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**General Resources**

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## A. Programs and Services to Municipal and County Governments

### 1. Local Government Center

#### Purpose

The mission of the Local Government Center is to provide professional education, technical assistance and applied policy research to enhance the governance and management capacities of local government officials throughout Montana.

#### Programs and Services

- A. Professional Education - Develop and deliver annual public management seminars for county and municipal officials including county commissioners, treasurers, clerks and recorders, public health officers, clerks of court as well as municipal mayors, council members and clerk/treasurers. Training programs include certification programs for Clerks of District Court, County Treasurers, and Municipal Clerks/Treasurers/Finance Officers, new county commissioner orientation, the Montana Mayors Academy and training for local government study commissions.
- B. Technical Assistance - Deliver on-site technical assistance directly to units of county and municipal government in such areas as budgeting and financial management, human resource management, ethics, decision-making processes, redistricting, open meeting laws, incorporation, charter development and governmental reorganization.
- C. Research - Conduct and publish applied policy research relating to the critical issues confronting local officials. Recently published studies have focused on criminal justice system planning, local government structure, process and politics, inter-local cooperation, infrastructure funding, land use planning and county and municipal demographic profiles. Publish the **Montana Policy Review** twice annually for distribution to all state legislators, local officials and all libraries in the state.

#### Conditions

Programs and services usually provided to local government officials and community not-for-profit organizations on a cost recovery basis.

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## **2. Local Technical Assistance Program**

### Purpose

The Montana Rural Technical Assistance Program was established in January 1983. LTAP has focused on assisting county road offices and city street departments in road and bridge maintenance and repair, including development of timber bridges, asphalt and chip-sealing, gravel road maintenance, work zone safety, sign management, snow fighting, project scheduling, etc., through the sharing of technical information and knowledge. By improving the distribution of this information, the program promotes efficient use of local transportation agencies' scarce resources.

### Programs and Services

- A. Quarterly newsletter on transportation issues and problem-solving
- B. Videotapes for loan on such topics as work zone traffic control, living snow fences, motorgrader operation, etc. (more than 250 available)
- C. Publications on a variety of transportation topics (available free or for a small charge)
- D. Information services and referrals on transportation or traffic issues
- E. Seminars and workshops on maintenance, management, traffic control, tourism and a variety of other topics (fee: between \$10 and \$15 each)

### Conditions

LTAP does not provide engineering services beyond advice and guidance. Most services are free, except for selected publications (small charge) and seminars (registration fees range from \$10 to \$30 each).

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### 3. Fire Services Training School

#### Purpose

The mission of the FSTS is to build capacity in local governments for protecting the life safety of citizens, their property, the tax base and infrastructure from harm caused by unwanted fires, accidents, injuries, hazardous materials incidents and other emergencies.

#### Programs and Services

**Degree Partnership:** FSTS, in partnership with the MSU College of Technology-Great Falls, offers a Fire & Rescue two-year degree. Students receive their technical core from the FSTS and the general education courses from their closest institution of higher learning. When course work is complete, all work is transferred to COT-GF and the degree is awarded.

**Special Assistance:** FSTS provides special educational programs and services to assist local fire organizations with training, planning, technical and management problems. Research is conducted by staff members or referred to subject matter experts with whom FSTS maintains contact. Services have ranged from conducting a performance audit of a local fire department to testing apparatus.

**Curriculum Development:** FSTS has developed an innovative approach for training fire fighters which has recently received national acclaim. The program is gaining popularity and was especially designed to meet the needs of Montana's fire services. Additional levels are under development, as well as revisions to existing units.

**Training Delivery:** The staff of the FSTS is available to deliver training in communities throughout Montana on a request basis.

**Emergency Services Library:** FSTS maintains an extensive library of fire- and EMS-related materials, all of which are available on a loan basis to local fire services. Materials include transparencies, course guides, videos, lesson plans, hardware, instructor kits, periodicals, reference books, catalogs and technical reports. Over two thousand loans are made annually. An annual membership fee is charged to help fund this service.

**Newsletters:** FSTS compiles and publishes three newsletters. The *Montana Fire & Rescue* newsletter is published monthly in cooperation with the Fire and Aviation Management Bureau. Topics covered include new technologies, training opportunities, fire prevention materials, and code interpretations. The

newsletter is mailed to fire chiefs, sheriffs, instructors, local fire marshals, and local Disaster and Emergency Services Directors. The second newsletter, *The Latest*, is published each Monday, and it serves as a communications link for the FSTS family and fire service leadership. Additionally, *The Latest* is sent daily via e-mail to emergency response personnel with e-mail capabilities.

