Proposed Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) Amendment Timeline for Spring of 2010

December 3 – Commission votes to propose the amendments to the public.

Staff will then prepare the rule amendment notice.

December 15 – Earliest date rule notice may be submitted to ARM Bureau.

January 4 – Notice MUST be submitted by noon on this day.

January 14 – Notice will be published in the Montana Administrative Register (MAR). (See below for more information.) The notice may be sent out to the public via WIRED, put on the e-calendar and any other methods we choose. We do NOT have a list of interested parties that must receive the notice. Notice must also be sent to Representative Jon Sesso.

January 19 – Latest date rule notice may be sent out to the public.

- February 16 Proposed date for hearing on the matter. Both written and oral comments may be received at the hearing.
- February 24 Last date written comments may be received. Written comments may be received via e-mail, regular mail or fax.
- February 25 to April 9 Staff will prepare the amendment notice with all comments summarized and responded to and present to the commission.
- April 10 The commission will vote to amend as proposed or with the changes identified.
- April 12 Amendment notice may be submitted to ARM Bureau.
- April 19 Notice MUST be submitted by noon on this day.
- April 29 Notice will be published in the MAR. Notices do NOT need to be sent to the public.
- April 30 Rules are effective.
- June 30 Last date for submission of replacement pages. Generally updated pages will not be available online for another quarter.

ARM information may be found at http://sos.mt.gov/arm/public/index.asp.

MAR is a twice-monthly publication which contains all proposed new, transferred, amended, and repealed rules, adopted rule changes, notification of hearing dates and address for written comments, attorney general's opinions, and state declaratory rulings. Using MAR enables one to determine the current status of Montana's administrative rules. It contains an accumulative table in each register which lists all rulemaking actions since updating of the ARM. Appointees to and Vacancies on state government <u>Boards and Councils</u> are also published once a month. It is equivalent to the <u>Federal Register</u>.