

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 17, 2018 at 9:00 am
State Capitol, Room 303
Helena, MT

ACTION ITEMS

0918-1 Timber Sales

A. Bend Timber Sale

Benefits: Common Schools

Location: Sanders County

B. KM Ranch Fuels Reduction Project

Benefits: Public Buildings and MSU Morrill

Location: Flathead County

C. Skookum Creek Timber Salvage Sale

Benefits: Common Schools

Location: Sanders County

D. Upper Ewing OSR Timber Sale

Benefits: Common Schools

Location: Flathead County

APPROVED 5-0

0918-2 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (September 5, 2018)

Benefits: Common Schools

Location: Fallon, Richland, Teton and Toole counties

APPROVED 5-0

0918-3 Indemnity Selections: Final Approval Phase II

Benefits: Common Schools

Location: Richland, Prairie, and Custer Counties

APPROVED 5-0

0918-4 Land Donation: Final Approval for Stillwater Swift Creek Land Donation from Trust for Public Lands and funded by Bonneville Power Administration

Benefits: Common Schools

Location: Flathead County

APPROVED 5-0

0918-5 Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale

A. Flathead County

Benefits: Common Schools, Montana Tech

Location: Flathead County

B. Missoula County

Benefits: Montana Tech

Location: Missoula County

APPROVED 5-0

0918-6 Easements

Benefits: Common Schools, Montana Tech, Public Land Trust and Pine Hills School

Location: Cascade, Chouteau, Musselshell, Pondera, Rosebud, Teton and Valley

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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TIMBER SALES

- A. Bend Timber Sale
- B. KM Ranch Fuels Reduction Project
- C. Skookem Creek Timber Salvage Sale
- D. Upper Ewing OSR Timber Sale

**Land Board Agenda Item
September 17, 2018**

0918-1A Timber Sale: Bend Timber Sale

Location: Sanders County
Section 18, T25N, R26W
Section 24, T25N, R27W

Trust Beneficiaries: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: \$97,183.00 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

Location: The Bend Timber Sale is located approximately 31 miles northwest of Plains, MT.

Size and Scope: The sale includes 5 harvest units totaling 116 acres of both skyline (52 acres) and tractor (64 acres) logging.

Volume: The estimated harvest volume is 5,865 tons (910 mbf) of sawlogs.

Estimated Return: The minimum bid is \$16.57 per ton, which would generate approximately \$97,183.00 for the Common Schools Trust and approximately \$11,026.00 in Forest Improvement fees.

Prescription: This sale has harvest prescriptions of seed tree, shelterwood, and old growth maintenance treatments that will capture the value of trees susceptible to insect and disease while reducing future fuel load.

Road Construction/Maintenance: The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 0.8 miles of new permanent road construction, 0.2 miles of temporary road construction, 0.1 miles of road reconstruction, and 3.2 miles of road maintenance.

Access: Access is obtained through the Bend-Mandy Way Reciprocal Access Agreement with Weyerhaeuser.

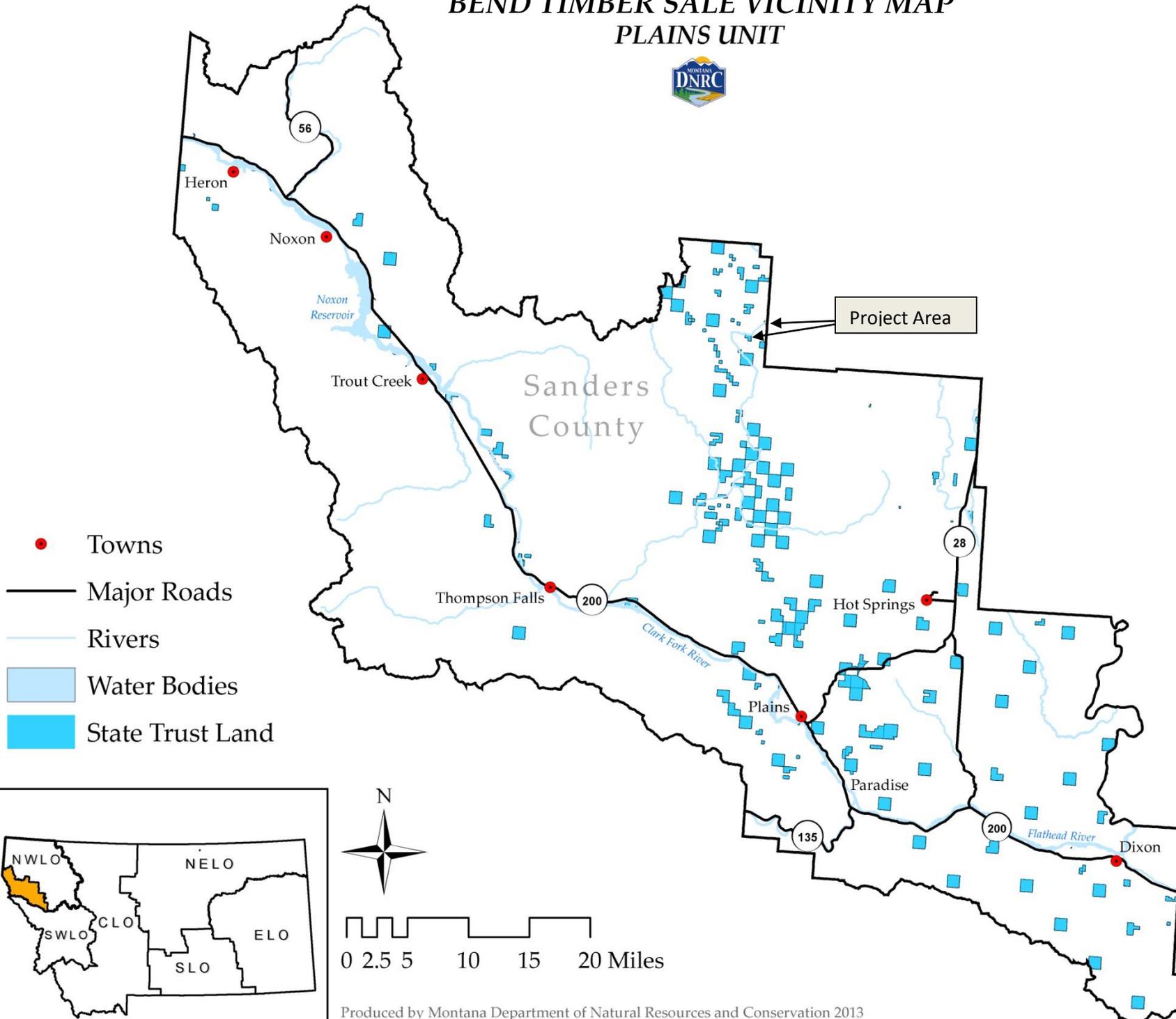
Public Comments: Five comments were received with six areas of concern: retention of old growth, an unused irrigation ditch, aesthetics, slope stability, wildlife habitat, and fencing. An old growth survey was completed in the project area and old growth maintenance prescriptions were developed for those stands to retain old growth in the project area. The irrigation ditch has not been used or serviced in several years and is currently not functional. Due to this, no Streamside Management Zone protections will be implemented adjacent to the ditch. Aesthetic and slope stability concerns were evaluated and discussed in the environmental assessment. No slope stability issues were discovered in the project area. Unharvested portions of the project area will be retained for wildlife mitigation. The timber sale purchaser is required to repair any fencing damaged during logging activities.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Bend Timber Sale.

