

## To Montana Surveyors, GIS professionals, Engineers and others interested:

The National Geodetic Survey has several things happening in the Rocky Mountain Region (CO, WY, and MT) that we (The Montana Geodetic Coordinator Working Group) would like to make you aware of.

There are two deadlines fast approaching both for August 31, 2018. We would like your assistance and input on these two items. We have various resources to assist with each.

### August 31, 2018 Deadline

#### 1. GPS on Bench Marks

We are in the “homestretch” of the effort to collect GPS observations on Bench Marks around Montana for use in the next and final national hybrid geoid model, GEOID18, prior to the replacement of NAD83/NAVD88 in 2022. Much progress has been made on this, thanks to a major effort on the part of MDT, local County Surveyor Offices (you know who you are), and private survey firms. In a last-ditch effort to motivate, we are designating August 16-20 as a period of Concentrated Effort! NOAA/NGS has offered up a couple of prizes to those that collect the most observations during the Concentrated Effort period, as well as the most observations for the month of August. For details on prioritized Bench Marks and their recovery or observation status, please check out the new [MONTANA GEODETIC RESOURCES](#) webpage! You will find an interactive map, a live Dashboard so that you don't observe a mark that someone else already has, and links to webinars to help guide you through the process. We appreciate your participation in ensuring that Montana has the most accurate geopotential model possible. And, don't forget that past observation data works too!

#### 2. State Plane Coordinates 2022

NGS will soon be developing the SPCS2022 and wants your feedback. Now is your chance to let your voice be heard! Currently NGS wants you to provide feedback for the “rulebook” that will be used to develop the coordinate system. The **August 31, 2018** deadline for comment is fast approaching! It is important to note, feedback is requested for the **Draft Policy**. Your chance to comment on your State's SPCS Zone development will come at a later date. Start by reading the [DRAFT POLICY](#) to understand just what it is you are commenting on. Get off the bench and get in the game! Review these policies and submit your feedback before it is too late! Again, please check out the new [MONTANA GEODETIC RESOURCES](#) webpage for more details!

Send comments directly to us:

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Thank you,

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