

# Big Hole Watershed Committee



Monthly Meeting Agenda  
September 16, 2020 – 7:00pm  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Join via Zoom:** <https://tnc.zoom.us/j/94729433902>; **Dial-in:** 1-669-900-6833; **Meeting ID:** 947-2943-3902

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## Introductions

### Meeting Minutes

Review of August Meeting Minutes, available here: <https://bhwc.org/monthly-meetings/> (scroll to bottom of page for archived meeting minutes). The August Zoom meeting recording is also available.

### Reports

- Precipitation and Snowpack/Streamflow Report
- Director's Report
- Steering Committee Report
- Wildlife Report
- Restoration Report

## Discussion

### Special Topics: Hearing Landowner Perspectives on Wildlife Migration

Presented by: Gary Burnett & Cole Mannix, Heart of the Rockies Initiative

Background: In 2018, the US Department of the Interior issued *Secretarial Order 3362, Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors* that provided funding and guidance for states and other partners working to conserve migrations. In response to SO 3362, MFWP identified five focal areas for migration-related work as part of its broader ongoing focus to maintain a landscape conducive to wildlife movement:

- A. Continental Divide to Rocky Mountain Front
- B. Yellowstone National Park to Paradise Valley
- C. Anaconda Range to Big Hole, Bitterroot, and Upper Clark Fork
- D. Canadian Border to Musselshell Plains
- E. Heart of the Salish

Maintaining transparent communication and engagement with the interests and concerns of landowners and local collaboratives is an essential part of this work. To this end, Montana's Private Lands Public Wildlife Council (PLPW) will be hosting a panel discussion on Dec 1, 2020 to hear perspectives from landowner representatives from each of the five focal areas on Montana's approach to migration. PLPW will then consider and evaluate ways it can advocate for the state to respond to local interests and concerns surrounding wildlife movement in the focal areas.

PLPW is hosting local outreach in each of the five focal areas. Each meeting will be an opportunity for landowners and local collaboratives to share their perspectives on how wildlife movements are affecting them, any work they are doing pertinent to migration, and to voice any interests and concerns moving forward. The meeting is also an opportunity for FWP regional staff to provide an update on its ongoing and upcoming migration research projects and share its approach to conserving migrations in Montana.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- BHWC Monthly Meeting: October 21, 2020 – 7:00pm via Zoom

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