**Professional Certification:** FSTS offers a testing program that recognizes demonstrated professional competence. Fire service personnel are tested against standards for various levels and specialties and recognized with a certificate for success. The program is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress and the National Board for Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

**Mobile Training Labs:** FSTS also operates mobile training laboratories. A smoke maze has been constructed in a large trailer and is used by field instructors to train fire fighters in the use of mask and rescue techniques. A FLAG (Flammable Liquid and Gas) trailer provides learners with hands-on training in the danger of flammable gases and liquids. A burn trailer gives fire fighters the opportunity to fight a simulated fire.

**National Fire Academy/FSTS Partnership:** FSTS operates in partnership with the National Fire Academy to bring NFA courses to Montana. Each year, nine courses are delivered utilizing NFA instructors from all over the United States.

**Fire Fighter and Officer Academies:** FSTS offers a series of Academies at both the technical and tactical levels. Fire Fighter 1 and 2 sessions are each nine days long and cover every skill required and all testing for professional certification. These training opportunities have proven valuable to those seeking employment as a career fire fighter and to trainers who want to improve their skills in support of their local training program. Likewise, the Fire Officer 1 Academy covers all of the skills and testing for entry level fire officer. Note: The Fire Officer 1 Certification is not yet accredited.

#### Conditions

Programs and services are usually provided to local fire and rescue members and community emergency response organizations on a cost recovery or subsidized basis, depending on ability to pay.

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## B. Programs and Services to Business and Industry

### 1. Montana Manufacturing Extension Center (MMEC)

Mission: To help manufacturers to be more successful.

Using direct, unbiased engineering and managerial assistance, full-time professionals, with degrees in engineering and extensive experience in manufacturing and business, help manufacturing companies find the solutions and resources they need. To better serve companies across Montana, MMEC engineers are based at MSU-Bozeman and with partnering organizations in Billings, Helena, Kalispell, and Missoula. MMEC is part of a nationwide network known as the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, branded as 360vu.

Companies know their businesses. We know manufacturing and technology. Practical and cost-effective solutions can be implemented using a wealth of tools, techniques and resources to help manufacturers with technical and management issues. Our success is measured by the individual success stories of each MMEC customer. We help Montana manufacturers.

Hand-on, in-house assistance to manufacturers: “We make house calls to assess your business operation and customize solutions based on best practices in the industry.”

Technical services: lean manufacturing, plant layout, equipment justification, design for manufacture, manufacturing software selection and implementation, product costing, labor resource planning, cycle time reduction, statistical process control, specialty services for the wood industry, and more.

MSU’s TechLink Center and the Montana Manufacturing Center have combined their capabilities under a unique **MilTech** program to improve the speed, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of technology transition to the Department of Defense. The program is accelerating the movement of innovative technologies, developed by DoD labs and the private sector, through manufacturing design and production and into operational use by DoD. Several companies in Montana and the region are already benefitting from this program.

Training for manufacturing management and employees using workshops, simulations, plant floor demonstrations, and field events to deliver knowledge to improve manufacturing operations, financial management related to manufacturing, quality systems, and marketing. MMEC can customize a training progression appropriate to an individual company, using our professional staff, augmented by other specialists.

Hosts Montana’s premier Manufacturing Conference, *Compete Smart*.

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## **2. University Technical Assistance Program (UTAP)**

University Technical Assistance Program (UTAP) at Montana State University-Bozeman is staffed by graduate students working toward advanced degrees in engineering. They serve Montana manufacturers while gaining real world experience in manufacturing and business management issues. They work under the supervision of an MMEC engineer and complement the MMEC mission and service.

Assistance is provided through a variety of formats, including on-site analyses and problem solving, computer searches of databases, and referrals.

The eligibility for UTAP assistance is based on a company's needs for resources, and an evaluation of the potential benefit to Montana.

Criteria include potential to create or stabilize jobs, existing or potential market for products, ability to acquire capital, rate of unemployment in the resident county.

Assistance includes database searches, product cost, facility layouts, productivity improvement, inventory analysis, raw material specifications, supplier identification, and more.

