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From	Kruckenberg, Molly
To	Stapp, Jennie
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Dear Jennie,

The Montana Historical Society is pleased to see that the Montana State Library is taking proactive steps to continue their management of State publications. After reviewing the draft Montana State Publications Management Plan, we have just a few questions to help us better understand the plan.

Under the section “Identify,” is it the intent of the MSL to digitize all print state publications received under the submission process and to offer the print version to the MHS? Also, is the MSL actively acquiring print versions of state publications or is collecting a digital version the preference? If MSL is acquiring print versions of state publications, how will you work with agencies on acquiring the print version?

MHS would prefer that the wording “provide the print copy to the Montana Historical Society,” found in a few places throughout the document, be changed to “offer the print copy to the Montana Historical Society.” This allows MHS staff to review publications for historical significance prior to accepting them into our collection. MHS will not accept all state publications for permanent retention; we will accept only those that are considered by MHS staff to have historical significance.

Under the section “Acquire,” can you provide clarification on what is a “discrete born-digital state publication”?

Under the section “Preserve,” can you provide additional information on what your preservation requirements will be within the preservation agreements for digitization and web crawl contracts?

Regarding the existing MOU with the MHS, referenced in item 1 under “Preserve,” please strike “designating MSL as the digital repository and MHS as the print repository for state

publications.” Our existing MOU does not contain this language. Rather, MHS is to “serve as the repository for all permanent state publications, including non-digital publications.” The most current version of this MOU is from 2008 and does need to be updated as there are several statements that are no longer accurate. Perhaps this action item could be changed to “update” instead of “maintain”?

Under the section “Access,” references are made to state government information centers and to depository libraries. What is the difference between these two designations?

We appreciate the State Library’s continued work to ensure the management of Montana’s state publications and public access to state government information.

Sincerely,
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