



# Montana Emergency Support Function #14 – Private Sector and Critical Infrastructure

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## **Section I: Agencies**

***Coordinating Agency:***

Montana Disaster & Emergency Services

***Primary Agency:***

Montana Disaster & Emergency Services

***Supporting Emergency Support Functions (ESFs):***

ESF #1 – Transportation

ESF #2 – Communications

ESF #3 – Public Works & Engineering

ESF #4 – Firefighting

ESF #5 – Information & Planning

ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, & Human Services

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ESF #11 – Agriculture & Natural Resources

ESF #12 – Energy

ESF #13 – Public Safety & Security

ESF #15 – Public Affairs

ESF #16 - Cybersecurity

## **Section II: Purpose & Scope**

***Purpose:***

The purpose of ESF #14 – Private Sector and Critical Infrastructure, is to outline how the State of Montana can augment a community’s ongoing activities for sustaining life, meeting basic human needs, protecting property and the environment, and stabilizing incidents through the integration of response and recovery efforts with Montana ESFs and other relevant public-private sector coordinating entities during critical infrastructure services failure or severe disruptions from natural and human-caused incidents. ESF #14 outlines how the State of Montana can utilize its partnership with critical infrastructure owners and operators, businesses, and their government partners to support private sector operations, including stabilization and restoration of key critical infrastructure and supply chains that support community lifeline services.

***Scope:***

ESF #14 focuses on the primary function to support cross-sector operations among infrastructure owners and operators, businesses, and government partners to respond to and recover from incidents that cause disruption, damages, and/or failure of statewide critical infrastructure systems and services that potentially impact community lifelines. In select cases, there may be a need to address disruptions, damages, and/or failure of critical infrastructure outside the state that affects communities in Montana as many critical infrastructure systems are interconnected with other states and Canada.

ESF #14 does not supersede the authority of the Public Service Commission (PSC), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the boards of directors for cooperatives overseeing specific critical

infrastructure sectors, or other regulations that private companies must meet. All agencies and private-sector partners retain all specific responsibilities accorded to them by statute, regulation, policy, or custom. This document does not supersede or override the policies or mutual aid and assistance agreements of any local and tribal jurisdiction, government, or agency. This document does not define or supplant any emergency operating procedures or responsibilities for any other agency or organization.

The activities within the scope of this document include the following:

- Monitoring and reporting the status of key critical infrastructures.
- Identifying temporary alternative solutions to be implemented when critical infrastructure services are unavailable or overwhelmed.
- Supporting implementation of appropriate incident response and recovery measures.
- Coordinating regulatory waivers and exemptions.
- If required, providing long-term coordination of the restoration and recovery of the affected critical infrastructures.
- Supporting pre-incident and post-incident assessments of critical infrastructure.
- Emergency contract support for life saving and life-sustaining services.
- Technical assistance to include engineering expertise, compliance assistance, construction management, and contracting services.
- Emergency repair of damaged public critical infrastructure.
- Re-establishing sufficient community lifeline services within the affected area to support ongoing life-sustaining activities and meeting basic human needs.
- Support efforts and activities necessary to evaluate, locate, procure, provide, ship, and/or transport resources in support of critical infrastructure incidents and stabilization and restoration of community lifelines.

## **Section III: Assumptions & Relationships**

### ***Assumptions***

For the purpose of designing responses in an all-hazard environment, this annex outlines the following assumptions:

- Incident-caused disruption, damages, and/or failure of statewide critical infrastructure systems and services can occur at any time and any location and may create significant degrees of human suffering, property damage, and economic hardship.
- Incident-caused disruption, damages, and/or failure of statewide critical infrastructure systems and services will not always unfold in a well-defined and predictable manner.
- In the early stages of an incident, it might not be possible to fully assess the situation and verify the level of coordination and assistance required.
- Lifesaving and life-protecting response activities have precedence over other incident response and recovery activities, except when national security implications are determined to be of a higher priority.
- Tribal nations and counties have emergency plans, however not all may be up to date.