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**C. Programs and Services to Public School Districts, Teachers, and Other School Personnel**

**1. Science-Math Resource Center**

Purpose

To provide materials and other assistance to teachers for the improvement of math and science education in Montana schools, and to encourage teens and pre-teens to pursue studies and careers in math and science.

Programs and Services

- Curriculum materials on loan for teachers
- Newsletter for science teachers (2x per year)
- Continuing professional education for math and science teachers (seminars, workshops and credit courses), including several opportunities for Native American teachers
- Sponsor of Montana Science Olympiad for junior and senior high school students
- Enrichment programs in math and science for junior and senior high school students, including targeted opportunities expressly for Native Americans and females

Conditions

The Center's curriculum materials may be checked out from the Curriculum Lab in Reid Hall. There are no charges when these materials are borrowed by teachers. These materials include textbooks, science kits, math manipulations, slides, filmstrips, lab manuals, and activity books. For information about other SMRC programs, contact the director, Elisabeth Swanson.

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## **2. Teachers' Resource Center**

### Purpose

To provide students and Montana teachers with teaching and curriculum planning resources.

### Programs and Services

Materials for check-out include manipulative materials for learning, textbooks, activity books, curriculum guides, and videotapes.

### Conditions

The TRC is an outreach service of the College of Education, Health and Human Development and serves in-service and pre-service teachers.

Materials may be checked out at no charge. Copy services are also provided for a fee.

### Contact Person

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#### 4. Project WET Montana

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##### Purpose

To facilitate and promote awareness, appreciation and knowledge of Montana's water resources through the development and dissemination of classroom-ready teaching aids. Special emphasis is given to strengthening students' understanding of the importance of water to all water users (e.g., farmers, ranchers, recreationists, towns, fish, wildlife, power, industry) and to the belief that wise water management is essential to Montana's future social and economic welfare and prosperity. Like other successful natural resource education programs, Project WET emphasizes teaching students *how to think, not what to think*.

##### Programs and Services

- Teaching aids for grades K-12 can be checked out
- Technical assistance to community groups conducting water education programs and projects
- Seminars and workshops for teachers
- Guidance on careers in hydrosciences
- Referrals to sources of water information and assistance
- Trunks for teaching groundwater, water monitoring, and Montana's water history can be checked out

##### Conditions

Contact Frances Moore for specifics about conditions and costs.

##### Contact Person

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## 5. American Indian Research Opportunities (AIRO)

### Purpose

AIRO is the administrative umbrella for several programs developed in partnership with tribal colleges, reservation K-12 schools and the American Indian community designed to increase the numbers of American Indians in science, mathematics, engineering and technology careers. AIRO is dedicated to providing resources, opportunities, support, and encouragement for American Indian students so they can realize their full potential. Through its programs AIRO prepares students for productive careers in the sciences, for future leadership positions and for responsible life-long learning.

The major goals of AIRO are:

- To recruit, retain and graduate American Indians (and other minorities/disadvantaged students) with associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees in science, mathematics, engineering and technology fields;
- To facilitate key transition points with special assistance/counseling/ support (i.e. from high school to two-year college; from high school to four-year college; from two-year to four-year institutions; from four-year institutions to graduate/professional schools);
- To foster and implement science educational programs for the purpose of greater self-determination of American Indian people;
- To increase significantly the number of American Indian students majoring in science-related curricula by improving their academic competitiveness;
- To introduce students to career opportunities and the art of scientific investigation including instruction on the principles of scientific integrity, the responsible conduct of research and high ethical and professional standards by participating in laboratory research projects.

### Programs and Services

- Montana Apprenticeship Program (MAP). The MAP is a six-week summer program for disadvantaged high school juniors and seniors designed to provide pre-college preparation and a meaningful work-related experience in a scientific research laboratory.
- Initiative for Minority Student Development (IMSD). The IMSD program is a college-level program for minority students interested in a biomedical/health science career. Students work in a biomedical research lab with a faculty member, prepare and present their research findings, participate in academic enhancement activities, attend a one- credit seminar related to specific health concerns of Native Americans

and work on a joint summer curriculum project for dissemination via the web on health issues of Native Americans.

- Bridging Tribal College Students to MSU (Bridges). The Bridges program's goals are to build a seamless educational experience between tribal colleges and Montana State University and, in the process, to increase the number of under-represented students successfully transferring and pursuing academic studies in the biomedical field and other health-related fields. Student participants live in Bozeman for seven weeks during the summer. They work in research labs, take a university math class, participate in academic enhancement activities, and present their research at a national conference.

