Missoula County Media Release

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Drive-Thru Ballot Drop-Off Opens Nov. 1 at Missoula County Fairgrounds

Absentee voters in Missoula County can cast their ballots without ever leaving their cars by taking advantage of the drive-thru ballot drop-off at the Missoula County Fairgrounds, which opens Thursday, Nov. 1.

Hours for the drop-off are:

- Thursday and Friday, Nov. 1-2: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 5: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 6 (Election Day): 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

To access the drop-off, drivers should use the west entrance on South Avenue, near the intersection with Oxford Street. The east South Avenue entrance, which was used in previous years, is closed due to construction. An additional drive-thru, which will be accessible through the entrance on Russell Street near the intersection with Fairview Avenue, will be open on Election Day. (*See attached map.*)

In addition to convenience, voters who use the drive-thru ballot drop-off will receive a coveted "I Voted" sticker that many absentee voters often go without.

To better serve Missoula County voters, the Elections Center also will offer extended and weekend hours through Election Day. The office is now open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 3.

The Elections Center urges voters to take care of any election-related needs as soon as possible to alleviate crowding at the facility on Election Day. Voters who wait until Election Day will likely experience long wait times. In addition to voter registration, Elections Center staff can help with all voter services, including signing up for an absentee ballot, address changes, retrieving undeliverable ballots and issuing replacement ballots.

Voters can check their registration status and polling place location at <u>www.MyVoterPageMT.com</u>.

For more information, call the Elections Center at 406-258-4751, email <u>electioninfo@missoulacounty.us</u> or visit <u>www.missoulavotes.com</u>.