

PRESS RELEASE

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On Wednesday, March 25, 2026, the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners received initial notice from the State of Montana regarding the State's intent to utilize property located outside the City of Laurel at 1425 US Hwy 10 for governmental purposes. The proposed use may be associated with a forensic mental health facility.

Pursuant to MCA § 76-2-402, when the State provides notice of a proposed development that may be inconsistent with local zoning regulations, the local governing body is required to hold a public hearing within 30 days. In accordance with this requirement, the Board of County Commissioners will first hold a discussion meeting to address the scheduling and procedural aspects of the required public hearing.

This discussion will be on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom, located at 2825 3rd Ave N, Room 308. During this meeting, the Board will establish a date for a public hearing.

No decisions regarding the proposed land use will be made by the Board of County Commissioners at either the discussion meeting or the public hearing. Yellowstone County's zoning authority does not apply in the same manner to land owned by the State, and the County's role in this process is limited to holding a public hearing and providing comment pursuant to MCA § 76-2-402.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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March 24, 2026

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RE: NOTICE TO Yellowstone County, Zoning Change

The State of Montana is actively conducting due diligence on a property in Yellowstone County. We are specifically interested in the County's existing land-use regulations and adopted long-range planning documents. The property is located outside the City of Laurel at 1425 US HWY 10 and is legally described as the Rossmoor Subdivision Block 1, Lots 1-3.

We are providing notice to Yellowstone County of the State's planned zoning for governmental use of property per MCA 76-2-402. Please provide us with notice of your desired hearing time, as required by law.

Thank you for your help, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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