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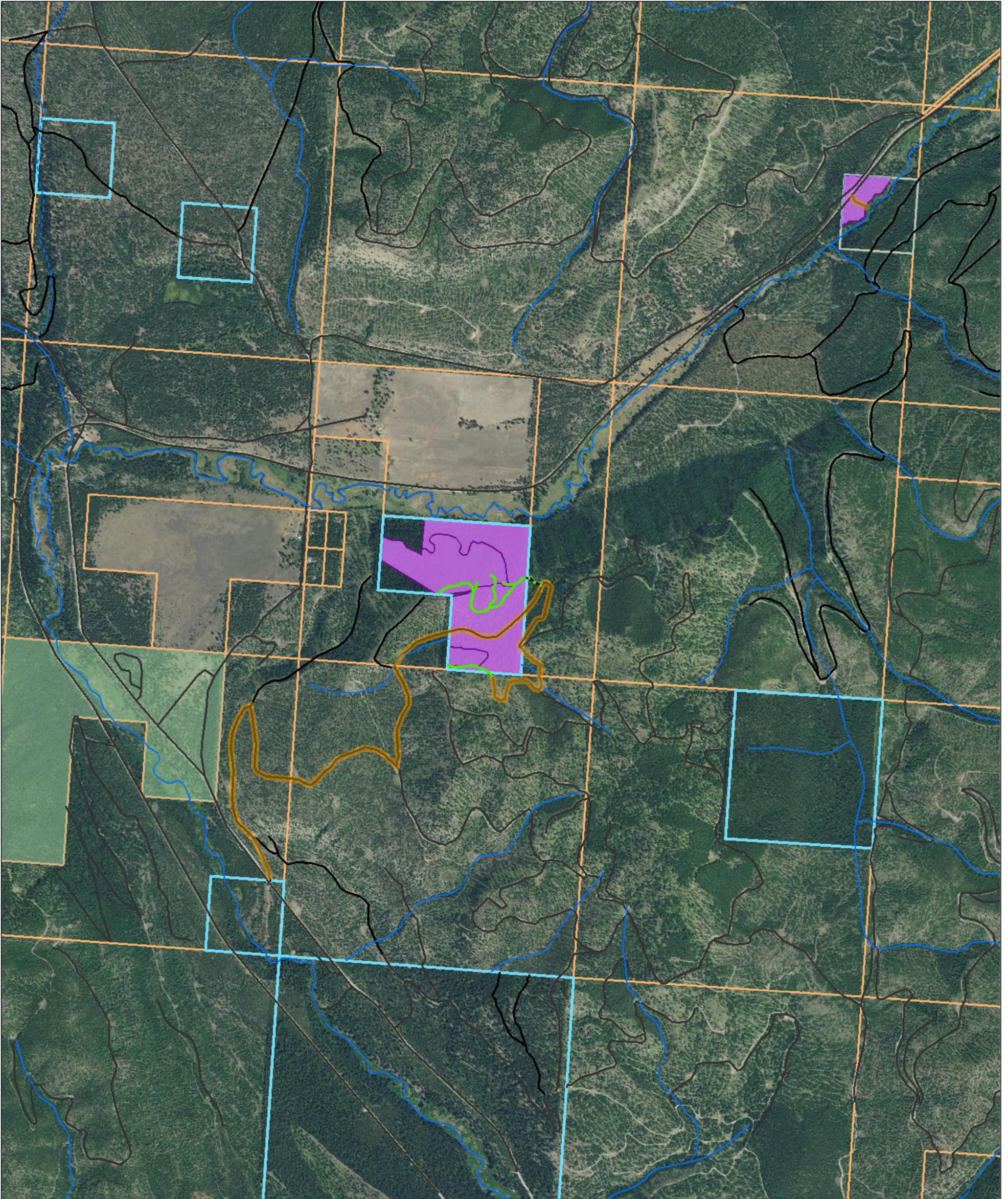
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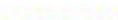


