



MEMO

To: State Library Commission
From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
Subject: Public Comments Received from MGIA Form: Amendments to 10.102.91: Montana Geospatial Information Act.
Date: 12/1/2023

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EMAIL

Dear Erin,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of the Montana Association of Geographic Professionals (MAGIP) in connection with the proposed amendments to the Montana Administrative Rule for the Montana Geospatial Information Act and the Montana Realtime Network, as outlined in the documents provided in your recent email.

Firstly, I want to express our appreciation for your efforts in disseminating information related to these crucial amendments. The work undertaken by the Montana State Library in advancing geospatial initiatives is invaluable to our community, and we commend your dedication to fostering a robust geospatial environment in our state.

After careful review and consideration, the MAGIP Board has reached a consensus. We support the proposed amendments; however, we feel it is important to communicate that our Board does not fully grasp the intricacies of the information presented in the attached documents. Given the technical nature of the content, we believe that a comprehensive understanding is essential for providing informed public comments.

Therefore, while we regret that MAGIP will not be submitting public comments directly, we want to assure you that we will actively encourage our members to engage in the public comment process. We believe that their diverse expertise and perspectives will contribute significantly to the discussion surrounding these amendments. The strength of MAGIP lies in the collective knowledge and experience of our members, and we are confident that their individual insights will enrich the discourse on these matters.

We look forward to the continued collaboration between MAGIP and the Montana State Library in advancing geospatial initiatives within our state. If there are any opportunities for further engagement or clarification on the proposed amendments, we would greatly appreciate your guidance.

Thank you for your understanding, and we appreciate your ongoing commitment to fostering a thriving geospatial community in Montana.

Sincerely,

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Re: Amendments to 10.102.9104: Montana Geospatial Information Act.

Dear Ms. Stapp:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) appreciates the opportunity to review the proposed amendments to Administrative Rule 10.102.9104 and offer comments.

ARM 10.102.9104, subsections 4-6, states if a rewrite or updates are necessary, the state library will include goals, objectives, and a budget within the plan to do so; seek public comment; and submit the draft plan to the Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council (Council). What is not clear is what would trigger a rewrite or update. These should be identified.

FWP, as well as other state agencies, is a major user of Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure to provide services to staff and the public. FWP recommends including state agency consultation and collaboration in ARM 10.102.9104 prior to seeking public comment.

Thank you for considering our comments. We welcome any opportunities to discuss them with you further.

Sincerely,

Jess Plunkett
Chief Information Officer & Technology
Services Division Administrator

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Montana Department of Transportation

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) staff has reviewed the proposed rules, we have no comments or concerns.

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I hereby submit my approval of the proposed adoption, amendment, and repeal of these rules.

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Kalispell

10.102.9101

OK

10.102.9104

The proposed changes are constricting and will cause more trouble.

10.102.9102

Too much big government. I am not in favor of the changes overall.

10.102.9101

OK