

Montana Policy Review Webinar Series: Community Responses to Energy Development

The MSU Local Government Center is announcing a new webinar series focusing on opportunities and challenges brought on by the energy boom in northeastern Montana. Each bimonthly, one-hour interactive presentation features authors from the [Fall 2012 Montana Policy Review](#).

The first webinar will take place **Wednesday, March 20 at 11 a.m. MDT**. Mark Haggerty and Julia Haggerty of Headwaters Economics will present *Improving Fiscal Policy to Maximize Benefits of Unconventional Oil Development in Montana Communities*. If you are unable to attend, all webinars will be recorded and archived on the [Local Government Center website](#).

Webinar description: This webinar considers the influence of state fiscal policy on the capacity for state and local governments to manage the impacts of energy development in order to ensure long-term economic benefits. We provide a brief overview of the unconventional resource in the Bakken with a focus on implications for revenue. We then compare state energy policies in Montana and North Dakota and discuss recommended changes to fiscal policy in Montana.

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A complete list of topics and presenters for the series can be downloaded [here](#).

Join us for the next webinar in the series on **Wednesday, April 10 at 11 a.m. MDT**. Bret Smelser, Mayor of Sidney, will present *Weathering the Storm: Community Responses in Sidney, MT*.

Please pass along this information to any interested groups – the webinars are free and open to the public. We hope you can join us!

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