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MOUNTAIN DISTRICT UPDATES

2023 Mountain District Meeting — St. George, Utah

Our Montana contingent had a great time at the ITE Mountain District Annual meeting in St. George, UT, on June 21-23. In addition to multiple technical presentations and TED talks, our crew enjoyed watching the MSU Student Chapter compete at the student traffic bowl and a night out at a local brewery along with a live performance at the Tuacahn outdoor amphitheater. The desert scenery was beautiful, and it was fun to catch up with everyone!



St. George social on June 21, 2023, with MT ITE members and MT ITE Board



MSU students representing Montana at the traffic bowl!

2024 Mountain District Meeting — Big Sky, Montana

Save the date! The next ITE Mountain District Annual meeting is being held in our very own Big Sky, MT! This three-day event is planned June 19-21, 2024, and will offer multiple technical tracks, networking, social events, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Plan to bring your family for a fun getaway!



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2023 Project Tour — I90 Yellowstone River, Billings, Montana

Thanks to the Montana Department of Transportation for facilitating a tour of the [I90 Yellowstone River](#) project on August 2, 2023, in Billings. Shane Johnson of MDT served as tour guide and was joined by two MDT colleagues and six MT ITE members, including Nate Larson of HDR (not pictured), who prepared a traffic study for the project. The group had an opportunity to view the rail tunnel, drainage features, and trail undercrossing at the bridge end.

2023 MAP/ITE Social — Butte, Montana

Save the date! The Montana Section of ITE is co-hosting a social event along with the Montana Association of Planners (MAP) at their [annual conference](#). This is a great chance to get to know our planning counterparts throughout Montana! Please join us for the social and consider attending the whole conference!

When: Tuesday, September 19, 4:30 PM

Where: Quarry Brewing, 124 W. Broadway St, Butte, MT

Refreshments: MT ITE is chipping in to cover drinks. Please plan a sober ride from the event.



MDT and MT ITE members touring the I90 Yellowstone River project on August 2, 2023

WELCOME to our newest MT ITE members!

- Rafael Teixeira (Sanderson Stewart — Bozeman)
- Carson Harken (Robert Peccia & Associates — Helena)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- **MSU Career Fair Prep:** To support the MSU Student Chapter, we are planning to offer a help session in **late September/early October** before the [MSU Fall Career Fair](#). We are seeking ITE members to volunteer an hour of their time to meet virtually with students, review their resumes, and help them prepare for job interviews. Contact the Student Liaison (klynch@rpa-hln.com) to express your interest!
- **Local Arrangements Committee (LAC):** The LAC will be hard at work for the next 10 months to plan the 2024 Mountain District Annual Meeting. Subcommittees include Transportation, Technical Program, Registration, Communications, Student Activities, Sponsorships/Vendors, Socials/Events, and more! Additional volunteers are needed for this major event. Reach out to the LAC Chair (dillon.mclain@kljeng.com) to offer your support.
- **Montana Section Secretary/Treasurer:** We will be seeking an individual to serve on the Montana Section Board starting in 2024. Contact the Nominating Committee Chair (srandall@rpa-hln.com) with questions or to throw your name in the hat for this role! Voting is anticipated in the fall of 2023.

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