

Montana Travel Restrictions and 14 Day Quarantine Lifted June 1

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Governor Bullock announced yesterday the removal of travel restrictions and 14-day quarantine requirements in Montana. This comes a major relief to the Outfitted Tourism industry that has suffered a complete loss of spring business affecting countless other businesses that depend on commerce generated by outfitting.

[Under the Phase 2 plan](#) for reopening people may now freely travel to Montana and are not subject to quarantine before engaging in recreational and outfitted activities. Outfitters will still fully apply the [recommended personal hygiene and social distancing standards](#) as they have done during the Phase 1 period. It will be important the industry continue to lead the way in practices that minimize the spread of the corona virus and present risks to our communities.

“This announcement is like a lifeline to a drowning industry” says Mac Minard, Executive Director of MOGA.

Outfitting is the fourth largest economic driver in the state and in some counties number one, fueling commerce in rural Montana where agriculture and ranching are seeing difficult times.

MOGA continues to pursue several important initiatives that will help the outfitting industry in these difficult times.

- We continue to seek relief in [non-resident license issuance](#) to stimulate the economy in the fall.
- We are continuing our work on a national [Trails Stimulus package](#) that will put Outfitters and their crews to work clearing public trails on public lands and addressing the massive backlog of trail and weed control evident on Federal lands.
- We will also continue the close relationship with our national land management partners to ensure that every accommodation to the Outfitters permit and use levels can be realized.
- We are partnering with Montana Radio, one of the states most successful and community minded broadcast companies, to develop messaging for our residents to seek outfitted services this summer as an alternative to traveling to different states or locations.

- We continue to provide the [clearest information possible](#) regarding Federal and State support programs like PPP and others. We also are providing the industry direct access to a subject matter expert to personally assist where necessary.
- If you need assistance with your [waiver and release documents](#) of your service contracts, we encourage you to contact the MOGA Office and we will assist you.

Throughout this pandemic MOGA President Chuck Rein and the MOGA Board have made it clear these services are to be provided to ALL outfitters, regardless of membership affiliation. Their view is that we need all-hands-on-deck to make sure the industry, in all its forms, can survive, recover, and once again contribute to the tourism economy of Montana.

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About MOGA

The Montana Outfitters and Guides Association is proud to include more than 200 of Montana's professional licensed outfitters and guides with operations that span the state's regions. With years of experience guiding hunters, fishermen, horseback riders, skiers and snowmobilers, our outfitters will show you the best of Montana in a vacation that's personalized to your needs.

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