- Some critical infrastructure owners/operators and private businesses might not have emergency plans.
- Local plans align with state plans, which in turn align with federal plans, in particular in the utilization of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- Critical infrastructure owners/operators and private businesses respond at the local level to provide support until their resources are exhausted.
- Tribal nations, counties, critical infrastructure owners/operators, and private businesses will initially employ their own emergency plans until resource shortages overwhelm their functionality.
- Critical infrastructure owners/operators and private businesses will request assistance or resources through local incident management or their local disaster and emergency services representative.
- During severe incident caused disruption, damages, and/or failure of statewide critical infrastructure systems and services that potentially impact community lifelines, the workforce in Montana may not meet the needs of communities, critical infrastructure owners/operators, and private businesses.
- Resource shortages are projected during response and recovery efforts.
- The State of Montana may be unable to satisfy all emergency resource requests during incident caused disruption, damages, and/or failure of statewide critical infrastructure systems and

### ***Relationships***

This document does not relieve tasked agencies with the responsibility for emergency planning. The following section outlines the relationships between state agencies and local, tribal, private, and non-governmental organization partners in supporting ESF #14 response and recovery activities:

#### Local & Tribal Governments

Local and tribal governments typically have close collaborative relationships with critical infrastructure owners and operators in their respective jurisdictions. Increasingly, businesses and critical infrastructure sectors essential for maintaining and stabilizing community lifelines are represented at Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) operated by the government providing situational awareness to neighboring, state, and federal emergency management officials. The Chambers of Commerce at the local level represent the business community. These collaborative relationships provide the foundation for coordinating operations between public and private entities and enabling readiness through multi-sector planning and exercises that are supported, as appropriate, by State agencies.

At the local and tribal levels, information sharing and requests for assistance from the private sector are typically reviewed by impacted jurisdictions or within EOCs. Local and tribal government partners should collaborate with their private sector partners to collect, assess, prioritize, and support private sector requirements, consistent with applicable laws and regulations. If local and tribal support assets are inadequate for meeting requests for assistance to stabilize community lifelines, the local emergency management entity will forward requests to the State Emergency Coordination Center (SECC).

#### Private Sector/Non-Governmental Organizations

The private sector plays a leading role in designing and executing the coordination functions and other priorities of private-public collaboration. The private sector includes for-profit and nonprofit organizations, formal and informal structures, commerce, and industries that comprise the national economy and are not part of a government structure. Nongovernmental organizations (NGO) are a

distinct category of organizations within the private sector and can include voluntary, ethnic, faith-based, veteran-based, disability, relief agency, and animal welfare organizations, among others.

A growing number of infrastructure owners and operators are developing plans and coordination mechanisms to provide voluntary, prioritized, and public-private sector support. Businesses and utilities (private and public) are also collaborating with companies that provide supplies and services critical to their emergency operations and are developing plans to help those supply chains function in severe incidents. Taken together, these advances provide rapidly expanding opportunities for public-private sector coordination.

State Government

State departments and agencies are responsible, within their statutory authorities, for providing assistance to local jurisdictions when local capabilities are overwhelmed by a disaster. The State Emergency Coordination Center (SECC) serves as the principal point for coordinating state, local, tribal, and federal resources in the coordination of emergency assistance to affected jurisdiction(s).

The SECC will coordinate with the primary agency and support agencies in the use of state resources to support ESF #13 response activities. State resources will supplement, not supplant, local resources. When activated to respond to an incident, the primary agency and support agencies will develop work priorities in cooperation with local and tribal governments and in coordination with the SECC.

If the Governor has declared an emergency, resources may be requested through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), the nation’s state-to-state mutual aid system that is processed through the SECC.

**Section IV: Core Capabilities**

The following table lists the core capabilities and their key activities that the coordinating, primary, and supporting agencies within all MERF ESFs collectively support. Though not listed in the table, all ESFs, including ESF #14, support the core capabilities of Planning, Operational Coordination, and Public Information and Warning.

