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MISSOULA --

Automobiles and other motor vehicles used by University of Montana faculty and staff members for off-campus business have been transferred from the Missoula campus to the State Motor Pool at the State Highway Commission headquarters on West Broadway, officially taking the UM Physical Plant out of the car pool business.

Jim Gordon, mechanical engineer at the Physical Plant, said the action is in accordance with House Bill 34, enacted by the 1971 State Legislature to establish the State Motor Pool for the utilization of state-owned vehicles by various state institutions and agencies.

A total of 44 vehicles--including sedans, stations wagons and cargyalls--were transferred from the University to the State Motor Pool Monday. Gordon said only a few maintenance vehicles are still being utilized by the UM Physical Plant on campus.

University personnel requiring vehicles for use on University-related business, may contact the Missoula Division of the Montana Highway Department by phoning 549-6491 for information and to reserve the necessary vehicles.

Required forms may be obtained from the Highway Department in Missoula.