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From: MACO <MACO@mtcounties.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:05 AM
To: MACO
Subject: 2024 Project Green Light!

Members,

Once again this Veterans Day, NACo and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to join in on [Operation Green Light for Veterans from November 4–11, 2024](#).

- **By shining a green light**, county governments and our residents will let veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported.
- **Getting started:** Need ideas for lighting your county up in green?
 - [Find materials here](#). (They can also be found on Amazon, at Home Depot, Lowes, etc.)
 - [Click here to see some great examples from 2023](#).
- **Outreach resources**
[Click here for NACo's Operation Green Light toolkit](#), which includes a resolution template, printable flyer, sample press releases, social media graphics, and more:
 - [Resolution Template](#)
 - [Printable Flyer](#)
 - [Sample Press Release](#) (prior to November 4)
 - [Sample Press Release](#) (November 4-11)
 - [Sample Letter to the Editor](#)
 - [Sample Letter to Congress](#)
 - [Social Media Templates](#) (Click and then scroll down the page for verbiage and graphics—you can also of course use your own graphics!)

If you participate, please send us your pictures!
(Also, post them to your social media accounts using **#OperationGreenLight**.)

[For more information click here!](#)

Respectfully,

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Commissioner

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Cc: Rick Edwards
Subject: Potential implementation of the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan (MCRP) program in the Headwaters region.

Dear Headwaters Region County Commissioners,

As you may know, the new MCRP program pays for up to 30 percent of the purchase price of a house for qualified homeowners. In total, the seven counties of the Headwaters region will be allocated more than \$3 million, and there could be even more when considering other aspects of the implementation of House Bill 819.

Headwaters Board Leadership is currently considering proposals from 2 designated Community Reinvestment Organizations (CRO's) to manage these funds (and provide the required accompanying match). The two are Neighborworks Montana (Great Falls-based) and HAB/Homefront (Billings-based).

If a county does not opt into the program, their share is reallocated to those counties across the State which do opt in.

I'm writing today to invite each of you to try and log-in to presentations by the two CRO's mentioned above. The presentations will take place this coming Monday, October 28, at the times noted. The links are below (note - there are two *different* links, one for each presentation). Headwaters leadership will make a recommendation to all of you, following those presentations (you don't have to go with the group we recommend, however; the final decision will be up to your council).

Once a decision has been made for which organization to go with, you'll have to pass a resolution (we can help provide the language for that) before the end of the year that includes naming the organization you're choosing to go with.

I hope that at least one representative from each of your county's council of commissioners will be able to log into these to learn more.

Thank you!

Kelly Sullivan, Executive Director, Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

1:00 pm - NEIGHBORWORKS MONTANA

Topic: NWMT - CRO Information and Q&A

Time: Oct 28, 2024 **01:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85603377345?pwd=ym8AEydDMgarq3Zz33cy8oAr9IM6Bb.1>

Meeting ID: 856 0337 7345

Passcode: 474389

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2:30 pm - HAB/Homefront

Topic: MT CRDC/EDO Zoom with HAB -MCRP CRO

Time: Oct 28, 2024 **02:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83838797781?pwd=WxJMcRxz3iKwnQPZKzdvaPNUgacv51.1>

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From: Vaia Errett <vaia.errett@gmail.com>
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To: Billie Ann Kulaski
Cc: Sean A. Steinebach; Darcie Warden
Subject: B-D Working Group for Granite County

Hi again, Billie,

I spoke with Commissioner Hinkle by phone about the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group (BDWG) on October 7. He suggested that I provide a summary for the commissioners to review so that they might offer a few words at an upcoming BDWG meeting. Please forward the following to the commissioners for their consideration. It has been really great working with you! Thank you so much for all your help in connecting us with the commissioners. Best of luck on all that comes next for you!

Vaia

Dear Granite County Commissioners,

I'm inviting you to sit in on an upcoming meeting of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group (BDWG). The BDWG serves as a bridge between the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (BDNF) and the greater community. At each meeting we sit down with BDNF leadership and key staff. County Commissioners at our table have a direct platform for bringing forward their interests in forest management and decisions, alongside other agencies, community groups, and members of the public. Our membership does not include Forest Service Employees and we are not directed by the Forest Service. What we do is connect stakeholders and bring diverse perspectives forward to improve BDNF projects and decisions. We welcome lively, respectful discussion, from varied viewpoints. I co-chair the group with Sean Steinebach.

Our members include county commissioners from the following counties: Beaverhead (Tom Rice), Jefferson (Dan Hagerty), Madison (Dan Allhands), and Powell (Dan Sager). Butte-Silver Bow County is represented by the Superintendent of their Basin Creek Water Treatment Facility (Jim Keenan).

But you do not need to be a member to engage with us. You are welcome to participate at any of our meetings. A Zoom option allows you to attend virtually for the scheduled agenda items that interest you most. We meet in Butte from 1:00-5:00 on the first Wednesday of every month. We are happy to provide you with our agendas in advance.

Here are some upcoming topics that might interest you:

November 6 - Maxville Vegetation Management Project

This project aims to improve forest health against insects and disease, implement fuels reductions to ensure public health and safety, and protect the BPA energy corridor and infrastructure. *The scoping period is now open. We encourage Granite County to submit comment.* I am providing a link to the relevant documents.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/bdnf/?project=66803>

The comment period closes November 2 *but comments will be accepted after that date.* The deadline establishes standing to object to the draft decision; *comments submitted anytime still offer high value to the BDNF on project impacts and design.* The BDWG will be reviewing our own letter at our November meeting; our discussion may offer you insight.

December 4 - Law Enforcement, Recreation, and Public Safety

BDNF Law Enforcement Patrol Captain Nick Scholz will provide a run-down on the 2024 season with a focus on public safety, Travel Management, and ongoing recreation management concerns. This follows our group's May 2024 request to Montana's Congressional Delegation to increase funding for Law Enforcement across the BDNF.

Philipsburg's Municipal Watershed

The BDWG would be pleased to bring Granite County's municipal watershed concerns to key BDNF leadership and help jump-start conversation. Our group recently united Butte-Silver Bow's Executive Director and Water Utility staff with the BDNF and other partners in an ongoing fuels treatment project to protect Butte's critical Basin Creek source from the devastating financial and ecological fall-out of severe wildfire. We would love to serve Granite County in the same way. I'm providing a link to a recent article on Butte's Basin Creek project:

<https://www.hcn.org/issues/56-10/wildfires-could-devastate-buttess-water-supply/>

Thank you for your time. We hope to see you soon.

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