

6. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

MEPA requires DEQ to consult with and obtain comments from (1) any state agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to environmental or human resources that could be directly impacted by the Project and (2) any Montana local government that could be directly impacted by the Project (§ 7-12-1103, MCA). The responsible state official shall also consult with and obtain comments from Montana state agencies with respect to regulation of private property involved.

Consultation and coordination took place prior to and during the formal scoping period, as well as during EIS preparation. Consultation occurred in person as well as through email and phone communication. DEQ consulted the following federal, state, and local agencies during the development of this EIS (see **Table 6-1**).

The names of individuals and organizations contacted during the development of the MEPA document are available upon request from DEQ.

Table 6-1
Agencies Consulted

State of Montana and Federal Agencies	Tribal Governments	Counties	Cities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montana Department of Commerce • Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation • Montana Department of Transportation • Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks • Montana State Historic Preservation Office • U.S. Forest Service • U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackfeet Nation • Chippewa Cree Tribe • Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes • Crow Nation • Fort Belknap Assiniboine & Gros Ventre Tribes • Little Shell Chippewa Tribe • Northern Cheyenne Tribe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meagher County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of White Sulphur Springs