### 2014 MT Outlook – Tourism & Recreation

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### Visitors like it here!

**Top Nonresident Vacationer Activities 2012** Scenic driving 72% Wildlife watching 49% Nature photography 48% Day hiking 44% **Recreational shopping** 32% Car/RV camping 30% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80%



### **Nonresidents - By the Numbers in 2013**

- 11 million nonresident visitors (+2%)
- \$3.5 billion in direct spending
   Spending up in the first 3 quarters

   ✓ Q1 +4% (\$151/day)
   ✓ Q2 +5% (\$142/day)
   ✓ Q3 +20% (\$162/day)

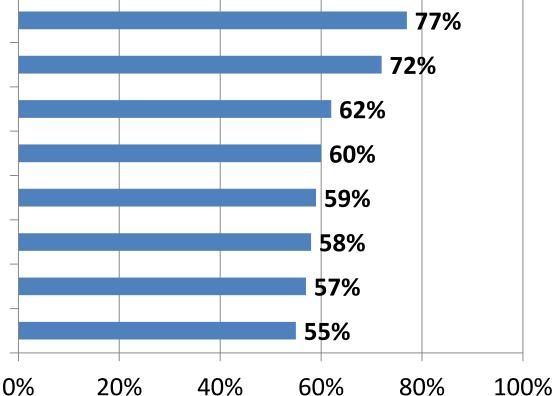
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### **Residents like it here!**

#### MT resident use of facilities and recreation areas in the state

Walking/jogging/biking paths **Hiking trails Picnic areas** Heritage/historic areas/sites **Campgrounds w/out hookups** Natural or wild areas Scenic byways Wildlife viewing areas



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### Montanan's "GOT" LOST in MT



#### 2013 by the numbers

- ✓ \$210 million on outdoor rec. trips
- ✓ 4.2 million person trips
- ✓ 88% over 18 did outdoor recreation
  - 95% say outdoor recreation is important to their quality of life

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### The Gov't. Shutdown Effect in MT October 2012 vs October 2013

National Park visitation down 64%

Airport deboardings down 6%

Amtrak ridership down 7%

### Rooms sold down 5%

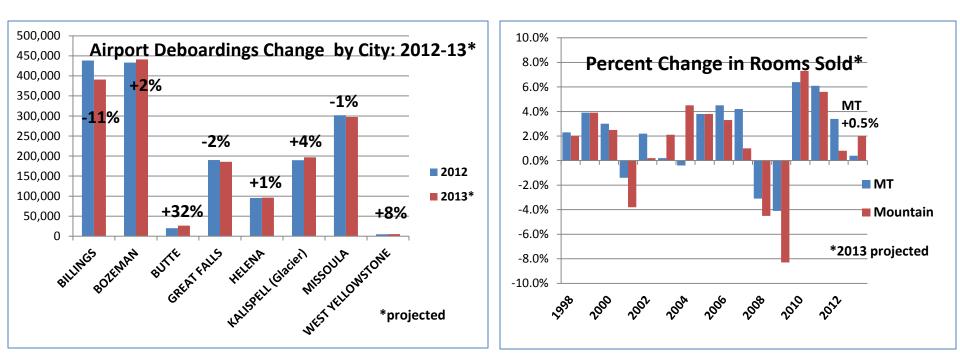


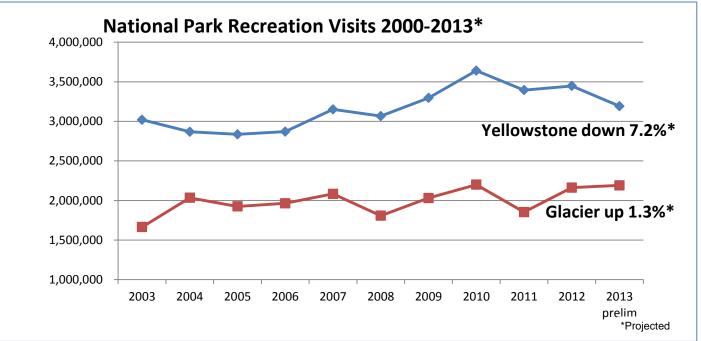








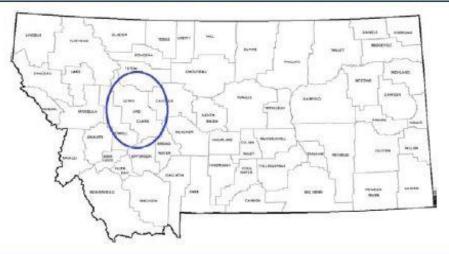




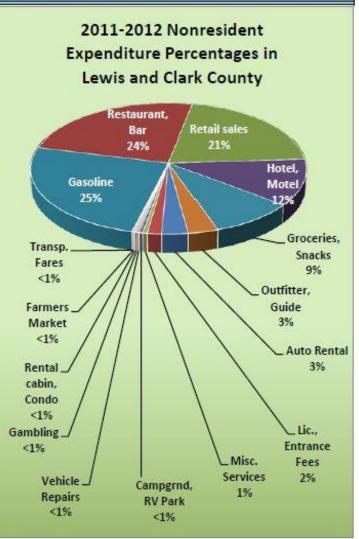


#### 2011-2012 Nonresident Traveler Expenditures & Economic Contribution in Lewis and Clark County (in 2012 \$s)

#### 2011-2012 (2-year avg.) Nonresident Traveler Expenditures in Lewis and Clark



able 1 - Total Nonresident Spending in Lewis and Clark County* <sup>,0</sup>			
Gasoline	\$22,680,000	Lic., Entrance Fees	\$1,390,000
Restaurant, Bar	\$21,860,000	Misc. Services	\$450,000
Retail sales	\$18,980,000	Campgrnd, RV Park	\$340,000
Hotel, Motel	\$10,430,000	Vehicle Repairs	\$190,000
Groceries, Snacks	\$8,300,000	Gambling	\$190,000
Outfitter, Guide	\$2,850,000	Rental cabin, Condo	\$170,000
Auto Rental	\$2,550,000	Farmers Market	\$150,000
		Transp. Fares	\$20,000
		TOTAL	\$90,550,000



# 2014

- 57% MT business owners expect an increase (some as high as 10%)
- Nationally expect a 2% increase in domestic travel and 5% increase in international travel



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