Memo

To:	Montana Land Information Advisory Council	**From:**	Erin Fashoway, State GIS Coordinator
Date:	November 9, 2018		
Re:	Montana Land Information Plan: Public Comment & Recommended Changes		

The Montana Land Information 2019/2020 Plan was published for a 30-day public comment period on 10/1/2018. Please see the attached public comment received by the Montana State Library.

In 2017, the Council made the decision to develop multi-year land plan that could be updated/refreshed annually to fulfill the requirements of the Montana Land Information Act: MCA 90-1-404. Therefore, the Montana Land Information 2019/2020 Plan will have minimal changes or updates. The major changes are noted below, reflect staff recommendations based on internal staff comments and public comment.

We ask the Council to endorse the plan as presented.

Major Changes to Land Information Plan		
Section	*Page*	*Change*
Priorities for Grants	9	Added new grant category: Improve Water Information: MSDI Hydrography
MSDI Theme Specific Priorities	10	Removed Hydrography 'priority c', was duplication from the Elevation priorities.
MSDI Theme Specific Priorities	11	Merged Land Cover 'priority c' into Land Cover 'priority a.'
GIS Coordination Priorities	12	Added new priority: Explore New Technology & Federal Partnership Program
GIS Coordination Priorities	12	Added new sub-priority under Promote the Dissemination of GIS Data
Future Priorities	14	Removed this section, integrated section into GIS Coordination Priorities

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Q1 Please provide your contact information

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Q2 Please provide feedback on the Priorities for the Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)

Respondent skipped this question

Q3 Please provide feedback on the Priorities for Grants

Respondent skipped this question

Q4 Please provide feedback on the Priorities for the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI)

Respondent skipped this question

Q5 Please provide feedback on the Priorities for GIS Coordination.

I am a licensed real estate broker. I use GIS most every day. I am surprised how few other real estate firms use GIS. One issue is the time and cost associated with buying and learning GIS software. Another issue is lack of awareness. I would recommend reaching out to the real estate community. We are required to obtain a certain number of continuing education credits each year to keep our licenses. If you offer a free or inexpensive course on use of GIS in the real estate profession, people would likely come out in droves to get the continuing education credits, but hopefully they will also learn more and become advocates for GIS. I may be willing to be involved in such a process so call me if interest. Contact information is Mark Sommer at 406-728-4176.

Q6 General feedback on the Montana Land Information Plan for FY2020 (July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020)

Respondent skipped this question

Q7 How often do you utilize the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure? These include the 15 recognized spatial data framework layers: Boundaries, Cadastral, Geographic Names, Hydrography, Imagery, Mapping Control, Structures & Addresses, Transportation, Climate, Elevation, Geology, Hydrologic Units, Land Cover, Soils, Wetlands & Riparian.

Daily

Q8 How often do you use the Montana Cadastral (gis.mt.gov) to research land information for professional reasons?

Monthly

Q9 What other MSDI GIS Layers or Applications is your work dependent upon?

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Developing success criteria for the grant program makes sense. Determining the success of a MSDI layer seems a bit misguided. Perhaps gauging utility of a layer would be more appropriate? The priority of outreach and marketing doesn't make sense. Outreach and marketing for what purpose?

Q3 Please provide feedback on the Priorities for Grants

NG 911is a large effort and monies need to be provided specifically for this effort. Relying on grantees and library to subsidize the effort seems ridiculous with all the MSDI themes that are currently at risk. I'd like to grants to local governments focus on actual products and less on their internal infrastructure development.

Q4 Please provide feedback on the Priorities for the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI)

Transportation really needs more attention in general. Incorporation of county, Forest Service and BLM roads is critical.

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Advocating for the use of MSDI is great IF there is a commitment to update and keep the layers current. One task should be to ensure that grantee's data is accessible.

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There needs to be more measurables and more accountability in ensuring the work is done.

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