Conditions

None

Contact Person

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**D. Programs and Services to Health Care Providers**

**1. The Rural Gerontology Program**

Purpose

To provide nurses with skills and knowledge to address the needs of elderly patients.

Programs and Services

Twenty self-paced learning modules composed of videos and text materials. These are typically purchased by nursing homes or hospitals to update LPNs or aides.

Conditions

All modules are for purchase only. MSU Extended Studies office can be contacted for specific titles and costs.

Contact Person

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## 2. Montana Area Health Education Center

### Purpose

The Montana Area Health Education Center (Montana AHEC) is a statewide program which was initiated in Montana in 1985. The goals of the Montana AHEC are:

- To form productive linkages between healthcare units to the benefit of underserved frontier and rural communities.
- To foster and encourage collaborative community-based health programs.
- To increase the number of minority and underserved youth entering health education programs.
- To serve as a resource, clearinghouse and disseminator of health information.
- To promote improved health and disease prevention through educational interventions.
- To respond to emerging community-based needs regarding health issues.
- To provide technical assistance on healthcare-related issues to underserved communities.
- To contribute to achieving the goals of *Healthy People 2000* and *Healthy People 2010* and thereby improving the health status of frontier and rural constituents.
- To help implement collaborative community-based, multidisciplinary education and training for health professionals and health professions students.

### Programs and Services

- Science and Health Careers Education Programs for Rural K-12 Schools
- U-DOC High School Summer Enrichment Program
- WWAMI Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program (R/UOP)
- National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) Program
- Health Professions Education Directory & Information
- Learning Resources
- Continuing Health Professions Education Resources/Information
- Health Professionals Information Center & Recruitment Program
- Community Health Services Development (CHSD) Program
- AHEC Internet Service and Web Sites –  
**<http://healthinfo.montana.edu/>**

Conditions

None.

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3. **HealthInfo Web Site (<http://healthinfo.montana.edu>)  
Montana Area Health Education Center (MT AHEC)**

Purpose

HealthInfo is a resource for health information. This web site is designed to provide easy access to the most current health statistics, hot topics in the news and in the legislature, upcoming events and deadlines, and a guide to the health resources available to health care researchers, organizations, interest groups, providers, and consumers.

Programs and Services

- Current Issues in Health
- Health Research
- Health Statistics
- Montana Community Resources
- Upcoming Events
- More Health Resources

Conditions

Services available to all health providers, health facilities, and community organizations affiliated with health care delivery systems.

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#### **4. Montana Office of Rural Health**

##### Purpose

The Montana Office of Rural Health was established at Montana State University in 1991 and currently operates as part of a national network of state offices of rural health. The mission of the MT Office of Rural Health is to improve health care delivery and health care status for rural Montanans through health promotion and disease prevention by:

- Participating in networks and partnerships
- Gathering and disseminating information
- Facilitating recruitment and retention
- Supporting continuing health professional education
- Providing technical assistance

##### Programs and Services

- Clearinghouse for rural health information
- Technical assistance on rural issues and concerns and grant writing
- Networking with local, state, regional and national offices, organizations and committees
- Advocating for underserved rural populations
- Assisting with implementation of the state Critical Access Hospital (CAH) program
- Collaborating on statewide tobacco prevention and control efforts
- Investigating the impact of spirituality on health and the role faith-based organizations play in delivery of rural health care

##### Conditions

None

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## **E. Programs and Services for Extension Faculty**

### **1. Montana State University Libraries**

#### Purpose

To provide MSU Extension faculty with the same services provided to MSU faculty at the Bozeman campus.

#### Programs and Services

All library services are available to Extension faculty. These include electronic reference and interlibrary loan as well as online searching and library instruction. The Libraries' catalog, databases and full-text materials are available through the Libraries' web page at [www.lib.montana.edu/](http://www.lib.montana.edu/) or through a proxy service for off campus faculty. Extension faculty may register for proxy access at [www.lib.montana.edu/epubs/proxy3.html](http://www.lib.montana.edu/epubs/proxy3.html).

#### Conditions

None.

