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Presented by Charles Van Genderen
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Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Charles Van Genderen, State Parks Administrator of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). I am in support of Senate Bill 3.

Fish Wildlife & Parks supports SB3. Montana state parks manage 22 state parks with heritage resources in them. In fact, the state park system manages seven National Historic landmarks, which is more than any agency in the state. Several more parks are on the national register of historic places. These sites have both national and statewide significance.

Over the last two years, state parks staff has supported the analysis of heritage resources and now supports better coordination and communication on the status of these sites as described in the bill.