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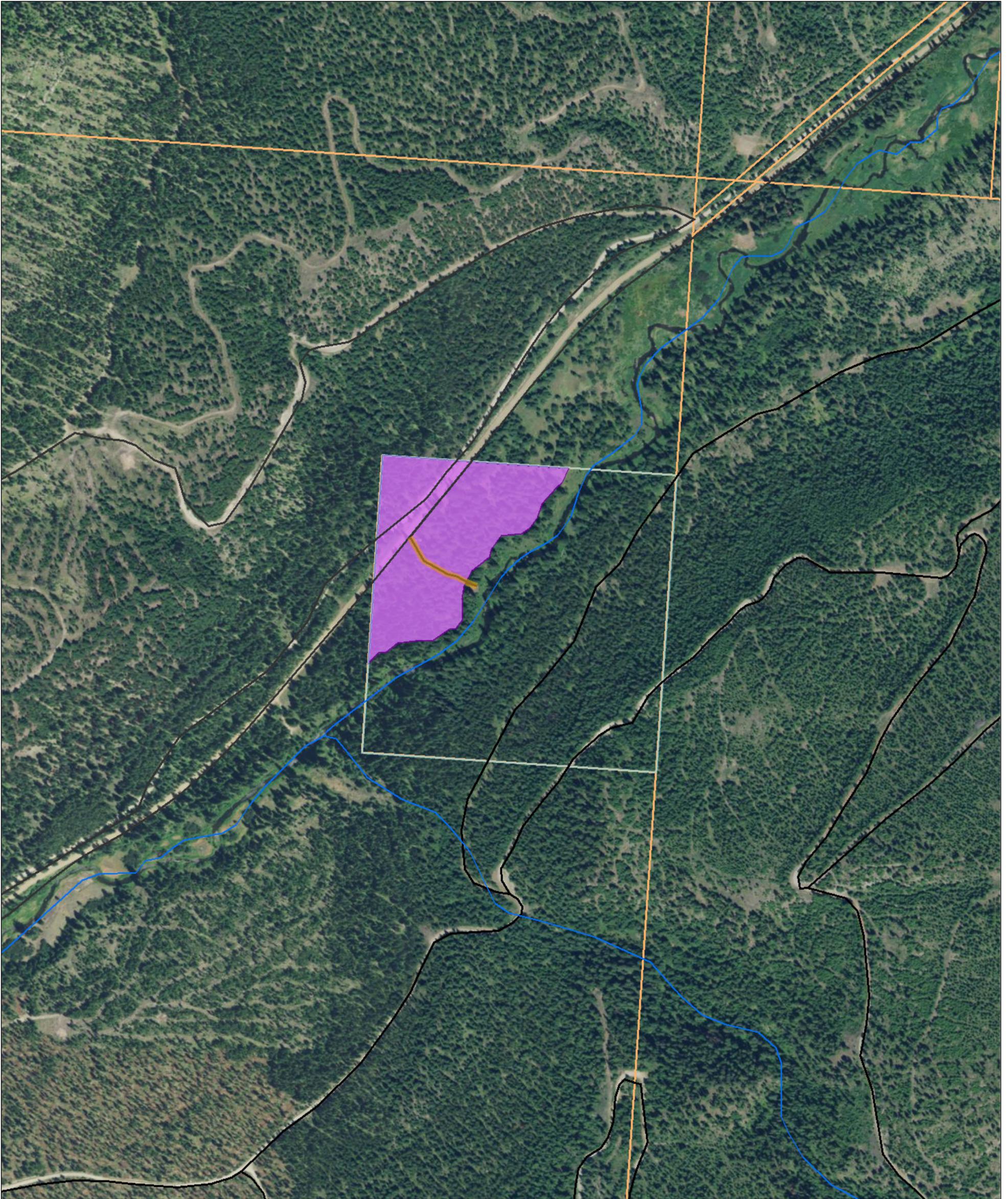
Bend Timber Sale Haul Route Map

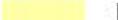


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|  New Road |  Intermittent Stream |  USFWS Land |
|  Road Reconstruction |  Proposed Harvest Units |  BLM Land |
|  Haul Route |  DNRC Surface Tracts |  MT FWP |



