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Proposed Law Enforcement Office Addition to Headwaters Rest Area

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is pleased to announce coordination with the design and construction team to add a law enforcement office space to the Headwaters Rest Area design. Conversations are ongoing with the Broadwater County Sheriff, Montana Highway Patrol, and MDT Motor Carrier Services who have all expressed support and interest in using the shared workspace to better serve the southern end of Broadwater County. This accommodation will be the first of its kind in the state of Montana.

"We heard the public's concern about law enforcement's challenges patrolling this part of the county loud and clear. MDT is committed to being a good neighbor and is excited to provide our law enforcement partners with an office space to better serve the surrounding populations," William Fogarty, MDT Butte District Administrator said.

The proposed office addition is being designed to accommodate up to four desks with internet connections for law enforcement personnel use. Signage noting the agencies using the workspace will be on the outside of the facility.



"I'm glad to be a part of this multi-agency effort to fulfill a community need," Sheriff Wynn Meehan said. "The law enforcement office space and consistent officer presence will contribute toward the infrastructure needed to better respond to area demands and the public safety concerns expressed by residents."

MDT and the Montana Rest Area JV Partners team will begin constructing a new rest area, to be named Headwaters Rest Area, in the coming week. The new facility will be located on the west side of US 287,



just north of existing commercial development. This new rest area will include many modern design and safety improvements including open sight lines for patrolling, security cameras and LED lighting throughout the interior and exterior areas. The new rest area will ultimately replace the dated and undersized rest area located at the 19th Avenue interchange in Bozeman.

More information about the project can be found at the project website: https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/headwatersrestarea. Comments, questions or concerns can be directed to headwatersra@dowl.com or by calling (406) 551-1473.

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