#### Contact

Reference, library instruction, and online searching assistance, contact the Reference Desk

994-3171

<http://www.lib.montana.edu/services/ref/refservices.html>

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## 2. Burns Telecom Center

### Purpose

The mission of the Burns Telecom Center (BTC) is to use innovative strategies and evolving technologies to enrich education. The BTC is a leader in creating and delivering premier opportunities for learning to Montana State University and a national spectrum of communities. Through the use of untraditional means, such as continuing education courses, online learning tools, technology and telecommunications, we develop unique educational programs.

We focus our efforts in three primary areas:

- Offering **courses, degrees and learning opportunities** that would not otherwise be available
- Exploring new resources for learning through **pilot and demonstration projects**
- Facilitating the use of technology in teaching and learning through our **capabilities and services**

### Programs and Services

- Access to continuing and distance learning opportunities—credit and non-credit courses, seminars, conferences, workshops and degree programs—in a variety of formats and locations.
- Development of demonstration and pilot projects.
- Program development.
- Training for educators in using technology.
- Technical support for the delivery of online educational opportunities.
- Technology training.
- Video conference capabilities.

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### **3. Conference Facilities and Services**

#### Purpose

To arrange for the use of all campus facilities and services by off-campus organizations for meetings, conferences and workshops. To assist on-campus groups in hosting or planning conferences.

#### Programs and Services

- Facilities scheduling (meeting space and residence halls for multi-day programs)
- Food service and housing arrangements
- Registration and support services
- Full conference packages available

#### Conditions

Contact Sabra Slade or her staff for terms and prices.

#### Contact Person

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## F. Programs and Services for the General Public

### 1. Montana Shakespeare in the Parks

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#### Purpose

To provide high quality, professional theatre of Shakespeare and other classics to communities, with emphasis on small, under-served, rural communities. Montana Shakespeare in the Schools offers an educational program including a shortened version of a Shakespeare play and four workshops per school. The MSIS touring company travels during the academic year throughout Montana and surrounding states.

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#### Programs and Services

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks provides two fully-mounted productions of Shakespeare plays and other classics during the summer months that tour Montana and surrounding states from July through early September. This summer, which marks MSIP's 32nd season, the Company will present William Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* and William Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* in rotating repertory 69 times to a total of 51 communities. In September of 1993, MSIP initiated a popular Shakespeare in the Schools Tour that has presented a total of 422 performances and 1,041 workshops to over 110,000 students in elementary and secondary schools in 125 communities all across Montana and Northern Wyoming. The Fall 2005 tour will feature a 75-minute production of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

#### Conditions

An outreach program of the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Architecture, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks summer tour is nearly full each summer with returning sponsors, although a few openings do occur. The sponsorship fee for one performance ranges from \$1,050 to \$1,375, depending on population of the community. The sponsorship fee for Shakespeare in the Schools is \$750.00 per performance. This fee includes a 75-minute performance, question and answer period with the cast, and four workshops.

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[www.montana.edu/shakespeare](http://www.montana.edu/shakespeare)

## 2. The Montana Watercourse

### About Montana Watercourse

The Montana Watercourse is a statewide water education program housed on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman and a part of the Water Center. Our mission is to foster lifelong stewardship of Montana's water by providing educational programs and materials for all water users. The Montana Watercourse provides tools and unbiased information for making wise water resource decisions through presentations, workshops, trainings, tours and publications.

These services are available to anyone, but typically utilized by landowners and community members, educators, local water oriented organizations and other water users.

Information and educational forums are provided on a variety of water resource topics including: water management and conservation, watersheds, water quality, water rights, wetlands and riparian areas, ground water and aquatic life.

The Montana Watercourse supports local efforts through an array of avenues including:

- Co-sponsorship of water resource seminars, workshop and trainings.
- Volunteer water monitoring training and assistance for communities and schools.
- Local water education program development assistance.
- Publications and guides on water resource and watershed topics.
- Teaching trunks with water resource activities.
- Educator workshops, training, and tours using Project WET materials.

For information about the MT Watercourse, the service we offer, or about local water resources, please contact us at 406-994-6671 or via email at [mtwatercourse@montana.edu](mailto:mtwatercourse@montana.edu).

### 3. MSU Office for Community Involvement

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#### Mission & Goals

To promote students in service primarily to the people of Montana by establishing mutually beneficial relationships between the university and local, state, national and international non-profit and school communities . The goal of the MSU Office for Community Involvement is to provide students with enhanced curricular and co-curricular learning and to introduce community involvement and civic responsibility as an essential and meaningful part of the university experience and life after the university.