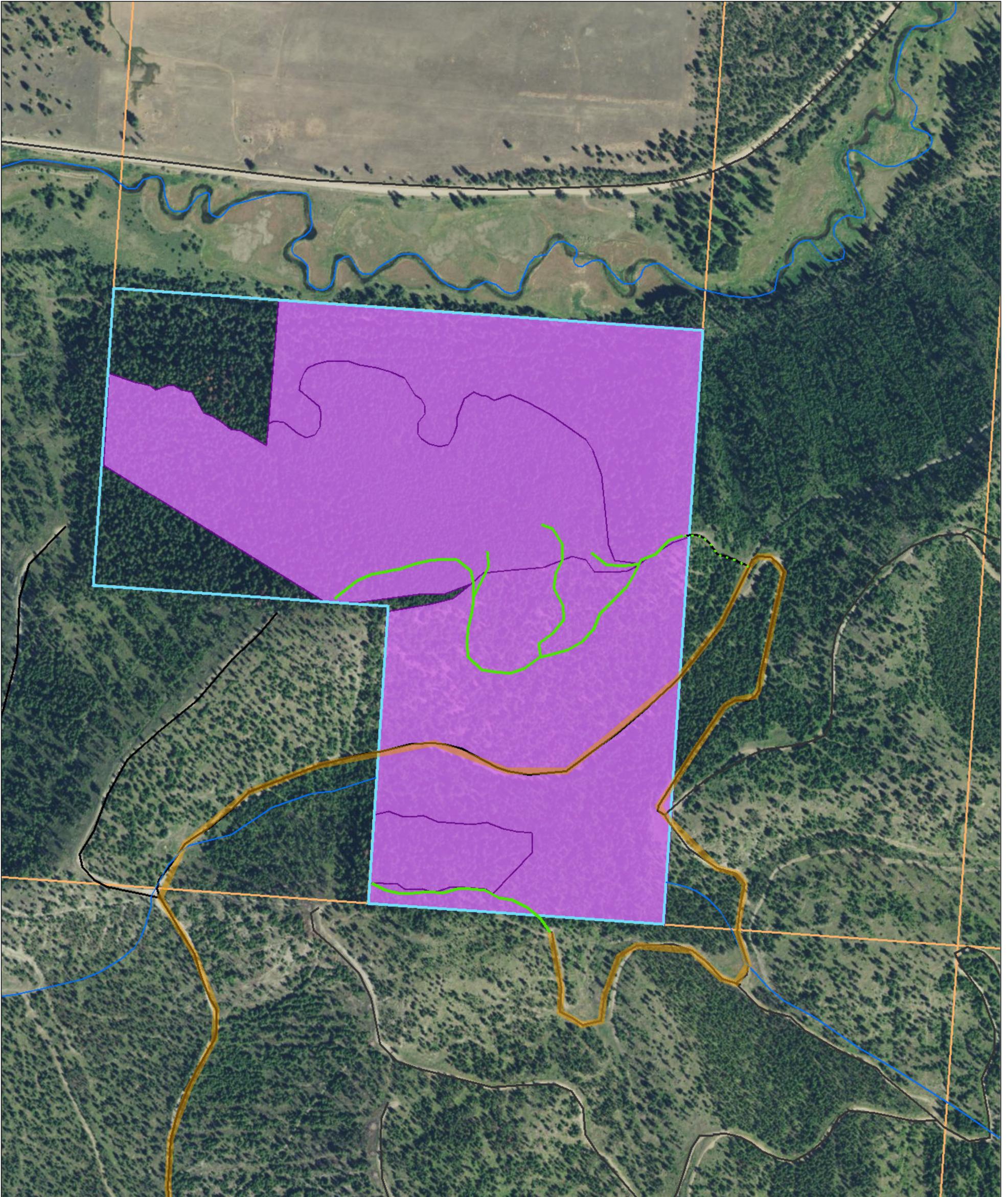
Bend Timber Sale Harvest Unit Map 2



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Bend Timber Sale Harvest Unit Map 1



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| Existing Road | Perennial Stream | USFS Land |
| New Road | Intermittent Stream | USFWS Land |
| Road Reconstruction | Proposed Harvest Units | BLM Land |
| Haul Route | DNRC Surface Tracts | MT FWP |



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0918-1B Timber Sale: KM Ranch Fuels Reduction Project

**Location: County: Flathead
Section 26 & 35, T30N, R22W**

Trust Beneficiaries: Public Buildings and MSU Morrill

Trust Revenue: \$225,819.00 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

Location: The KM Ranch Fuels Reduction Project is located approximately 8 air miles north of Kalispell, Montana.

Size and Scope: The project contains 2 tractor harvest units totaling 259 acres.

Volume: The estimated volume is 8,445 tons (1,232 mbf) of sawlogs.

Estimated Return: The minimum bid is \$26.74 per ton which would generate approximately \$225,819.00 for the Public Buildings and MSU Morrill Trusts and approximately \$11,540.00 in Forest Improvement fees (FI fees not charged on Morrill Trust harvest).

Prescription: The KM Ranch Fuels Reduction project has commercial thin and sanitation prescriptions. Commercial thinning and sanitation prescriptions are designed to reduce the crown fire potential near adjacent homes while improving the health and vigor of residual trees.

Road Construction/Maintenance: The project is proposing 283 feet of new road construction, 2.0 miles of road with site improvements, and 2.0 miles of road maintenance.

Access: Access to the project area will be obtained through an existing private road easement.

Public Comments: Eight total comments were received: 6 e-mails, 1 written comment, 1 phone call (1 internal from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) staff). Concerns were illegal motorized use of the area, use of easement road through private property, and disturbance of cultural resources. DNRC will install closures to limit illegal motorized use. A field trip to review the work needed on the private easement road was conducted in mid-July. DNRC archeologist reviewed the project area and no records of cultural resources in the project area exist. THPOs have not identified tribal cultural resources in the project area as well. If an unanticipated cultural resource is discovered, all project related activities will cease until the resource can be adequately evaluated. The DNRC will keep interested parties apprised of any unanticipated discoveries.

