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# Yellowstone National Park Media Advisory

## Leaders To Kick-Off Gardiner Gateway Project

- What:** A broad group of federal, state, local, and non-profit groups and organizations have agreed to work together on the planning, design, and construction of new infrastructure along the “Gardiner Gateway” to Yellowstone National Park. Work on improvements addressing visitor safety, visitor services, and improved traffic circulation is expected to begin later this year. These updates are being designed to enhance the visitor experience while promoting Montana tourism and local economic development. The estimated completion date of 2016 coincides with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service.
- When:** Thursday, June 14, 2012  
1:30 p.m. Remarks, 2:15 p.m. Signing of Memorandum of Understanding
- Speakers:** The Hon. Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana  
Dan Wenk, Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park  
Clara Conner, Division Engineer, Western Federal Lands Highway Division  
The Hon. Marty Malone, Commissioner, Park County, Montana  
Bill Berg, President, Greater Gardiner Community Council  
Daniel Bierschwale, President, Gardiner Chamber of Commerce
- Additional signatories expected to be in attendance:** Tim Reardon, Director, Montana Department of Transportation  
Dore Schwinden, Director, Montana Department of Commerce  
Jeri Duran, Administrator, Montana Office of Tourism  
Paul Reichert, Projects & Grants Manager, Yellowstone Park Foundation  
Jeff Brown, Executive Director, Yellowstone Association  
Robin Hoover, Executive Director, Yellowstone Country Montana, Inc.  
Representative from the Gardiner Public Schools  
Representative from the Custer and Gallatin National Forests  
Representative from the National Park Foundation
- Where:** Arch Park  
Gardiner, Montana
- Photo Op:** Dignitaries arriving at Arch Park  
Brief remarks from dignitaries  
Dignitaries traveling from Arch Park to Roosevelt Arch  
Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding at the Roosevelt Arch  
Optional post-event walk through of project sites along Park Street
- Note:** Reporters interested in preparing stories in advance of the event are encouraged to contact:  
-- Bill Berg, Greater Gardiner Community Council, 406-848-1103  
-- Daniel Bierschwale, President, Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, 406-848-7971  
-- Joe Regula, National Park Service, 307-344-2625

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