition, June. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives II.2}
- Collaborated with the Montana Historical Society on a Juneteenth celebration and architectural tour of Helena, June. {2018-2022 Plan Goals/Objectives VII.4}

- Spoke on historic archaeology at the Camp Caroline Field School, hosted by Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest. The school focused on historical and archaeologic research to answer research questions about the historic African American mining camp east of Butte, June.
- Hosted an informational table with QR code-equipped fliers directing participants to SHPOs preservation plan questionnaire at Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization Dust to Dazzle Tour, June.
- Provided SHPO's perspective regarding the loss of Montana's rural buildings to photojournalist Todd Klassy for Distinctly Montana Magazine, June.
- Met with Winnett ACES organization and community to discuss local preservation issues in Winnett, July.
- Invited for a second year to provide expertise and site leadership assistance at the National Register-listed [Reed & Bowles Trading Post](#) excavation, sponsored by the Reed & Bowles Friends Group, August.
- Preservation Workshop at the 2022 Montana Historical Society's History Conference in Red Lodge where SHPO presented the historic use of local natural resources to create Montana's historic building stock, September.
- SHPO met with the U.S. Economic Development Administration to provide an overview of preservation related grants from the Department of the Interior, September.
- Presented atlatl throwing to Carroll College undergrads enrolled in the Intro to Native American Studies class, September.
- ✓ Press releases serve as an outreach priority to promote 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. FFY2021 press releases include {2018-2022 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}:

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

- *Preservation Priorities Task Force, 10/7*
- *Montana's Board of Health Building (SHPO's office), 10/14*
- *Solar panels atop NR-listed Glacier National Park Headquarters, 10/28*
- *Invitation to take SHPO's preservation plan survey, 10/28 (issued multiple invites in FFY2021)*
- *Historically appropriate replacements for missing or significantly damaged historic windows, 11/4*
- *Aligning Historic Preservation and Energy Efficiency, Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, 11/18*
- *Guiding Lights 2015 preservation poster old stock available, 11/25*
- *Temple Emanu-El, 12/2*
- *Thermal Upgrade to Historic Windows, 1/5*
- *Hall Bungalow Nominated to the National Register, 1/13*
- *Billy Kruse Cabin Nominated to the National Register, 1/20*
- *State Review Board Meeting to review National Register Nominations, 1/27*
- *National Register Sign Program, 02/23*

- *The Intrepid Pioneer Women of the McMaster Ranch*, 3/3
- *Introducing Butte-Silver Bow HPO*, Kate McCourt, 3/10
- *SHPO's Archaeology Research in Montana Fellowship promotion*, 3/21
- *Daphne Bugbee Jones documentary*, 3/24
- *Hart Family Fund for Small Towns grant*, 3/29
- *Laura Marsh joins SHPO*, 3/31
- National Register-listed Fallon County Courthouse, 4/1
- National Register-listed Billings Communal Mausoleum, 4/12
- National Register-listed Ravalli County Courthouse, 4/12
- Historic Building Reuse Imperative, 4/21
- The Belgrade Bank and City Hall, 4/22
- Energy Conserving Features in Historic Buildings, 4/28
- Heritage Keeper Award to Arlene Reichert, Preservation Cascade, 6/2
- Bureau of Land Management social media posts on Fort Benton excavation, 6/9: [YouTube](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)
- National Register-listed Conoco Station, 6/8
- Natural disasters and damage to cultural resources, 6/15
- Yellowstone National Park's North Entrance Road damaged by floods, 6/16
- Juneteenth Celebration and Architectural Tour, 6/2, 9, 16
- Fort Benton Excavations, 6/18
- Carbella Bridge lost to Yellowstone River Flooding, 6/13, 15, 21
- Dust to Dazzle, Butte; 6/24
- Morgan-Case Homestead, home of Black homesteader Annie Morgan is listed in the National Register and available to rent from the US Forest Service at [recreation.gov](#), 7/3
- National Trust for Historic Preservation Backing Historic Small Restaurants during the pandemic; 7/7
- Eureka Community Hall is certified for Federal Rehab Tax Credits, 7/27
- National Trust for Historic Preservation awards the Montana Heritage Commission a grant to stabilize the Coggsell-Taylor House and the adjacent Jackson Street Store, both which contribute to the Virginia City National Historic Landmark District, 8/3
- Winnett community group ACES working to preserve and revitalize Winnett, 8/9
- Thompson Falls Hydroelectric Dam and Powerhouse, 8/18
- Stonewall Hall Restoration groundbreaking, 8/30
- Stone masonry preservation at National Register-listed Sieben Ranch, 7/26, and 9/1
- Montana SHPO Fellow, Andrea Shiverdecker, 9/8
- Carroll College students throwing atlats, 9/13
- Shenango Work Center listed in the National Register, 9/22
- McMaster Ranch National Register sign unveiling, 9/22
- Poker Jim Lookout listed to the National Register of Historic Places, 9/29

Press:

- Heritage Tourism Council presents historic preservation awards, Nolan Lister, *Helena Independent Record*; 11/2 (The HTC is Lewis & Clark County's CLG)

- Three Montana Properties Nominated for inclusion in National Register; Meredith Depping; KHQ.com; 10/1 Montana Bank, Block, and Flight Strip nominated to the National Register of Historic Places; Meredith Depping KFBB; 1/27
- Chief Plenty Coups State Park Receives Grant; Josh Margolis, Hi-Line Today; 2/4
- Kate McCourt to be Butte-Silver Bow's next historic preservation officer; Mike Smith, *Montana Standard*; 2/8
- Friends of Ft. Owen Learn about Adobe; Editor, *Bitterroot Star*; 2/8
- B'nai Israel Cultural Center not at the past while looking to the future, *Montana Standard*, Kasey Faur; 3/1
- [Groundbreaking for Baxendale School's New Home](#); Phil Drake, *Helena Independent Record*; May 13
- [Excavation project underway at Fort Benton](#); KRTC Great Falls; June 3, 2022.
- [Montana's smallest county making big changes to save town, expand housing](#); *Daily Montanan*; July 10, 2022
- Organization works to revitalize Winnett community; KRTV; August 2, 2022
- [Preserve Montana holds event that teaches masonry](#); KXLH; August 15, 2022
- [Shenango Workstation nominated to National Register](#); *Billings Gazette*; July 24, 2022; *Bozeman Chronicle*, July 15, 2022
- [Preserve Montana Holds Event that Teaches Masonry](#); KXLH; August 15, 2022
- [Carroll's Native American Studies class learns to throw atlats](#); *Helena Independent Record*; September 11, 2022
- [Helena bridge nominated for the National Register of Historic Places](#); KTVH, October 5, 2022



The National Register nominated Morelli Bridge.