DNRC Recommendation

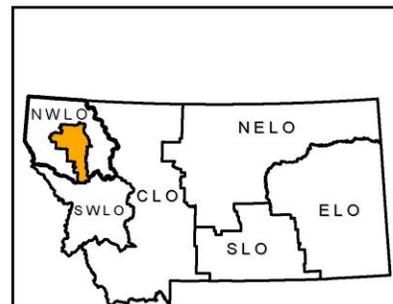
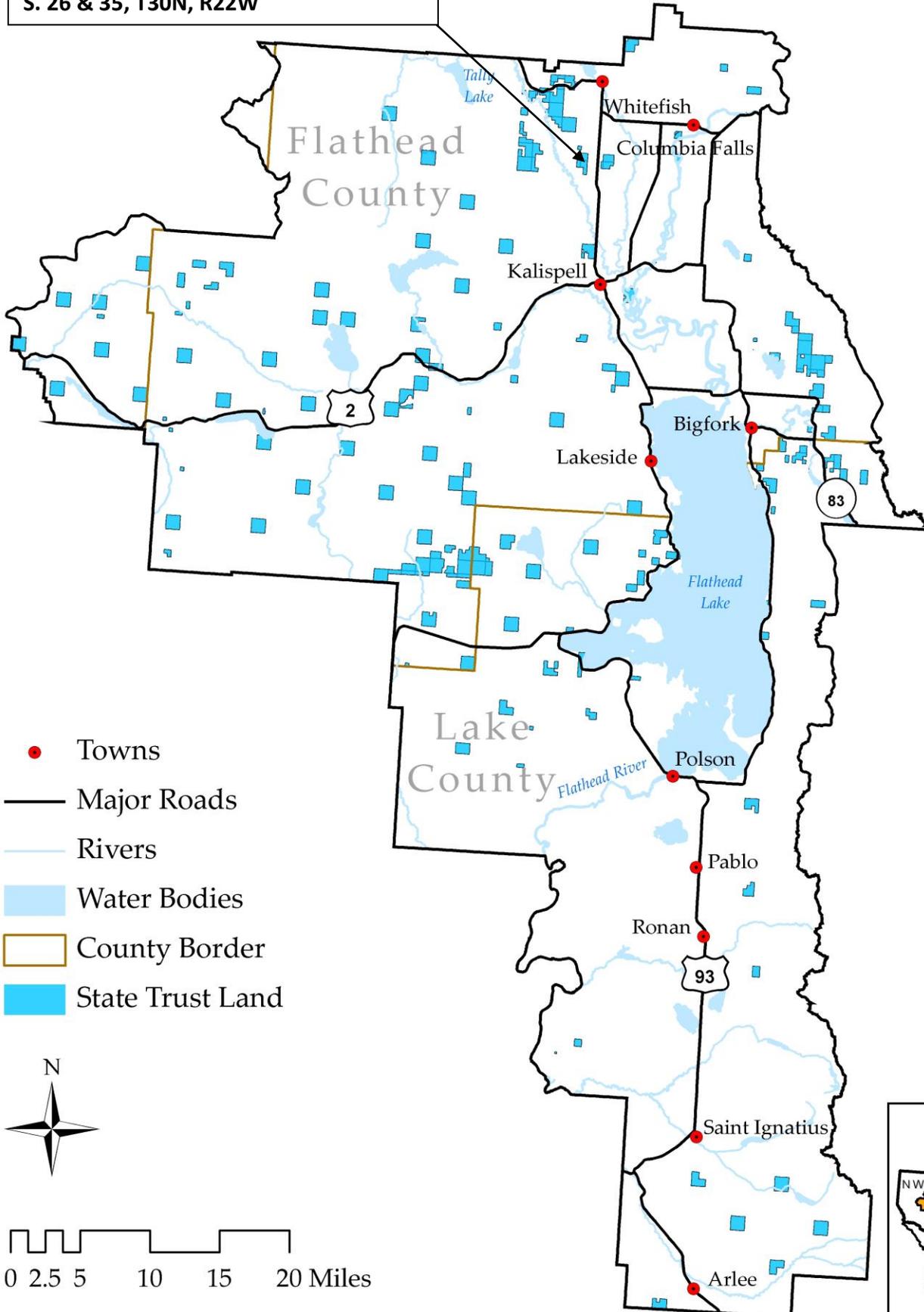
The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the KM Ranch Fuels Reduction Project.

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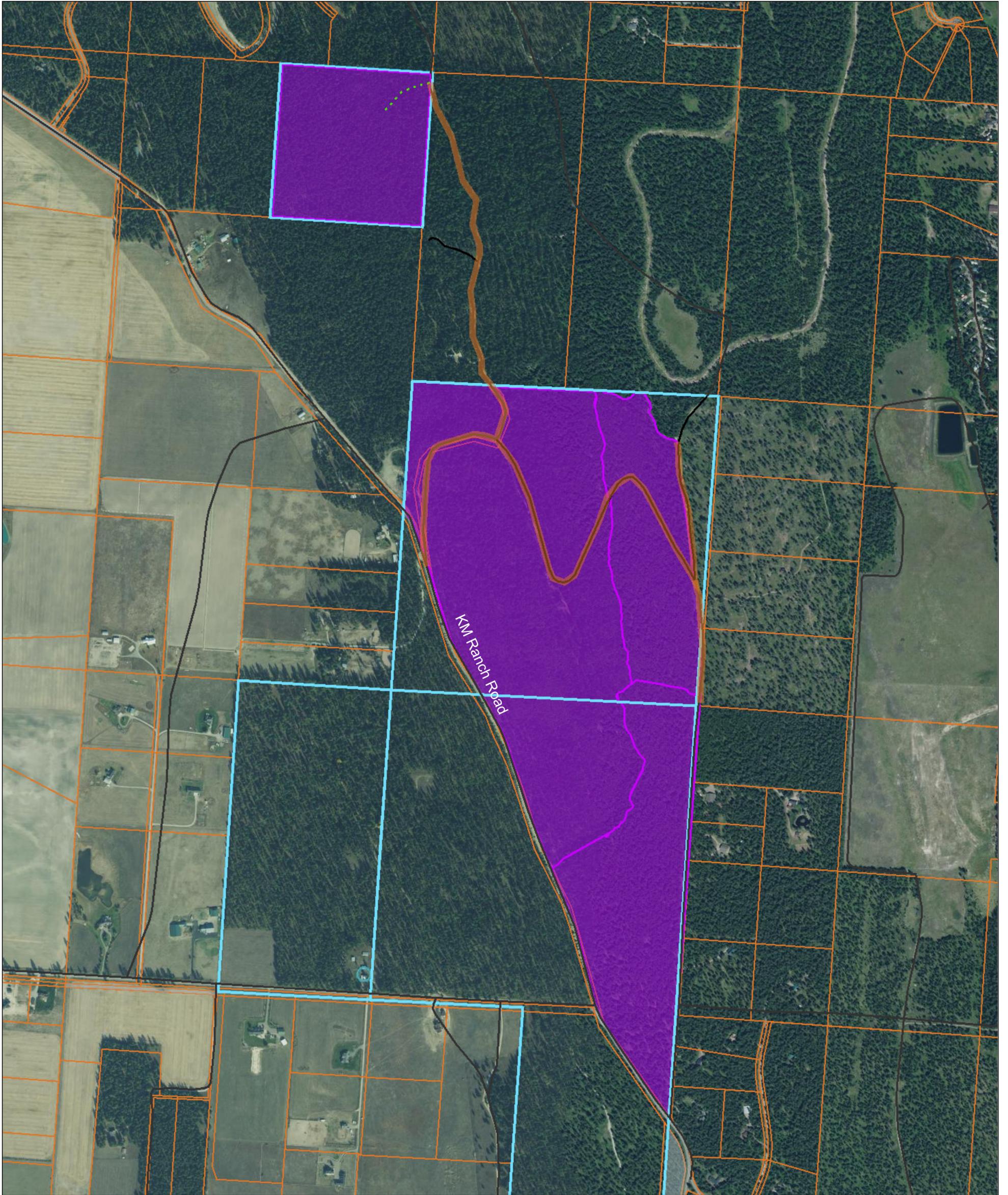
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**KM RANCH FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT
S. 26 & 35, T30N, R22W**



