

# Memo

**To:** Federation Task Force Members

**From:** Tracy Cook, Lead Consulting & Learning Librarian

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**Re: History of Federations**

Please review the 20-minute video about the history of federations. We will discuss the history of federations - reviewing their purpose and how things have changed over time.

It's important to review the video. If you are interested in seeing notes from my research, I have included links to the legislative review I completed as well as my notes from research completed at the Montana Historical Society. These documents are optional.

As you review the video and/or the additional documents, please consider the following questions:

- Why were federations created? What was their original purpose?
- How has the purpose changed over time?
- Is there value in continuing with the current purpose? If so, what? If not, why not?
- Is there value in resurrecting some of the historical purpose or abilities of federations? If so, what would you recommend considering?

Links to relevant documentation and video

- [History of Federations Video](#)
- [Review of legislative history of federations in the Montana Code Annotated](#)
- [Montana Historical Society research notes about federations](#)