



Yellowstone County DUI Task Force  
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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force  
Green Lab Planning Meeting  
September 18, 2025**

Brandon called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM.

In conversations with the Extract Ed team, we learned they are not available in May of 2026. Our alternative dates are Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10, 2026, OR Wednesday, September 23 and Thursday, September 24, 2026.

The group discussed conference space at The DoubleTree Hilton, The Northern, and the First Interstate Training Center.

We anticipate drawing participants from Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Idaho.

The participants will primarily be law enforcement with others from prosecution, acting as observers. Brandon is communicating with the state DRE Coordinator about enlisting some of their personnel to help. Brandon plans to have a call with Lt. Col. Hayter from MHP and Darla later this month.

Monty can help us connect with the local DEA office to help promote participation.

Other primary audiences include County Commissioners, County Attorney's Office, State DRE Coordinator.

If we hold the event at the First Interstate Training Center, we could explore having food trucks/catering options.

Travis can produce promotional flyers and handle registration needs if we decide to manage that aspect vs. Extract Ed doing so.

Karen can reach out to the Cannabis Association for event support.

To Do List:

Brandon—continue conversation with State DRE Coordinator, reach out to other state DRE Coordinators, reach out to MHP Lt. Col Hayter

Darla—info from hotels on room blocks, contact Extract Ed re: cancellation date info.

Monty-First Interstate Training Center availability, DEA to help vet volunteers.

Kacy—room blocks at her hotel.

Travis—wants the group think about other channels to promote the event. Lean on our existing connections. One option to consider is phased registration, i.e., Yellowstone County registration opens 2 weeks prior to Montana, then to the region.

The group discussed having an option of an individual to transfer their paid registration to another person in their organization, but no refunds.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.



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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**Present:** Monty Wallis, Bob Drake, Brandon Ihde, Travis Sylvester, Kevin Holland, Haley Swan, Gabby Thompson, Karen Sylvester, Kacy Keith, Kent O'Donnell, Brandon Gatlin.

**Excused:** Ben Milam, Sam Atwood, Jenna Solomon.

Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Members received the August meeting minutes via email. Kevin motioned to approve the August meeting minutes without changes. Karen seconded. Motion approved.

Brandon asked for any new disclosures for Conflicts of Interest. None were reported at this time.

Members received the latest budget reports via email. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Travis provided a social media update. His team are producing messages with a hunting focus for about the next six weeks. They are pulling materials from NHTSA Halloween campaigns as well as their own curated materials. Feedback on the posts has been positive.

The Ales for Trails event went well. They had a good attendance, and our table was in a good location. A recommendation is to have at least one more person help work the table for the last shift.

Members should have received a calendar notification to Save the Date for the Angel Tree/Award of Merit ceremony on Thursday, December 18 at noon in the Courthouse Lobby. Darla will follow up regarding the request from the Sunshine Committee about help with getting a new tree.

Applications for the January-June 2026 RFP cycle are due November 1.

Brandon and Travis provided an update on the Call List for judges and first time DUI offenses. They are making some progress; Travis stated the logic and flow model is built; he should get something to us soon. He asked for a small group to evaluate it. Brandon offered that some people within BPD could help test it.

Brandon provided an update on the Green Lab event planning. Extract Ed is not available for our proposed May 2026 dates so we will key in on the September 2026 dates. We are working on identifying possible host sites and have identified key participants groups for participation. Some members have homework for the next meeting and will report on their progress at the October meeting.

In new business, Darla asked for volunteers to serve as guests for our Community 7 TV show. Volunteers include Kevin Holland and Captain O'Donnell. Other possibilities include staff from Extract Ed and state DRE Coordinators.

Darla stated we have exhausted our current supply of PPE kits. The group determined to not purchase more supplies until more kits are requested.

The group discussed possible dates for our 2027 Symposium. We determined May 6 and 7 or May 13 and 14 would be the most ideal. Darla will reach out to the DoubleTree Hilton to check availability along with room block at the state rate information.

The group dialogued on criteria for the volunteers for the Green Lab event. We determined they need to be at least 26 years old, not in the Probation and Parole system, have medication restrictions or are currently on prescribed marijuana. Gabby has a waiver already used by MHP we may want to consider reviewing/revising/adopting.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Kevin motioned to adjourn. Karen seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 PM.