KM Ranch Fuels Harvest Unit and Haul Route Map



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| Existing Road | Perennial Stream | USFS Land |
| New Road | Intermittent Stream | USFWS Land |
| Road Reconstruction | Proposed Harvest Units | BLM Land |
| Haul Route | DNRC Surface Tracts | MT FWP |



**Land Board Agenda Item
September 17, 2018**

0918-1C Timber Sale: Skookum Creek Timber Salvage Sale

**Location: Sanders County
Section 30, T26N, R26W**

Trust Beneficiaries: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: \$306,192.00 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

Location: The Skookum Creek Timber Salvage Sale is located approximately 37 air miles north of Plains, MT.

Size and Scope: The sale includes 4 harvest units (172 acres) of tractor logging.

Volume: The estimated harvest volume is 11,660 tons (1,745 mbf) of sawlogs and 740 tons of fiber/pulp.

Estimated Return: The minimum bid is \$26.26 per ton, which would generate approximately \$306,192.00 for the Common Schools Trust and approximately \$21,221.00 in Forest Improvement fees.

Prescription: This sale has 91 acres of seed tree and 81 acres of shelterwood harvest prescriptions. Old growth is not present in any of the stands to be harvested.

Road Construction/Maintenance: The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 1.4 miles of new road construction, 1.1 miles of reconstruction, 0.8 miles of road with site improvements and 1.8 miles of advanced maintenance. All closed roads will continue to be closed to motorized public access upon completion of the sale.

Access: Access has been obtained to this timber sale via county road, Stimson #3 RAA with Tungsten Holdings Inc, Tornilla RAA with Weyerhaeuser, and a TRUP with Weyerhaeuser.

Public Comments: Scoping notices were placed in the *Valley Press* and the *Sanders County Ledger*. Scoping letters were sent to neighboring landowners, individuals, agencies, industry representatives, and other organizations that have expressed interest in DNRC's management activities. The Initial Proposal was also posted to the DNRC website. Two comments were received. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes asked to be notified should any cultural resources be discovered during implementation of the project. The grazing lessee had initial questions as to livestock turnout timing and the log truck haul route. Questions were addressed directly by the project leader and issues mitigated through project design.