<b><u>CORE CAPABILITIES</u></b>	<b>Key Activities</b> – The SECC coordinates with the primary agency and supporting agencies to coordinate resources in support and response for the following key activities during actual or potential incidents:
<b>Infrastructure Systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses risk management principles to identify vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure, such as cross-sector interdependencies, and recommends mitigation actions.</li> <li>• Serves as a point of contact along with relevant Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs) and ESFs for critical infrastructure sectors.</li> <li>• Facilitates information sharing with private and public-sector owners and operators through sector-specific Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISAC).</li> <li>• Facilitates coordination and collaboration with critical infrastructure sectors.</li> <li>• Tracks and coordinates requests for information and requests for assistance from critical infrastructure owners and operators.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates with critical infrastructure owners and operators to identify resource requirements for stabilization of community lifelines, including those required to respond to and recover from a catastrophic event.</li> <li>• Consults with all ESFs, SSAs, and critical infrastructure owners and operators to identify and discuss priorities for infrastructure system restoration and assistance, and accordingly advises local, tribal, and state authorities during an incident.</li> <li>• Identifies cross-sector interdependencies and conducts assessments to inform stabilization efforts.</li> <li>• Identifies cascading effects of damaged critical infrastructure and potential impacts to other sectors or community lifelines within an affected area or in other regions that rely on connected systems.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Logistics and Supply Chain Management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyzes risks, hazards, and vulnerabilities of cross-sector interdependencies that may disrupt local, regional, or national supply chains.</li> <li>• Coordinates with business, industry, and critical infrastructure owners and operators to determine resource requirements and how supply chain disruptions affect resource management efforts.</li> <li>• Identifies business capabilities and resources that can be leveraged to supplement local, tribal, and state government resources in addressing supply chain gaps.</li> <li>• Supports partner ESFs securing key supply chain nodes, methods of transport among nodes, and materials in transit.</li> <li>• Partners with ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, and Human Services to assist with food, water, and sheltering.</li> <li>• Partners with ESF #7 - Logistics to ensure whole community incident planning and support for timely and efficient delivery of supplies, equipment, services, and facilities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Critical Transportation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners with ESF #1 – Transportation to support engagement efforts with transportation sector businesses, as well as infrastructure owners and operators.</li> <li>• Coordinates with ESF #1, the Transportation Sector SSAs, and owner operators to determine eligible requests for assistance and ensure that the needs of first responders and the critical lifeline sectors are considered when developing emergency or alternative transportation routes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Environmental Response / Health Safety</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In coordination with ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services, ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials Response, and ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources, assists in assessing and mitigating impacts of a hazardous material release or release of other contaminants to critical infrastructure, businesses, the public, and first responders.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Operational Communications</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In support of ESF #2 – Communications, assists in identifying cascading impacts to other critical infrastructure systems from disruptions to communications infrastructure and coordinates requests for and offers of assistance from sector owners and operators.</li> <li>• As needed, assists in coordinating with critical infrastructure, private sector, and state partners to ensure communication capabilities are</li> </ul>

	<p>maintained for the emergency services sector and efficiently stabilized for affected populations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports critical delivery of alerts and warnings from public safety officials and dissemination of emergency information to the public.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates with ESF #8 to identify interdependencies related to healthcare infrastructure concerns, impacts, and stabilization requirements.</li> <li>• Supports ESF #8, as necessary, with information sharing to healthcare and public health sector entities.</li> <li>• Identifies factors that affect the emergency services sector and disrupt emergency services to impacted communities.</li> </ul>
<b>Situational Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitates a shared understanding of interdependencies, impacts, and opportunities for incident stabilization.</li> <li>• Enables synchronization of Requests for Information (RFIs), Critical Information Requirements (CIRs), and data sharing.</li> </ul>

**Section V: Operational Functions**

The following table lists the operational functions of the ESFs in support of incident caused disruption, damages, and/or failure of statewide critical infrastructure systems and services response and recovery activities:

