



Cascade County Commissioners to host a community meeting for proposed Montana ExpoPark updates

GREAT FALLS, February 4, 2020 - The Board of Cascade County Commissioners, Great Falls Montana Tourism, Montana ExpoPark Advisory Board and the Great Falls Area Lodging Association invite the community to preview concept plans for proposed facility updates of Montana ExpoPark on Thursday, February 20, 2020 in the Exhibition Hall, at 400 3rd St. NW in Great Falls at 7:00 p.m. Project staff will present the proposed concept plans in a 45-minute presentation and then disperse to tabletop displays where attendees can engage in further discussion about the proposed plan.

“Montana ExpoPark, the home of Montana State Fair for nearly ninety years, is a vital part of Great Falls and the surrounding communities, Cascade County, and the state of Montana,” County Commission Chairman Jim Larson said. “The facilities are in need of renovations and updates to keep pace with the diverse event requests for facility use throughout the year, and to keep Montana ExpoPark an important part of our community for the next 90 years.”

Beyond Montana State Fair, Montana ExpoPark buildings provide space and accommodations for livestock events, sporting events, trade shows, conferences and meetings, concerts, as well as spacious lawn areas for company outings and family events.

Community teams have collaborated with several event organizers who are most familiar with the Montana ExpoPark infrastructure and operations. The proposed concept plan incorporates their collective knowledge and includes:

- Upgrades to livestock facilities to improve connectivity and provide a better flow for livestock movement on the Montana ExpoPark grounds;
- Construction of a new multi-use arena with seating capacity for approximately 10,000 patrons; and
- Relocation of the current livestock building and replacement of aging horse stalls nearing the end of their useful life.

“We’re looking forward to a conversation with the community about the future of ExpoPark,” Larson said. “Any updates to facilities would be contingent on strong community support.”

Ninety-minute tours of the Montana ExpoPark grounds are being offered and will depart from Exhibition Hall promptly at 5:30 p.m. for those who want a firsthand look at the facility’s current condition. Those planning on taking the pre-meeting tour are advised to dress for weather conditions by wearing appropriate footwear and outer gear and to arrive on time.

For questions, please contact the Cascade County Commission Office at 454-6810.

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