



General Board Meeting Agenda

Lee Jewell Conference Center, 1100 Hollenback Lane, Deer Lodge

Thursday, September 24, 12nn to 3 pm

Please RSVP and choose lunch order by Monday, September 21, 2026, for pre-ordered lunches (self-pay).

Please respond to the invitation via email office@southwestmt.com to RSVP or call 406-846-1943.

If you did not RSVP, please join us anyway – we still want your presence

Great American Rail-Trail Presentation & Field Trip with Jacque Lavelle
Western Project Manager | Great American Rail-Trail, Rails to Trails Conservancy

12 p.m.

Welcome

Southwest Montana Board Meeting

Welcome – President, Rachael Elliott-Brug

Appoint Stacy James as a board member for Deer Lodge County

Public Comment for up to three minutes per person

Approval of Minutes

Financial Reports & Executive Director Report - Maria Pochervina

Board Member Document Review

Cooperative Marketing Grants information

12:30 p.m.

Agency Reports – Call Center, The Abbi Agency, and Tempest Technologies

1:00 p.m.

Great American Rail-Trail Presentation & Field Trip

- Overview of the **Great American Rail-Trail**
- Trail development and opportunities in Southwest Montana
- Potential tourism and economic development benefits
- **Field Trip to the Old Yellowstone Trail** at Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
- Short walk along the gravel trail to experience the trail firsthand

Field Trip Reminder: Please come prepared for a short outdoor walk. Bring a **jacket and appropriate footwear** for the weather and gravel trail conditions.

***For those not participating in the field trip, Haley and Julie will be facilitating a review of our next travel guide, taking comments and thoughts. ***

2:15 p.m.

Board meeting dates discussion

Introductions/community updates – opportunity for **brief** updates on each community.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 22, 2026 – Dillon, MT

Board Members – Quorums are necessary. Please complete the attached proxy form if you are unable to attend.

Enter your visitor event information on the website: southwestmt.com, go to events, or click below:

[Calendar of Events | Southwest Montana Tourism Information \(southwestmt.com\)](#)

Add your **photos** or send to updates@southwestmt.com

Topics to track: Montana Commerce Grants, Voices of Montana Tourism, Events, Legislative Session

Southwest Montana Board Meetings are open to the public.