Stakeholder Engagement

- Public Involvement
- Public Support
- Permitting

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Project Stakeholders

- What interests do they have in the outcome of the project?
- What is their likely reaction to the project?
- What is the best way to engage and communicate with them?
- What is their primary motivation?
- What information do they need to support the project?
- Who else do they know that might be influenced by them?

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." - Henry Ford

Public Engagement Spectrum

- What is your stakeholder engagement plan?
- What level of engagement is necessary for success?
- What is the value of engagement – short-term and long-term?
- How do you convey that engagement in an application?
- Stage of engagement reflects stage of the project.
Strategic Engagement

A. Montana Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act (310 Permit)
B. Montana Stream Protection Act (SPA 124 Permit)
C. Montana Floodplain and Floodway Management Act (Floodplain Development Permit)
D. Federal Clean Water Act (404 Permit)
E. Federal Rivers and Harbors Act (Section 10 Permit)
F. Short Term Water Quality Standard for Turbidity (318 Authorization)
G. Montana Land Use License or Easement on Navigable Waters
H. Montana Water Use Act (Water Right Permit and Change Authorization)
I. Montana Water Use Act (Water Reservations)
J. Storm Water Discharge Permit Authorization
K. Streamside Management Zone Law
L. Other Laws That May Apply

Montana Index of Environmental Permits - EQC
https://leg.mt.gov/content/Publications/Environmental/2018-permit-index-final.pdf

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Stakeholder Engagement - Summary

- Identify key stakeholders along with resource issues
- Develop an engagement plan
- Involve them early in the process
- Submit meaningful letters of support