DNRC Recommendation

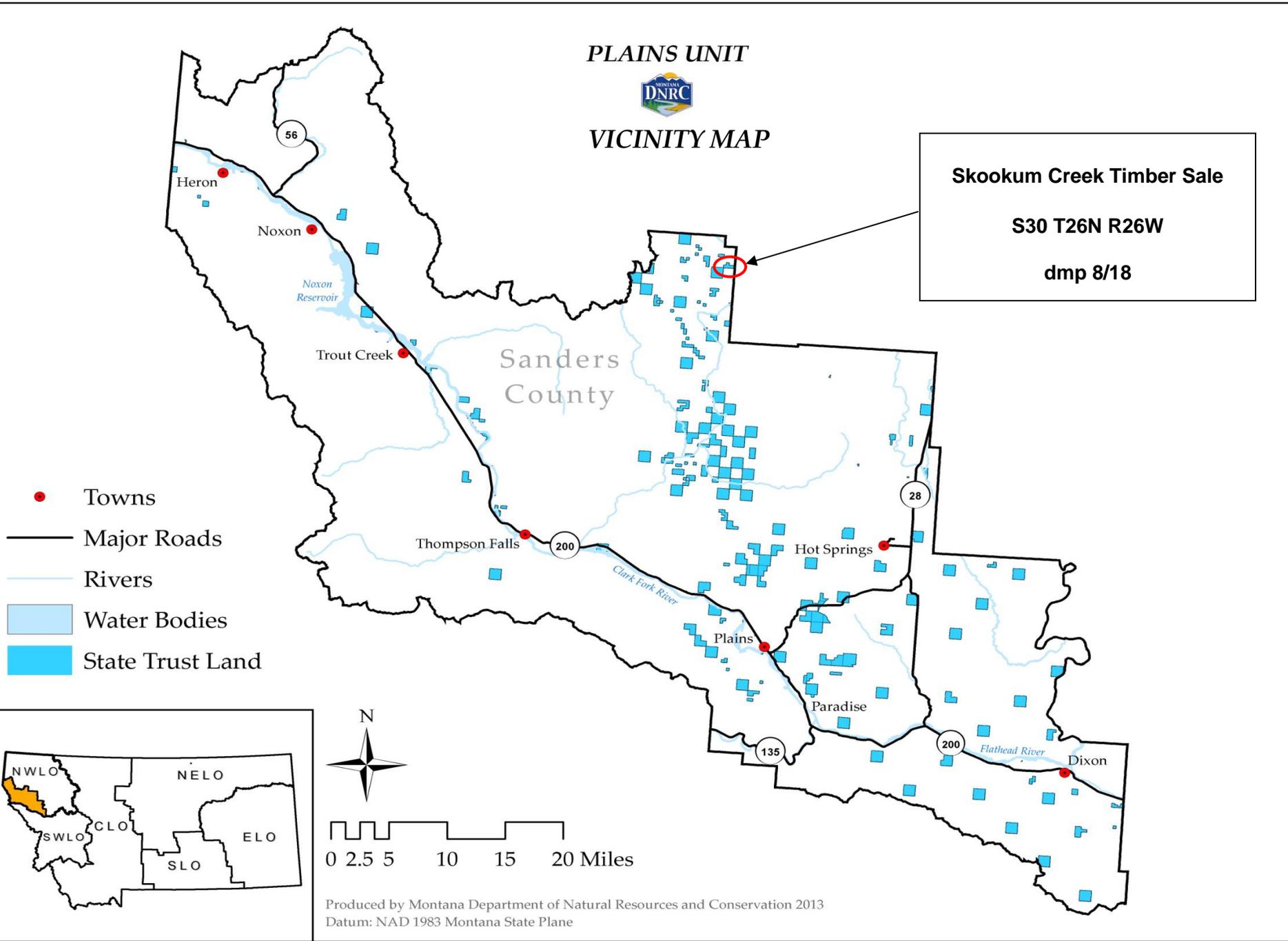
The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Skookum Creek Timber Sale.

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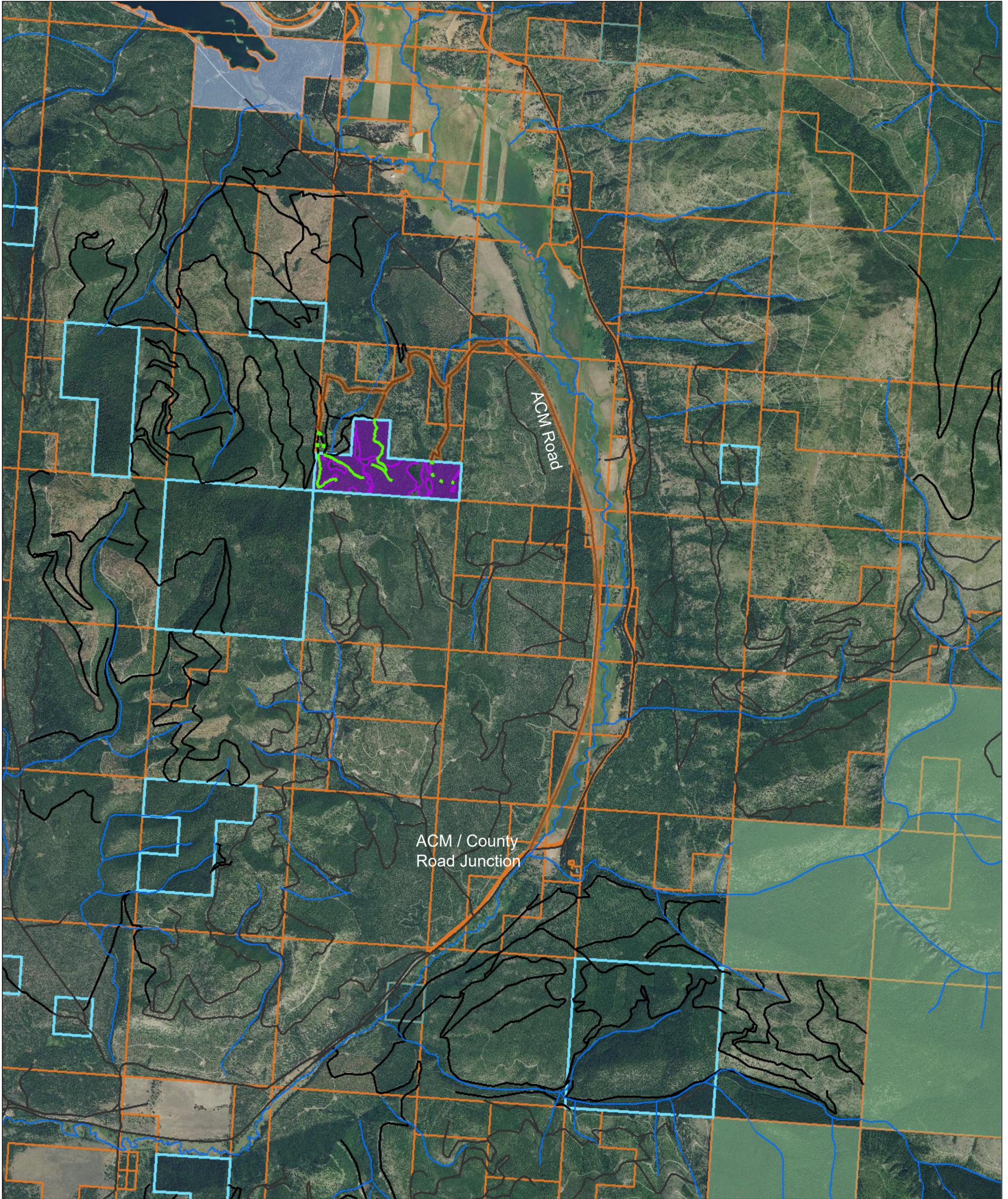