<b>ESFs</b>	<b>Operational Function Description</b>
<b>ESF #1 - Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controls ingress and egress of public transportation systems.</li> <li>• Works with stakeholders to collect, assess, and report the disruptions and damages to the transportation infrastructure; and analyzes the impact of the incident on transportation operations statewide.</li> <li>• Provides information on status of, needs for, and plans concerning the recovery and restoration of transportation infrastructure, as well as all other infrastructure impacted by transportation (interdependent infrastructure).</li> <li>• Provides technical assistance to local and tribal entities in determining the most viable transportation networks to, from, and within the incident area, as well as availability of accessible transportation.</li> <li>• Provides regulatory waivers and exemptions for transportation systems.</li> <li>• Assists in the allocation and prioritization of transportation resources in restoring the transportation infrastructure.</li> <li>• If available, identifies and provides appropriate personnel and equipment to assist in emergency removal of debris, demolition, repair of roads and bridges, and temporary repair of essential public facilities.</li> <li>• Controls ingress and egress of public transportation systems.</li> <li>• Coordinates with private sector partners to obtain necessary resources with the private-sector entities.</li> <li>• Provides technical assistance, contract management, procurement, project management, engineering expertise, construction management and equipment and support for transportation infrastructures, buildings, and other public infrastructure.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensures the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of intrastate gas pipelines and railroads in Montana (this is accomplished through inspection, enforcement, education, and the investigation of accidents).</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>ESF #2 – Communications</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides information technology services to more than 100 government customers and is responsible for maintaining and structuring critical technological and telecommunications systems to provide information to internal and external partners.</li> <li>• Directs and monitors security requirements for all state-owned information technology.</li> <li>• Establishes and maintains the Information Systems Incident Response Team (ISIRT).</li> <li>• Maintains and ensures coordination of radio frequencies within the state.</li> <li>• Maintains a statewide communication platform that includes cellular and dual satellite capability and is utilized by the Department of Justice for statewide Amber alerts.</li> <li>• Information Technology Division personnel are trained in restoration and repair of information technology resources.</li> <li>• Resources also include technicians who can assist with set-up and support of communication infrastructure.</li> <li>• Alternate communications capability including a communication trailer with mobile, satellite and internet capability.</li> <li>• Aeronautics division with specific aircraft communications platforms.</li> <li>• Assists eligible public safety entities in securing a valid permit granting permission to use specific mutual aid frequencies.</li> <li>• Assists local and tribal governments in the development of 9-1-1 emergency systems throughout the state. Manages the quarterly allocation and distribution of state 9-1-1 revenues and monitor’s use of the funding by local and tribal governments and wireless service providers.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>ESF #3 – Public Works &amp; Engineering</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides engineering personnel to assist in damage assessment, structural inspections of drinking water, wastewater, and/or solid waste facility, design estimation, in determining the operating status of drinking water and wastewater systems, and construction for repair, reconstruction, and restoration of eligible facilities.</li> <li>• Supports prioritizing recommendations for the stabilization and re-establishment of the associated critical drinking water, wastewater, and/or solid waste facilities.</li> <li>• Supports administration of special funding that can be used for repair or reconstruction of eligible facilities as well as grant programs that could be used for repair and rehabilitation of damaged facilities.</li> <li>• Provides engineering, technical, and/or compliance assistance in support of temporary protection and repair of drinking water, wastewater, and/or solid waste facilities.</li> <li>• Assists in identifying critical drinking water and wastewater needs, including personnel, electrical power, and treatment chemicals.</li> <li>• Regulates the permitting, construction, operation, and maintenance of Montana’s dams to protect life and property from damage due to failure.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides engineering personnel to assist in damage assessment, structural inspections of dam infrastructure and in determining the operating status of construction for repair, reconstruction, and restoration of eligible dams.</li> <li>• Administers emergency funding for infrastructure and water/wastewater infrastructure projects through the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP).</li> <li>• Administers non-emergency funding for infrastructure and water/wastewater infrastructure through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>ESF #4 - Firefighting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs firefighting assets to protect critical energy infrastructure.</li> <li>• Disseminates information and provides subject matter experts to improve infrastructure protection efforts within the emergency services sector.