**MEMO**

**To:** Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council

**From:** Erin Fashoway, State GIS Coordinator

**Subject:** MSDI Workflow & Planning for the Future

**Date:** 1/16/2025

The Montana State Library hosted the Annual MSDI Framework Theme Leads annual meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024. The GIS Coordinator, MSDI Theme Leads, State Librarian, and other key stakeholders discussed the expectations of the MSDI Theme Leads and MSDI Stewarding Agencies.

The calendar has been established for the next two years: [MSDI Calendar 2025/2026](https://docs.msl.mt.gov/mgia/GeospatialPlans/MSDI_Calendar25_26.pdf). The Montana State Library is seeking advisement on the future of MSDI Framework Development. We continue to move forward advancing our [GIS Coordination Strategic Goals](https://docs.msl.mt.gov/MLIA/StrategicPlan/2022_GISCoordinationStrategicPlan.pdf). We are taking the following approach with the MSDI Framework Themes:

1. MSDI Theme Lead create a Theme Data Quality Matrix.
2. MSDI Theme Lead convene Working Group to review Theme Data Quality Matrix.
3. MSDI Theme Lead present Theme Data Quality Matrix to the Council.
4. MSDI Theme Lead develop Theme Plan in collaboration with Working Group.
5. MSDI Theme Lead present Theme Plan to the Council.
6. Council will endorse Theme Plans.

We would like to know how the Council would like to give advisement throughout this process:

* Does the Council want to review and approve templates for the MSDI Theme Data Quality Matrix & Theme Plans?
* Will the Council want the opportunity to approve/endorse all Theme Data Quality Matrices? A precedent has been established for the Council to approve/endorse MSDI Theme Plans.