



MEMO

To: Montana State Library Commission
From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
Subject: Natural Resource Information System Advisory Committee legislative update
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Under the Red Tap Relief Initiative, staff and the Governor's Office recommend that the statute requiring the Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) Advisory Committee be rescinded through a legislative change. This Committee was created by the Legislature in 1983 to advise the State Library on the creation and operation of the Natural Resource Information System. In practice, the Montana Land Information Advisory Council and the Montana Natural Heritage Program annual Partners meeting has replaced the need for this advisory committee.

Staff recommend that the Commission direct staff to work with the Governor's Office to introduce legislation to rescind the NRIS Advisory Committee and to carry it through the 2023 legislative session.

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