</li> <li>• Provides assistance with assessment of impacted emergency services sector critical infrastructure.</li> <li>• Disseminates information and provides subject matter experts to improve drinking water and wastewater infrastructure protection efforts within the emergency services sector.</li> <li>• Serves as advisors on potential impacts of fire and fire-fighting efforts to electrical transmission systems, underground pipeline associated with liquid fuels, and other energy infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>ESF #5 – Information &amp; Planning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery actions among critical infrastructure stakeholders at state and local levels.</li> <li>• Coordinates and/or provides situational awareness regarding critical infrastructure sectors.</li> <li>• Coordinates state emergency planning activities that include immediate, short-term, and long-term strategic planning for critical infrastructure incident response and recovery.</li> <li>• Coordinates emergency-related response and recovery functions related to critical infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, &amp; Human Services</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with Montana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MTVOAD) and non-profit organizations to ensure that the immediate, mass care and long-term recovery needs of disaster victims are addressed.</li> <li>• Provide trained personnel to assist with food distribution, emergency housing, coordination with volunteer agencies, and outreach activities to determine unmet needs.</li> <li>• Monitors and/or assists in the administration of FEMA’s Individual and Households Program (IHP) following federal Individual Assistance declarations.</li> <li>• Provides technical assistance related to food safety issues.</li> <li>• Monitors and/or assists in the administration of the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for major disasters.</li> <li>• Help local communities make decisions regarding long-term recovery and rebuilding, as well as assisting displaced residents find permanent housing and recover from disasters through the application of existing programs in disaster affected communities. This could include but not be limited to the following:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community education is related to issues such as insurance, foreclosure, purchasing new homes and building codes.</li> <li>○ Financial assistance to local public housing agencies, businesses, homeowners, and renters.</li> <li>○ Technical assistance to local public housing agencies.</li> <li>● Provides leadership and coordination of State-Led Disaster Housing Task Force.</li> <li>● Development of interim and long-term strategies for supporting local efforts to provide transitional and long-term affordable housing to displaced residents, including residents of subsidized housing.</li> <li>● Technical assistance to assist formation of local housing recovery task force(s).</li> <li>● Technical assistance to local housing authorities concerning programs and resources potentially available to support local housing goals.</li> <li>● Coordination with FEMA, HUD and other federal agencies with disaster housing authorities and collaboration with non-profit and private sector housing interests to meet the needs of displaced residents and to rebuild the community’s housing stock.</li> <li>● Identification of volunteer and community-based organizations that have resources and labor available to contribute to the rebuilding process.</li> <li>● Supports Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and Produce Safety Rule (PSR) compliant training, education, outreach, technical assistance, and enforcement as it relates to Montana’s produce industry.</li> </ul>
<b>ESF #7 – Logistics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alerts designated ESF personnel of possible resource needs and if necessary, directly procure resources requested by the local or tribal emergency management coordinator.</li> <li>● Coordinates Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) – State to State mutual aid, Federal, and International offers of engineering assistance and support for critical infrastructure response and recovery activities.</li> <li>● Coordinates with the Army National Guard to provide engineering expertise and construction resources and support.</li> <li>● Provides assistance in the allocation and prioritization of resources to support response and recovery activities for critical infrastructure.</li> <li>● Assists in coordinating the provision of temporary emergency power to critical facilities (e.g., hospitals, drinking water and wastewater facilities, shelters, fire stations, police stations).</li> <li>● Coordinates state resources and support to local/tribal, state, and non-governmental organization (NGO) entities needing assistance.</li> <li>● When appropriate, activate the SECC, procure and distribute state resources in response and recovery operations, and contact and request federal resources.</li> </ul>
<b>ESF #8 – Public Health &amp; Medical Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provides expertise when public health or healthcare infrastructures are activated or involved.</li> <li>● In cooperation with local and tribal public health officials, conducts health surveillance to assess morbidity, mortality, and community needs related to critical infrastructure incidents.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates with Blood Banks in monitoring blood, blood products, and tissue supplies, shortages, and reserves.</li> <li>• During medical supply chain disruptions, request activation and deployment of the federal Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and arrange for healthcare personnel surge activities.</li> <li>• Coordinates with hospitals to ensure adequate resources and monitors bed availability.