Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council Business Meeting

November 19, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Montana State Library | Gertrude Buckhous Meeting Room
1201 11th Ave | Helena, Montana, Helena, MT 59601
Online Participants: Zoom Meeting Link

AGENDA

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9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**

- Changes or additions to the agenda

9:15 a.m. **Business Items**

- Meeting Minutes
  - September 17, 2026 – Executive Summary – **Action**
- 2027 Calendar Year Council Meeting Schedule - **Action**
- Geospatial Accessibility Best Practices – **Action**
- MSDI Cadastral Theme Plan, Jeff Hedstrom
  - Approve the Theme Plan – **Action**

10:00 a.m. **Discussion Items**

- Strategic Governance Update – Deepti Kochar
- Accessibility Update – Nick Youngstrom
- NSGIC Annual Conference Recap – MGIA Council
- National Spatial Data Infrastructure Implementation Plan – MGIA Council
- 2027 Big Sky GeoCon (Great Falls) – MGIA Council

11:30 a.m. **Lunch Break** – Lunch provided to Council Members & Invited Guests

12:00 p.m. **Standing Reports**

- 2027 Legislative Update – Jennie Stapp
- MGIA Collections – Erin Fashoway
- MGIA Grant Report – Erin Fashoway & Sean Anderson
- GIS Coordination Report – Erin Fashoway
- Council Member Updates:
  - MAGIP – Eric Spangenberg & Mike Powell, MAGIP President
  - Montana University System – Valentijn Hoff
  - Local Government – Lee Macholz & Maureen Celander
  - Tribal – Judy Ogle
  - MARLS – Joe Kaufmann
  - State – Adam Carpenter & Nick Youngstrom
  - Federal – Allen Armstrong
  - Private Business – Devin Mendez
  - Council Member Group Discussion

1:30 p.m. **Other Business & Announcements**

Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council

2:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Meeting Materials: https://mslservices.mt.gov/ASPeN/Events/Event_Detail.aspx?Event_ID=31199

Upcoming MGIA Council Meetings:

- *2027 Calendar Year TBD*