# 2026 Agenda
# Montana Natural Heritage Program
# Annual Partner's Meeting

**October 8th, 2026**

**Cottonwood Room of the Montana Heritage Center (see map for parking and room location)**

**wifi = MTHS Guest**

**Or Via Zoom**

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| 10:00 – 10:35 | Welcome, State Library, and MTNHP General Updates and Highlights (Bryce Maxell & Jennie Stapp) |
| 10:35 – 10:45 | Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure, Water Information, LiDAR, and other State GIS Updates – Evan Hammer |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | MTNHP Program Updates<br>• Information Services –Braden Burkholder (20 minutes)<br>• Botany Program – Andrea Pipp (20 minutes)<br>• Zoology Program – Dan Bachen (20 minutes) |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Land Cover and Spatial Analysis Lab updates – Bryce Maxell and Jessica Mitchell |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | Wetland/Riparian Mapping & Rangeland Monitoring– Kay Hajek, OCRMW |
| 12:15 – 1:30 | Lunch Break (catered) – individual discussions in Cottonwood Room or on Sleeping Giant Terrace and tour Homeland Gallery or Museum Store |
| 1:30 – 2:00 | Improving information holdings and agency processes (Bryce Maxell) |
| 2:00 – 4:00 | Partner Sharing - Updates from Partner Representatives<br>• Initiatives<br>• Information Needs<br>• Staffing, Funding, Structural Updates<br>*Please let Bryce know if you want to share powerpoint slides. |

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**Meeting Location: Montana Heritage Center – Home of the Montana Historical Society**

**Directions and Parking:** 225 North Roberts Street. Parking in North Parking Lot and entering via North entrance is recommended. Cottonwood Room is upstairs on northwest corner of main floor.

Access Homeland Gallery, Museum Store, and Sleeping Giant Terrace during breaks and over lunch. **NOTE: Food and drink, large bags, purses, and backpacks, and flash photography and tripods are prohibited in Heritage Center Galleries.**




