

## **Agencies & Other Stakeholders Providing Input**

### **Montana State Agencies**

Department of Transportation  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Natural Resources & Conservation  
Montana State Library  
Department of Agriculture  
Montana Legislature (staff)  
Montana Historical Society  
Department of Administration

### **Federal Agencies**

Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Forest Service  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Environmental Protection Agency  
National Park Service  
U.S. Geological Survey – Wildlife Research  
Dept. of Energy – Bonneville Power Corporation  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

### **Education**

Montana State University  
University of Montana  
Salish-Kootenai College  
Elementary school

### **Other**

Fort Peck Tribal government  
Salish Kootenai tribal government  
Saskatchewan provincial government  
Westech Environmental  
Tetra-Tech  
Several other private businesses (anonymous, responding to the web survey)  
NatureServe  
Montana Audubon  
Several other non-profit organizations (anonymous, responding to the web survey)

### **Individuals**

Stan Meyer, Great Falls – former chair, MT FWP Commission  
Randy Gray – TNC Board of Trustees, mayor of Great Falls  
Dick Hutto – TNC Board of Trustees; ornithologist, University of Montana  
Several other private individuals (anonymous, responding to the web survey)  
All MTNHP staff

### **Montana Natural Heritage Partners Advisory Committee**

Mike Boyer	Dept. of Administration
Dan Sullivan	Dept. of Agriculture (MT)
Theresa Hanley	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Nora Smith	BLM
Julian Calabrese	Department of Environmental Quality(DEQ)
Bonnie Lovelace	DEQ
Lynda Saul	DEQ
John Tubbs	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Janet Hess-Herbert	Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
Chris Smith	FWP
Heidi Youmans	FWP
Todd Everts	Legislative Services
Bonnie Steg	Montana Department of Transportation(MDT)
Stan Sternberg	MDT
Debra Wambach	MDT
Pete Husby	Natural Resource and Conservation Service
Maria Mantas	T Nature Conservancy
Dan Dwyer	Univeristy of Montana
Steve Shelly	United States Forest Service (USFS)
Skip Kowalski	USFS
Lihn Hoang	USFS-Flathead
Lori Nordstrom	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Pat Farmer	WESTECH
Jim Hill	Montana State Library

Early stakeholder input did not provide clear direction about which institution should assume administrative responsibility for the NHP. They did, however, provide very clear messages about what qualities and services of the NHP that they value and want to retain, as well as issues of concern in any prospective change of NHP administration.

At their initial meeting, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, The Montana Natural Heritage Partners Advisory Committee, after much discussion, gave a thumbs up to the movement of the administration of the program to the University of Montana. All other conditions should remain the same or improved upon including contractual management by the Montana State Library.