

Travel Restriction and 14 -Day Quarantine Lifted on June 1st

Governor Bullock has [announced](#) that two weeks from now on June 1, Montana will enter into phase 2 of the reopening plan.

Here's what will change on June 1. Groups larger than 50 are allowed if people can social distance themselves.

Bullock says restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries and casinos can run at 75% of capacity. Gyms, indoor fitness classes, pools and hot tubs can operate at 75% of capacity.

Bowling alleys can operate at decreased capacity with social distancing guidelines.

Mandatory quarantine for those visiting out of Montana will be lifted June 1.

Bullock says he will consult with Yellowstone National Park about opening around June 1.

"The virus is still with us and will be for the foreseeable future," said Bullock "There are things we can do to allow Montanans to have some sense of a normal life while still preventing major outbreaks or overwhelming our state's healthcare system."

"Even at our peak in cases in March, we never had a shortage of ICU beds and ventilators." said Bullock

Bullock says they've built two temporary medical care facilities in Billings and Kalispell as a precautionary measure to have in our tool belt.

Bullock says testing kits are being shipped to the Crow Nation and the Blackfeet Tribe. He says Montana Dept. of Corrections has a plan in place to begin surveillance testing at all of their facilities.

"Those who have not, should start making a habit of it now. Wearing a cloth mask, washing hands, disinfecting really all are part of our new normal. If not for you, do it for others." said Bullock.

[READ the PHASE 2 ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

[Non-Resident Licenses Issuance](#)

No motion was made about the issuance of non-resident licenses to outfitted clients who

were unsuccessful in the draw. MOGA has continued to impress upon the Governor's staff the urgency for decision as everyday that passes we have potential clients seeking outfitted services in other states. "I remain optimistic that the Governor will agree to issue these licenses as a means to stimulate commerce and take advantage of the economic impact the outfitting community can have on rural communities." said Mac Minard. We have some very encouraging dialog with the Governor's office and we will continue to keep them informed on the urgency of a decision.

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Major Developments Have Occurred with PPP - VERY Outfitter Friendly

Thanks to work done by Senator Daines staff, some major developments have occurred with PPP, the most significant of which is the **banks nationwide are now allowing seasonal businesses to "add on" to their original loan proceeds by calculating the loan request using the seasonal calculation.**

Most banks are **NOT** requiring that the applicant repay, the first loan, but rather just resubmit a new application, and they will fund the difference. One outfitter just did it over the weekend and his loan has nearly doubled. The initial tranche of \$350 billion in loans ran out April 16, after about two weeks. But three weeks after the second \$310 billion tranche of funding was opened up, about 37% of the funds remain available, according to figures on the SBA website.

We strongly encourage members who need it, to reach out for more assistance.

The forgiveness front has changed significantly as well. Everyone anticipates some loosening up. This was posted in the Wall Street Journal over the weekend:

Lawmakers and government officials are preparing to make significant changes to the Paycheck Protection Program. The changes are likely to include giving businesses more flexibility to spend the money, and to extend the time to spend the loan money beyond the two months it originally set. In the meantime, they have issued an official forgiveness application and guidance. Some of the more aggressive ideas we had have been nixed. This is dynamic, and it may mean outfitters will have to repay certain things they tried to pay for, only to turn around and pay for something new.

Attached is the official application form, and the latest FAQ from Treasury.

[SBA Form 3508 PPP Forgiveness Application](#)

[PPP FAQ Updated 5/13/2020](#)

MOGA continues to provide assistance with this process to ANY OUTFITTER who needs it regardless of membership affiliation.

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Trails Stimulus Update

Senator Daines is seeking a Democrat cosponsor for his [legislation](#) in order to ensure it has the most strategic support out of the gate. He has asked Senator Heinrich to cosponsor, and we have contacted some New Mexico groups to gain their support for this bill and encourage the New Mexico Senator to support.

We are at the point now where individual Outfitters and State Trade Associations need to

contact your home state Senate delegation and encourage them to cosponsor Senator Daines [legislation](#)—in particular especially those of you in states who have a bipartisan or Democrat Senate delegation (**Maine, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico**).

If you need help making this ask, need contact information or talking points, please contact the MOGA office of contact Meghan directly and she will be happy to help you.

Recall we have sent a letter to the Congressional Leadership outlining the case for the Trails Stimulus Bill. [READ the LETTER](#)

We have been given indication the Forest Service is considering using existing special use contracts as the basis for procuring the work authorized under the Daines proposal. The Forest Service is considering projects “on the shelf” but also others identified by stakeholders. We continue discussion with agency officials regarding the process.

We need your help to get this bill moving in Congress. Please see below **Call-to-Action** to help inform your conversations with your Congressional delegation; if you need more information or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Call-to-action:

Cosponsor Senator Daines bill to streamline procurement of trail maintenance and noxious weeds treatments this season; put outdoor businessmen and women back to work:

- The bill would **authorize \$200 million** for the Forest Service to enter into procurement agreements with special use permittees to perform trail maintenance and noxious weeds treatments. The bill targets projects “on the shelf,” to ensure swift implementation.
- The Forest Service has a **\$314 million trail maintenance backlog** and an additional \$210 million backlog in annual maintenance, capital improvements.

- Vast swaths of Forest Service land are contaminated with noxious weeds and invasive species.
- Federally permitted outfitters and guides are uniquely equipped with the expertise, equipment and skilled workforce necessary to quickly and effectively address these needs of the agency.
- Many outfitter businesses face at least a 40% reduction in trips this season due to COVID-19 and need this economic boost to get their crew members back to work this season.

[READ THE DRAFT LEGISLATION](#)
[READ LETTER TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP](#)

For more information or to cosponsor, please contact Holly Hinojosa in Senator Daines' office at Holly_Hinojosa@daines.senate.gov.