



Engaging Affiliates

Montana Space Grant Consortium

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MTSGC

- 23 Affiliated Academic Institutions
 - Have at least 1 STEM degree
- 6 Non-academic affiliates
 - STEM-Related



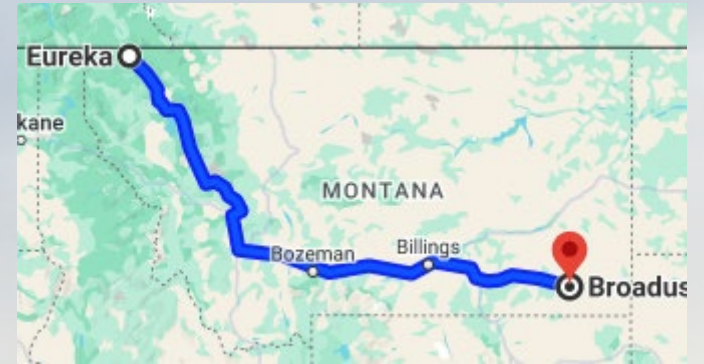
Montana

Size of Montana

- 147,042 sq. miles
- 4th Largest state in the Union

Weather

- -70 degrees ~ 117 degrees
- “Winter” typically from October – May/June



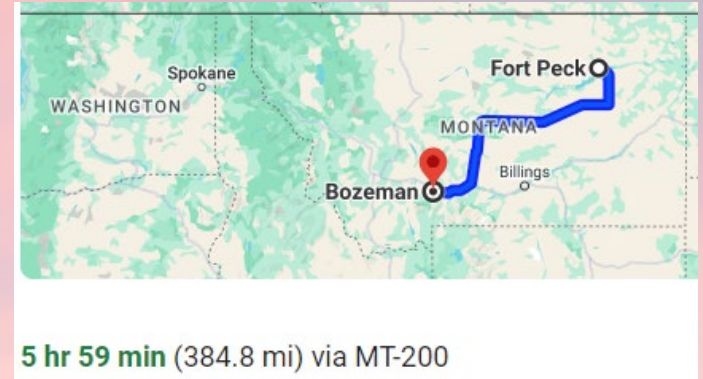
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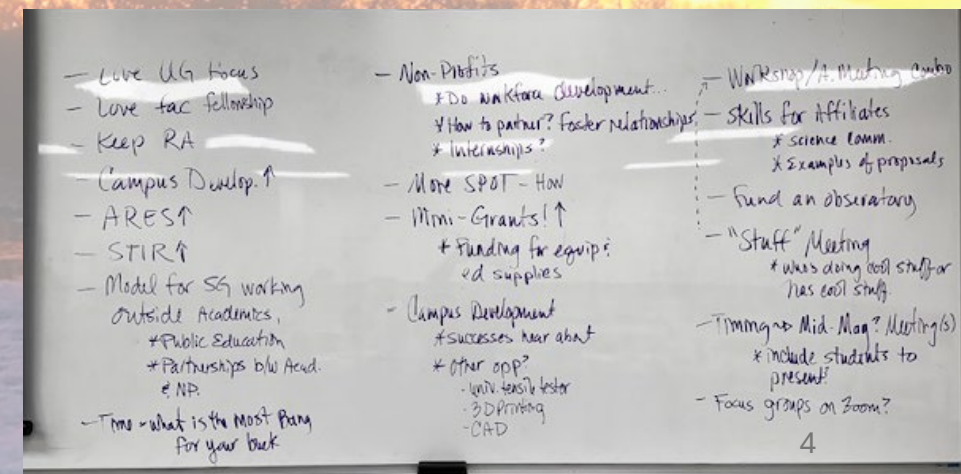
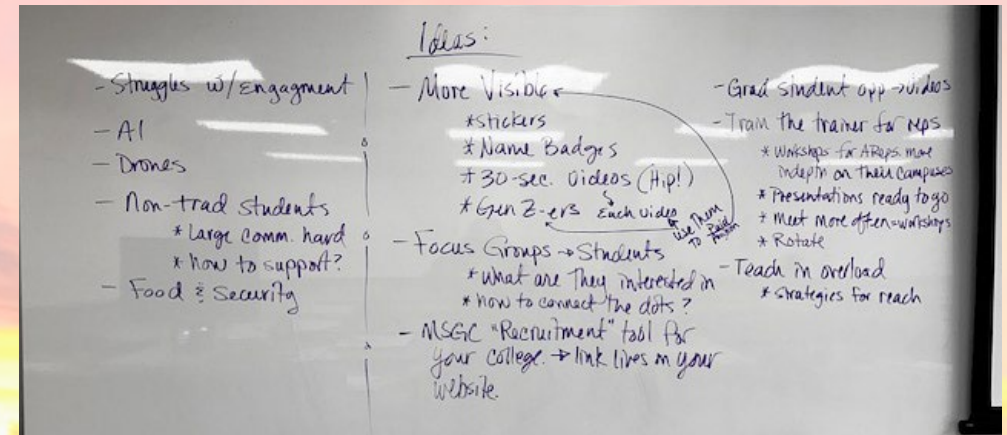
Meanwhile in Montana with the days getting longer . . .



Lead Institutions Interactions



- Annual/Bi-Annual Meeting
 - One to two meetings per year. In-person & Virtual
 - Affiliate Schedules
 - Distance
- Created an MSGC Affiliate Handbook
 - Expectations & Opportunities
- Suggestion from Affiliates
 - Affiliate Meeting – Feb 2024
 - Some items are \$\$ - look for in budgets ~ create
 - Inform for new proposal(s)
- Suggestion To Affiliates
 - Use MSGC as a Recruitment tool for your institution



Best Practices

• Multiple Contacts

- Each institution has an Affiliate Rep, however, they are typically very busy
- Establishing 2nd and 3rd contacts are important to ensure dissemination of opportunities

• Road Trips

- 2022: 5 Campuses
- 2023: 7 Campuses
- 2024: 15 Campuses!



• Partnerships

- MSU Partners: Faculty visits/other MSU entities
- SETI – Road trip: 4 institutions
- Partnership for Public Service - 3 institutions



Best Practices

- **Outreach to Native Communities**

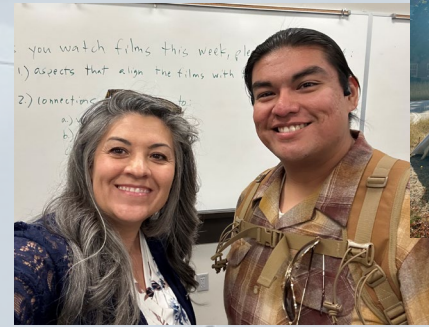
- AISES, SACNAS, Sloan Graduate Program, Campus Events (Horse Painting, Feeds, Beading, Ribbon Skirt Making, Building Families Mentoring Program...)

- **STEM Student Professional Skills Symposium (SSPSS)**

- Mobile – We go to them!
- Reach out to underserved communities/affiliated campuses that are lagging.

- **MSGC Ambassadors/Space Public Outreach Team (SPOT)**

- Competition to a NASA Center to build awareness on each campus
- SPOT – Managers at MSU & UM-Western



Cost-Share

- Cost-Share for subawards – yes! (Faculty Time)
- Graduate Tuition Waivers for Graduate Fellowship Awardees
- Different types of Institutions
 - Federally funded
 - Private
 - Tribal

} All different

A scenic landscape at sunset. The sun is a bright yellow orb low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky. In the foreground, the dark, intricate branches of a pine tree frame the left and top of the image. The middle ground shows a rolling green valley with scattered trees and a line of darker trees on a distant ridge. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

Questions?