MONTANA BOARD OF LIVESTOCK
MEETING AGENDA

Montana Department of Livestock Board Room #319/302 N Roberts/Helena, MT

October 8, 2026

(This meeting is open to the public and is also available by ZOOM)

Agenda items may vary as much as one hour earlier or later. Items may be added or deleted up to 48 hours prior to the meeting. Look for changes at www.liv.mt.gov

8:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

8:10 AM **BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
- August 27, 2026 BOL Meeting

8:15 AM **EXECUTIVE OFFICE UPDATES**

Executive Officer Updates
- YNP Bison/EIS/IBMP Operations Update
- Legislative Interim Update/Policy Update
- USDA-APHIS-WS EIS for Grizzly Bear Damage Management in MT
- Discussion of Rulemaking to Establish Emergency Exceptions to Milk Rules During Supply Disruptions and/or Shortages

Legal Counsel Update (May Require Executive Session)
- Motion for Protective Order – In re Petition to Transfer the Livestock Market Certificate for Headwaters Livestock Auction

Human Resources Update
- Staff Openings and Recruitment Updates
- General Updates

9:30 AM **RECESS**

9:45 AM **CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS**

9:45 AM **Fiscal Bureau**
- Per Capita Fee (PCF) 2027 Rate Setting
- August 31, 2026 State Special Revenue Report
- September 2026 through June 2027 Budget Projections Report
- August 31, 2027 Budget Comparison Report

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10:45 AM **PREDATOR CONTROL**

Update on Activities of USDA Wildlife Services (Presented by Dalin Tidwell, Montana State Director)

Livestock Loss Board Report to the BOL

11:30 AM **LUNCH**

12:30 PM **ANIMAL HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIVISION REPORTS**

12:30 PM **Meat, Milk & Egg Inspection Bureau**
- Out-of-State Travel Request
  --Delegated Sampling Surveillance Regulatory Official (dSSO) Training

12:45 PM **Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory**
- Out-of-State Travel Request
  --AAVLD/USAHA Annual Meeting
- Laboratory Move Recap

1:15 PM **Animal Health Bureau**
- Tabletop Exercise Summary
- No-Cost Tag Distribution
- Brucellosis

1:45 PM **RECESS**

2:00 PM **BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION REPORTS**

2:00 PM **Brands Enforcement Division Updates**
- Governor's Award for Excellence
- Livestock Market Transfer Follow-Up
- ARM Rule 32.15.7 – Association and Test Station Sale Revisions

2:45 PM **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS/COMMENTS FROM PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS**

3:00 PM **SET DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

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