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**Governor Bullock Announces Additional Support for Destination  
Communities and Small Businesses Heading into Phase 2**

*Bullock requests Yellowstone National Park to reopen effective June 1*

MONTANA – Governor Steve Bullock today announced further efforts to protect communities heading into Phase Two of the Reopening the Big Sky Plan on June 1, including additional resources for community testing and contact tracing in high-visitation communities, an informational campaign to educate visitors on responsible travel, and a grant program for small businesses across the state to implement safety measures.

"As we enter the next phase of Montana's reopening, we are asking the same of our visitors as we do from Montanans – heed state and local guidelines, engage in public health precautions, and exercise patience as tourism communities gradually welcome visitors back," Governor Bullock said. "We must all continue to work together to ensure that we can move forward together, while protecting our residents and businesses alike."

Governor Bullock also announced that he sent a letter to Yellowstone National Park's Superintendent Cam Stealy requesting that the park reopen access to and from the park to visitors at the Cooke City, Gardiner, and West Yellowstone gates effective June 1.

"I appreciate the coordination that Yellowstone National Park has provided with state and local officials as we've developed a reopening approach that more fully integrates the needs of Montana's gateway communities," said Governor Bullock. "We will continue to ensure that we remain in close coordination with the park and the surrounding communities to create an effective early warning system that can serve to protect workers and visitors alike, inside and outside the park."