</li> <li>• Advises on the prioritization of energy and fuel needs of critical local public health facilities.</li> <li>• Advises on the fuel needs to perform critical operations for DPHHS.</li> <li>• Assists in addressing public health impacts from an energy disruption.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ESF #9 – Search &amp; Rescue</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In support of critical infrastructure incidents (e.g., building collapse), coordinates contracting, acquisitions, and deployments of SAR personnel, equipment, and supplies in response to requests for State assistance, as appropriate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ESF #10 – Oil &amp; Hazardous Materials Response</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For critical infrastructure incidents involving oil or hazardous materials spills or releases - coordinate to manage the overall state effort to detect, identify, contain, cleanup, dispose, or minimize releases of oil or hazardous materials including assessment impacts and cleanup needs or priorities, and advising and assisting others where the source of the spill is known.</li> <li>• Evaluates and provide recommendations pertaining to public health and the environmental risks related to food, air, water, and soil contamination.</li> <li>• Provides response assistance for incidents involving contaminated debris, including CBRN contamination. Actions may include waste sampling, classification, packaging, transportation, treatment, demolition, storm water management, and disposal.</li> <li>• Provides expertise and resources to assist in the removal and disposal of oil and/or hazardous materials debris affecting critical infrastructure.</li> <li>• Assists in emergency compliance with relevant environmental laws, such as emergency permits/consultation for natural resources use or consumption, during critical infrastructure incident response and recovery activities.</li> <li>• Provides technical expertise, guidance, and monitoring to landfill operators, local governments, and members of the regulated community regarding the proper storage, treatment, transportation, disposal, tracking and identification of solid and hazardous waste.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and Produce Safety Rule (PSR) compliant training, education, outreach, technical assistance, and enforcement as it relates to Montana’s produce industry and infrastructure.</li> <li>• Provides personnel and equipment to assist with and prepare an assessment of damages to livestock, agriculture, fish, and wildlife populations and habitats resulting from a critical infrastructure incident.</li> <li>• Provides expertise and consultation on endangered species that are impacted from critical infrastructure incidents.</li> <li>• Implements activities determined appropriate to reestablish fisheries that have been damaged from disasters.</li> <li>• Facilitates resources from private and public sector animal industry groups.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulates movement of animals and plants across public transportation systems.</li> <li>• Coordinates or provides resources for the execution of routine meat, dairy, and egg safety inspections and other services to ensure the safety of meat, dairy, and egg products that enter commerce.</li> <li>• Assists state agencies with information about the location of facilities, product risk classifications and other technical data.</li> <li>• Provides technical assistance in critical infrastructure incidents that may involve feed and fertilizer products.</li> <li>• Conducts surveys and evaluations for archaeological resources, historic structures, cultural landscapes, biological resources, wetlands, and critical habitat.</li> <li>• Provides technical advice, information, and other assistance to help prevent or minimize injury to and reestablish or stabilize critical infrastructure (e.g., ecosystems, biological resources, geological resources, hydrological resources, energy resources, etc.).</li> <li>• Provides technical advice and guidance on procedures and protocols, laws, regulations, policies, and emergency permit requirements for preservation of historic resources impacted by critical infrastructure incidents.</li> <li>• Provides technical and financial assistance to local governments, state agencies and private citizens for conservation, development, protection, and management of the state's natural resources.</li> <li>• Assists conservation districts in meeting their legal requirements to carry out conservation programs locally and with the Montana Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act (310 Law).</li> <li>• Issues loans to borrowers for infrastructure improvement projects.</li> <li>• Manages the financial administration of Montana's Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (WPCSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan programs and oversees the Regional Water program.</li> <li>• Administers several grant and loan programs and provides assistance to conservation districts for the administration of water reservations.</li> <li>• Responsible for leasing, permitting, and managing oil and gas, metalliferous and non-metalliferous, coal, sand, and gravel agreements on school trust lands throughout the state.</li> <li>• Protects state water and to promote adequate future supplies for domestic, industrial, agricultural, recreation, the conservation of water for wildlife, aquatic life, and other beneficial uses.</li> <li>• Gathers information on petroleum products shortages in the agricultural sector.</li> <li>• Assesses damages to and the availability of food supplies and storage facilities capable of storing dry, chilled, and frozen food.</li> <li>• Conduct surveys and evaluations for archaeological resources, historic structures, cultural landscapes, biological resources, wetlands, and critical habitat.</li> <li>• Provides monitors to protect sensitive resources during response operations.