

<b>Establish prerelease center in northwestern Montana</b>	<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 6401-02-11	
	<b>Division:</b> Community Corrections	
	<b>Program:</b> Prerelease	
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Corrections	
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**Program or Project Description:**

The Adult Prerelease Unit contracts with seven non-profit prerelease centers for housing, treatment and supervision of 626 men and 174 women. These centers provide transition from prison to community and an alternative to prison for "diverted" offenders when public safety and the offenders' interests are best served by a level of supervision between prison and probation.

Fund Name:	2010		2011		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 30, 2010
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	0	0	1,186,250	0	
State Special					
Federal Funds					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,186,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

**Legislative Goal(s):**

Establish prerelease center in northwestern Montana.

**Legislative Performance Measures :**

Update on milestones leading toward opening of center

- status of citing
- RFP issuance
- opening date

Increase in diversions/alternatives as a result of having pre-release in NW Montana (not available until end of this biennium)

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
1 Public notification --	11/1/2007	
2 Established a community working committee to	January to March 2008	
3 Community survey, public hearings and work on community acceptance	April 2008 to May 2008	
4 Issue RFP, select a contractor and begin work on facility	July 2008 to October 2008	
5 Facility construction, programming development and facility ramp-up:	October 2008 to April 2009	
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**Agency Performance Report:**

The 2009 Legislature originally appropriated \$1,226,984 in FY 10 and \$1,226,984 in FY 11. The funding for the proposed prerelease center was eliminated by the Governor as part of 17-7-140, MCA, reductions. The proposed 40-bed northwest prerelease center in the Flathead remains in the development stage. Even without funding to build the facility, the site can still be identified and approved through the public process. The original geographic area identified by the local planning committee near Kalispell met sufficient public opposition to eliminate it from consideration. The local planning committee identified a new geographic area north of Kalispell near Columbia Falls and is engaged in the public education process, while gathering information about the prerelease centers' history in Montana, recidivism rates and property values related to location of a prerelease center. Newly appointed committee members, representing the Columbia Falls area, are being educated on issues relating to corrections in general and the prerelease project specifically.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD Assessment: Progress Report Needed

Data Relevance: Yes

Appropriation Status: Governor ordered reduction per 17-7-140, MCA

Comments/Issues: Expenditure of funding for this purpose was reduced per spending reductions ordered by the Governor consistent with 17-7-141, MCA. The agency continues to work on citing and development of a facility.

Options:

- Change LFD assessment
- Release from reporting
- Determine date for future reporting

Version	Date	Author
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Change Description
1st report
June 2008 update, changed version to reflect section d
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