



# MONTANA LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

## FINANCIAL AUDIT

### Montana State University

For the Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2011

JANUARY 2012

11-11A

REPORT SUMMARY

Montana State University is a land grant university serving state, national, and international students and communities. The university's four campuses are located in Bozeman, Billings, Havre, and Great Falls. The Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, the MSU Extension Service, the Gallatin College Program and the Fire Services Training School are reported under the Bozeman campus. The campuses provide a diversity of undergraduate and graduate academic degrees and two-year vocational/technical programs.

### Context

We perform annual financial audits of the university to provide timely information and accountability for operations to interested parties. Financial related audits are conducted every two years to determine compliance with contract provisions, grant requirements, and selected state laws and regulations. We issued our financial-related audit (11-13) for Montana State University covering fiscal years 2010 and 2011 in October 2011.

In addition to financial activity of the university, the financial statements include financial activity related to 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 the 2010-2011 academic year, tuition and fee revenue increased approximately 7.7 percent due to increased enrollments. Total operating expenses in fiscal years 2011 and 2010, were \$458.6 million and \$449.1 million, respectively. The university received a one

time state appropriation of federal stimulus funds in the amount of \$18.5 million in fiscal year 2011. Annualized full-time equivalent student counts reported by the Commissioner of Higher Education for fiscal year 2011 are as follows: Bozeman–11,820, Billings–4,555, Havre–1,155, and Great Falls–1,415.

### Results

This report does not contain any recommendations to the university.

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

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