</li> <li>• Monitors petroleum and gas drilling and supply industry.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>ESF #12 – Energy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates the state’s efforts in the restoration and protection of Montana’s critical electricity, natural gas, and liquid fuels infrastructure, and related fuel supply systems, during and following a disaster or significant disruption.</li> <li>• Suggests and implement strategies as needed for dealing with shortages or high prices of energy in Montana.</li> <li>• Process requests for assistance from local utilities, fuel suppliers, and deliverers to facilitate restoration and protection efforts, or to channel those requests to the appropriate operational units.</li> <li>• Provides energy consumers with advice on ways to meet their energy needs during an emergency, and to generally provide an effective source of information to the public.</li> <li>• Consistent with statutory authorities and appropriate directives, leads or supports incident response activities pertaining to the energy critical infrastructure sector.</li> <li>• Waives motor carrier safety regulations, such as Hours of Service Waivers, to meet emergency energy supply delivery requirements.</li> <li>• Coordinates with agencies pertaining to the implementation of emergency waivers.</li> <li>• Supports the analysis and modeling of the potential impacts to the electric power, oil, natural gas, and coal infrastructures; analysis of market impacts to the economy; and determines the effect a disruption has on other critical infrastructure.</li> <li>• Assists in identifying critical water and wastewater systems requiring priority power restoration.</li> <li>• Gathers and shares information on energy system damage and estimations on the impact of energy system outages within affected areas.</li> <li>• Provides information concerning the energy restoration process, such as projected restoration schedules, percent completion of restoration, geographic information on the restoration, and other information as appropriate.</li> <li>• Reviews and advise on critical infrastructure issues for intrastate natural gas delivery systems.</li> <li>• Oversees pipeline safety and some facility infrastructure.</li> <li>• Provides expertise on aquatic and riparian needs in rivers affected by emergencies at hydro-electric dams.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ESF #13 – Public Safety &amp; Security</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides relevant information on criminal activity and credible threats that could potentially threaten public safety and critical infrastructure security to appropriate partners.</li> <li>• Conducts evidence collection and analysis of all intentional human-caused related critical infrastructure crime scenes.</li> <li>• Provides personnel and heavy equipment to assist with operations and other scene control measures during a critical infrastructure incident, as appropriate.</li> <li>• Pursues lawsuits against responsible parties for intentional critical infrastructure incidents throughout Montana.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates with representatives of critical infrastructure to help ensure the security of the sites.</li> <li>• Initiates and conducts all types of criminal investigations statewide in support of local law enforcement to include crimes against critical infrastructure.</li> <li>• Initiates and conducts investigations involving allegations of critical infrastructure cybercrime.</li> <li>• Provides security for sensitive cargo in times of emergencies.</li> <li>• Controls Ingress and Egress of Public Transportation Systems in support of public safety and security.</li> <li>• Changes building operation standards and procedures to enhance security.</li> <li>• Administers Capitol Security for the State Capitol complex in Helena.</li> <li>• FWP law enforcement personnel will lead cooperative efforts to protect FWP owned ports and public waterways from acts of terrorism and manmade and natural disasters.</li> <li>• Controls ingress and egress of public waterways and FWP Land.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ESF 15 – Public Affairs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathers information on the incident and its impacts to critical infrastructure.</li> <li>• Provides strategic counsel and guidance on critical infrastructure to response leadership in actual or potential incidents.</li> <li>• Conducts critical infrastructure outreach and education.</li> <li>• Promotes operational integration with the impacted private sector entity to support critical infrastructure response and recovery.</li> <li>• Supports situational awareness by engaging the private sector in information sharing efforts on critical infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ESF 16 - Cybersecurity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates during cyber incidents impacting industrial control systems that support critical infrastructure.</li> <li>• Coordinates during cyber incidents impacting manufacturing equipment and other industrial control systems used in food and agriculture.</li> <li>• Provides information technology services to more than 100 government customers and is responsible for maintaining and structuring critical technological and telecommunications systems to provide information to internal and external partners.</li> <li>• Leads efforts to protect communications infrastructure from the effects of acts of terrorism and support efforts to protect communications infrastructure from the effects of manmade disasters.</li> <li>• Initiates and conducts investigations involving allegations of critical infrastructure cybercrime.</li> <li>• Provides relevant information on criminal activity and credible threats that could potentially threaten public safety and critical infrastructure security to appropriate partners.</li> </ul>