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#### Programs and Services

Facilitate interactions and partnerships between faculty, students, and community-based organizations.

#### Faculty Focus

Provide sample course syllabi, articles on service learning, and community-based partnership development assistance to interested faculty.

Provide on-campus service learning resources through the purchase and donation of current service learning literature to the Renne Library on campus.

- Provide recognition of faculty utilizing service learning through the annual President’s Award for Excellence in Service Learning.

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#### Student Focus

- **Into the Streets Community Involvement Fair:** An annual fall semester event designed to bring more than 35 community-based agencies to campus to engage MSU students as volunteers, interns or work-study staff in their organization’s work.
- **MSU America Reads\*America Counts:** A national program adopted here in Bozeman with the mission to work with and support area children to achieve and succeed academically. MSU students are matched with local pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> graders to help them improve their literacy or math skills. MSU tutors collectively provide thousands of hours of tutoring time, expertise and encouragement to children in our community each academic year.
- **MSU BreaksAway:** Student project leaders plan a week of community service projects hosted in different states of the U.S. during spring break. These immersion-type experiences give our students a glimpse into a wide array of social, economic, justice, and environmental challenges this nation and our world are currently confronting.

- **MSU AmeriCorps positions:** Offer part-time and full-time national service positions to students and recent graduates who gain invaluable service leadership, program coordination, and partnership-building skills working in collaboration with an array of community-based organizations to address needs in our community utilizing campus human and intellectual resources.

#### Community Focus

- Act as an initial point of contact and gateway for non-profit, school and governmental groups as they seek out resources on campus, providing contacts with appropriate faculty, staff and student groups based on the need.
- Promote and advertise volunteer and work-study needs of community-based groups to students.
- Provide informational workshops on partnership opportunities with MSU.
- Provide support and guidance on how to effectively work with the student volunteer.

#### Conditions

Programs and services are available to all MSU faculty, staff and students, and reach non-profit agencies, public and private schools, and governmental entities. The MSU Office for Community Involvement is not affiliated with for-profit or political organizations.

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**4. MSU Alumni Association**

Purpose

To develop mutually beneficial relationships between Montana State University, her alumni and friends.

Programs and Services

Homecoming, class reunions, Awards for Excellence Banquet, alumni database, keeping Montana State University alumni connected with their alma mater.

Conditions

The Montana State University Alumni Office and the Alumni Association are here to serve Montana State alumni. We encourage our friends to stop in and visit or to give a call should they need our assistance.

Contact Person

Jayne Drange Groseth  
Executive Director  
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**G. Programs and Services for Extension Faculty and Agricultural Producers**

**1. Central Agricultural Research Center - Moccasin, MT**

Purpose

Seek profitable ways to produce, market and use agricultural products.

Programs and Services

Research includes alternative and specialty crops such as canola, safflower, lentils and peas; variety testing of wheat, barley, oats, forages and horticultural plants; integrated weed control; cropping systems; soil fertility; foundation seed production.

Conditions

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30

Contact Person

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Web site: [www.ag.montana.edu/carc](http://www.ag.montana.edu/carc)

## 2. Eastern Agricultural Research Center - Sidney, MT

### Purpose

Seek profitable ways to produce, market and use agricultural products in sustainable irrigated and dryland agricultural systems.

### Programs and Services

Research included safflower breeding to develop healthier food oils, industrial oils, and value added livestock feeds with market-requested characteristics and improved yields; durum varietal breeding and development for production in Montana; breeding and development of malt barley varieties for the MonDak region; sugar beet research; variety testing of spring wheat, durum wheat, winter wheat, barley, sugar beets, oats, safflower, potatoes, alfalfa, field beans, soybeans and corn; integrated weed, disease and insect management; studies to improve soil fertility, tillage and seeding methods; alternative crops for irrigated and dryland production.

### Conditions

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 7:00-4:00

### Contact Person(s)

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### 3. Northern Agricultural Research Center - Havre, MT

#### Purpose

Seek profitable ways to produce, market and use agricultural products.

#### Programs and Services

Research includes beef cattle breeding, feedlot performance, and range grazing behavior; dryland crop variety performance testing for winter wheat, spring wheat, durum, barley, oats and safflower; wheat variety performance economics; cereal crop water use; cereal residues; air drill opener performance evaluation; cereal seed size relationships; cropping systems; geographic information systems; precision agriculture technology, and global climate change monitoring. Services include production of foundation cereal seed stocks.

