



2015 Legislative Session Policy Statement

Montana Subdivision Laws

Background: Montana's subdivision law enables and requires local governments to regulate subdivisions. This is the only planning statute in Montana that requires state-wide participation. As such, this is the primary tool used by local governments to self-direct their future by managing development.

The Montana Subdivision and Platting Act (MSPA) (MCA 76-3) has been revised, sometimes quite dramatically, in every legislative session over the past 14 years.

Position: MAP supports careful analysis at the state level anytime MSPA amendments are contemplated so that isolated incidents do not drive wholesale MSPA amendments that may not be needed in other communities. Continual changes to the regulations create inconsistency for administrators, land owners, and the general public. MAP strives to provide solid, experience-backed information to any discussion regarding amendments to MSPA and works with citizens and land owners to help inform the discussion.