

<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 Community Corrections Prerelease Unit contracts with six non-profit prerelease centers for housing, treatment and supervision of 626 men and 174 women. These centers provide transition from prison to the community and also serves as an alternative to prison for "diverted" offenders. The legislature approved the funding for a 40 bed prerelease center in the northwest section of the state. This was due primarily to the fact that Flathead County is the fourth largest contributor to the department's correctional system.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of June 30, 2009
	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
Public notification --	11/1/2007	
Established a community working committee to	January to March 2008	
Community survey, public hearings and work on community acceptance	April 2008 to May 2008	
Issue RFP, select a contractor and begin work on facility	July 2008 to October 2008	
Facility construction, programming development and facility ramp-up:	October 2008 to April 2009	

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**Agency Performance Report:**

The Northwestern Prerelease facility was bid and awarded in FY 2009. However, due to siting issues, the facility has not yet been established. If the awarded bidder can select a new site within the proposed per diem rate, then the current award will stand. If not, the previous bidders will be requested to submit a new proposal. The timeline for creation of a facility will be dependent upon siting.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD Assessment: Progress report needed

Data Relevance: Yes

Appropriation Status: Provided

Comments/Issues: The proposed facility has not yet been established. As a result 40 prerelease beds that the legislature anticipated being available to the department are not available. However, the funding supporting these 40 beds is available to the department and may be transferred to other uses.

Options:

--Change LFD assessment

--Release from reporting

--Determine date for future reporting

Version	Date	Author
AO-1	12/05/07	Gervais

Change Description
1st report



DW-2	05/19/08	Gervais
DO-3	09/23/08	Gervais
DP-4	11/18/09	Gervais

June 2008 update, changed version to reflect section d
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