#### Conditions

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30

#### Contact Person

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**4. Northwestern Agricultural Research Center - Kalispell**

Purpose

Seek profitable ways to produce, market and use agricultural products.

Programs and Services

Research includes crops like alfalfa, wheat, barley, and oats; specialty crops like canola, forage brassicas, faba beans, lentils, peas and mint; value-added ag production including biofuels, lubricants, cosmetics and fiber.

Conditions

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30

Contact Person

Duane Johnson, Superintendent  
Kalispell, MT  
406-755-4303

**5. Southern Agricultural Research Center - Huntley, MT**

Purpose

The Southern Agricultural Research Center conducts applied agronomic research related to agriculture in the dryland and irrigated areas located in nine counties of south central Montana.

Programs and Services

Research covers variety and germplasm testing, cropping systems, alternative crop evaluations, herbicide evaluations, weed ecology and improved weed management. Crops include winter wheat, spring wheat, malt and feed barley, oats, sugar beets, field corn, dry beans, alfalfa and alternative crops. See <http://www.sarc.montana.edu/> for more information.

Contact Person

Kenneth Kephart  
Huntley, MT  
406-348-3400

**6. Western Agricultural Research Center - Corvallis, MT**

Purpose

Seek profitable ways to produce agricultural products and manage natural resources.

Programs and Services

Research includes alternative and specialty crops like culinary and medicinal herbs, essential oil crops, fruits, vegetables; forage; biological weed control; nitrate management; biological disease control; horticultural crop production; N management in small grains.

Conditions

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30

Group tours are available by appointment (including evenings).

Contact Person

Malvern Westcott, Superintendent  
Corvallis, MT  
406-961-3025

Mary Quinsland, Administrative Assistant  
Corvallis, MT  
406-961-3025

**7. Western Triangle Agricultural Research Center - Conrad, MT**

Purpose

Seek profitable ways to produce, market and use agricultural products.

Programs and Services

Research includes crops like wheat, malting and feed barley; specialty crops like canola, lentils and peas; plant diseases; insect management; soil fertility studies.

Conditions

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00

Contact Person

Greg Kushnak, Superintendent  
Conrad, MT  
406-278-7707

**8. Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Laboratory (USDA-ARS) in Cooperation with Montana Agricultural Experiment Station**

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Purpose

Develop ecologically and economically sound range livestock production tactics for the Northern Great Plains.

Programs and Services

Research includes range ecology, range animal nutrition, beef cattle genetics, beef cattle physiology, integrated resources management.

Conditions

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:30

Annual Field Day: Dates to be announced

Contact Person

Rodney Heitschmidt, Research Leader

Miles City, MT

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Home page: [www.ars.usda.gov/npa/ftkeogh](http://www.ars.usda.gov/npa/ftkeogh)

**9. Towne Farm - MSU Livestock Center - Bozeman, MT**

Purpose

This farm is dedicated to service and support of research, teaching, and extension activities relating to livestock and livestock management.

Programs and Services

Research, teaching and extension activities primarily related to beef cattle and horses. Major facilities located at the farm include the Oscar Thomas Nutrition Center, the Miller Stock Pavilion and associated Equine Center, the MSU Horseshoing School, the beef unit and feedlot. The farm includes approximately 430 acres.

Condition

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Contact Person

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119 Linfield Hall  
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**10. Fort Ellis Farm - Bozeman, MT**

Purpose

This farm is dedicated to service and support of research, teaching, and extension activities relating to livestock and livestock management.

Programs and Services

Research, teaching and extension activities primarily related to sheep, beef cattle and horses. The MSU Ram Test is conducted at Fort Ellis. Situated on a historic U.S. Cavalry fort, the farm includes approximately 640 acres.

Conditions

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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## 11. Red Bluff Research Ranch - Norris, MT

### Purpose

This ranch is dedicated to service and support of research, teaching, and extension activities relating to livestock, livestock management, range ecology, and range management.

### Programs and Services

Research, teaching and extension activities primarily related to sheep, beef cattle, range ecology, and range management. Situated on the site of a historic mining settlement, the ranch includes approximately 13,000 acres.

### Conditions

Visitation: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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