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<p align="center"><b>Gallatin County Fairgrounds Opens Public Survey to Continue the Community's Involvement in 'Fairgrounds Future' Master Planning Project</b></p>	
<p>Bozeman, MT – The Gallatin County Fairgrounds is excited to announce the next step in the 'Fairgrounds Future' Master Planning process with the opening of the online public sentiment survey. This is the second part of the initial public engagement for this large-scale project that began with focus groups and an open house at the fairgrounds in late February/early March of this year.</p> <p>The fairgrounds asks that people limit survey responses to one per person, but to please share the link widely to anyone who would like to offer feedback and be a part of this exciting process. The survey will be online at <a href="http://GallatinCountyFairgrounds.com">GallatinCountyFairgrounds.com</a> or using <a href="#">this link</a> between March 21 and April 29.</p> <p>The purpose of the 'Fairgrounds Future' Master Planning Project is to update the fairgrounds facility so that it can better serve the community of Gallatin County year-round. "There are so many wonderful memories that have been made on these grounds," said Caitlin Quisenberry, Fairgrounds Director, "but many of the buildings on site are in a state of disrepair or too small to be able to fully serve the population of user groups anymore."</p> <p>The feedback from this survey will be used to guide the vision for future improvements and development on the fairgrounds property, located in northeast Bozeman. "At the end of this project, we'll see some new and improved spaces that honor our current users and community while also welcoming some new ones. This survey will be helpful in understanding how best to do that," said Quisenberry.</p> <p>The Gallatin County Fairgrounds is a department of the Gallatin County Government and hosts the annual Big Sky Country State Fair in July. This project is not related to the annual fair or its programming, but rather the year-round facilities and their users. The fair will continue to be hosted at the fairgrounds every year, but it might see some impacts from this project during the different phases on construction.</p> <p align="center">###</p>	
<p><b>Gallatin County Fairgrounds</b> 901 N. Black Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715 P) 406.582.3270 W) <a href="http://GallatinCountyFairgrounds.com">GallatinCountyFairgrounds.com</a></p>	<p><b>Mission</b> The Gallatin County Fairgrounds and Big Sky Country State Fair exist to provide an enjoyable, safe, year-round, multi-use public facility emphasizing opportunities in entertainment, education, agriculture, and recreation that enhance partnerships in building a stronger community.</p>