



MONTANA LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Montana State University

For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

DECEMBER 2009

09-11A

REPORT SUMMARY

Montana State University (MSU) consists of campuses located in Bozeman, Billings, Havre, and Great Falls. The campuses provide a diversity of undergraduate and graduate academic degrees and two-year vocational/technical programs. The Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, The MSU Extension Service, and The Fire Services Training School are reported under the Bozeman campus.

Context

The University requested this audit to provide timely information and accountability for operations to interested parties. We issued a separate financial audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, (#07-11A), in December 2008. Compliance audits are conducted every two years. Our compliance audit for Montana State University covering fiscal years 2008 and 2009 (#09-13) was issued in September 2009. Student FTE for fiscal year 2009 were reported as follows: Bozeman-10,509, Billings-4,041, Havre-1,074, and Great Falls-1,353.

In addition to financial activity of the University, the financial statements include financial activity related to the University component units, which include Montana State University Foundation, Museum of the Rockies Incorporated, Montana State University Bobcat Club, Montana State University-Billings Foundation, and Montana State University-Northern Foundation.

During academic years 2008 and 2009 resident tuition was not increased because the state increased funding to the University as part of the governor's College Affordability Plan. Out-of-state tuition fees increased approximately 4.2 percent in the 2009 academic year. Federal grants and contracts revenues increased \$8.6 million from fiscal year 2008 to fiscal year 2009. Major expense increases were primarily due to additional compensation and research costs.

Results

Our report does not contain any recommendations to the University. Financial statement readers can rely on the information presented in the financial statements.

Recommendation Concurrence	
Concur	0
Partially Concur	0
Do Not Concur	0
Source: Agency audit response included in final report.	

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