VICINITY MAP

Skookum Creek Timber Sale
S30 T26N R26W
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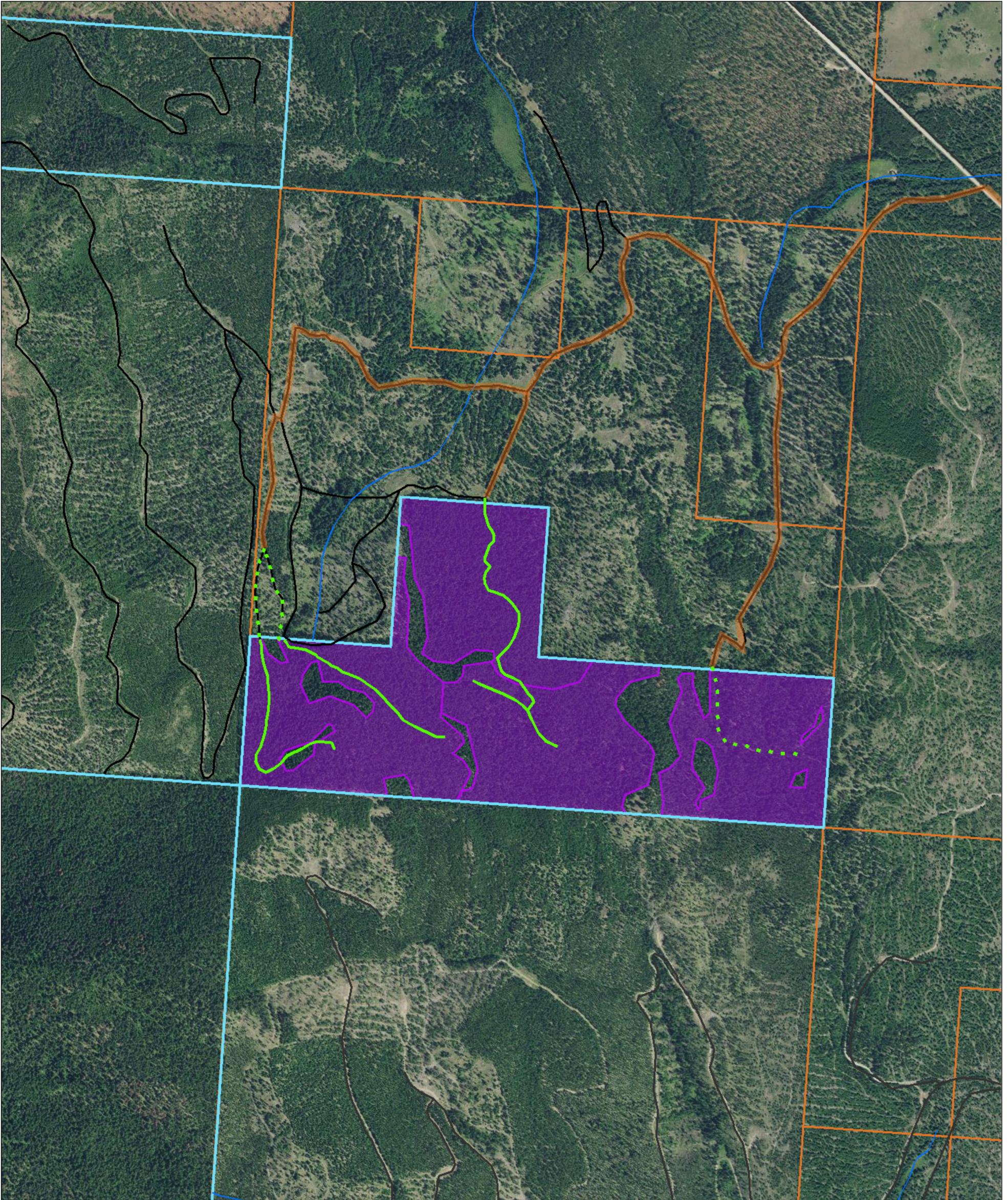
Skookum Creek Timber Sale Haul Route Map



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Skookum Creek Timber Sale Harvest Unit Map



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0918-1D Upper Ewing OSR Timber Sale:

**Location: Flathead County
Sections 2 & 3, T33N, R24W**

Trust Beneficiaries: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: \$21,996.00 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

Location: The Upper Ewing Timber Sale is located approximately 8.7 miles northwest of the Stillwater Unit; 30 miles northwest of Whitefish.

Size and Scope: This sale includes 3 tractor harvest units (2 required and 1 optional), totaling 22 acres of treatment.

Volume: The estimated volume is 1,039 tons (179MBF) of sawlogs.

Estimated Return: The minimum bid is \$21.17 per ton which would generate approximately \$21,996.00 for the Common Schools Trust and approximately \$2,109.00 in Forest Improvement fees.

Prescription: The sale has multiple prescriptions; an overstory removal to release regeneration that has established on site, as well as seedtree prescriptions, designed to move the stand into its desired future condition.

Road Construction/Maintenance: The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 8.3 miles of road maintenance with site improvements.

Access: Access is on State roads within the Stillwater State Forest, using the Ewing Road system.

Public Comments: One public comment was received from F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. in full support of these timber sales; this is the second timber sale under the Ewing Central Environmental Analysis (2013).

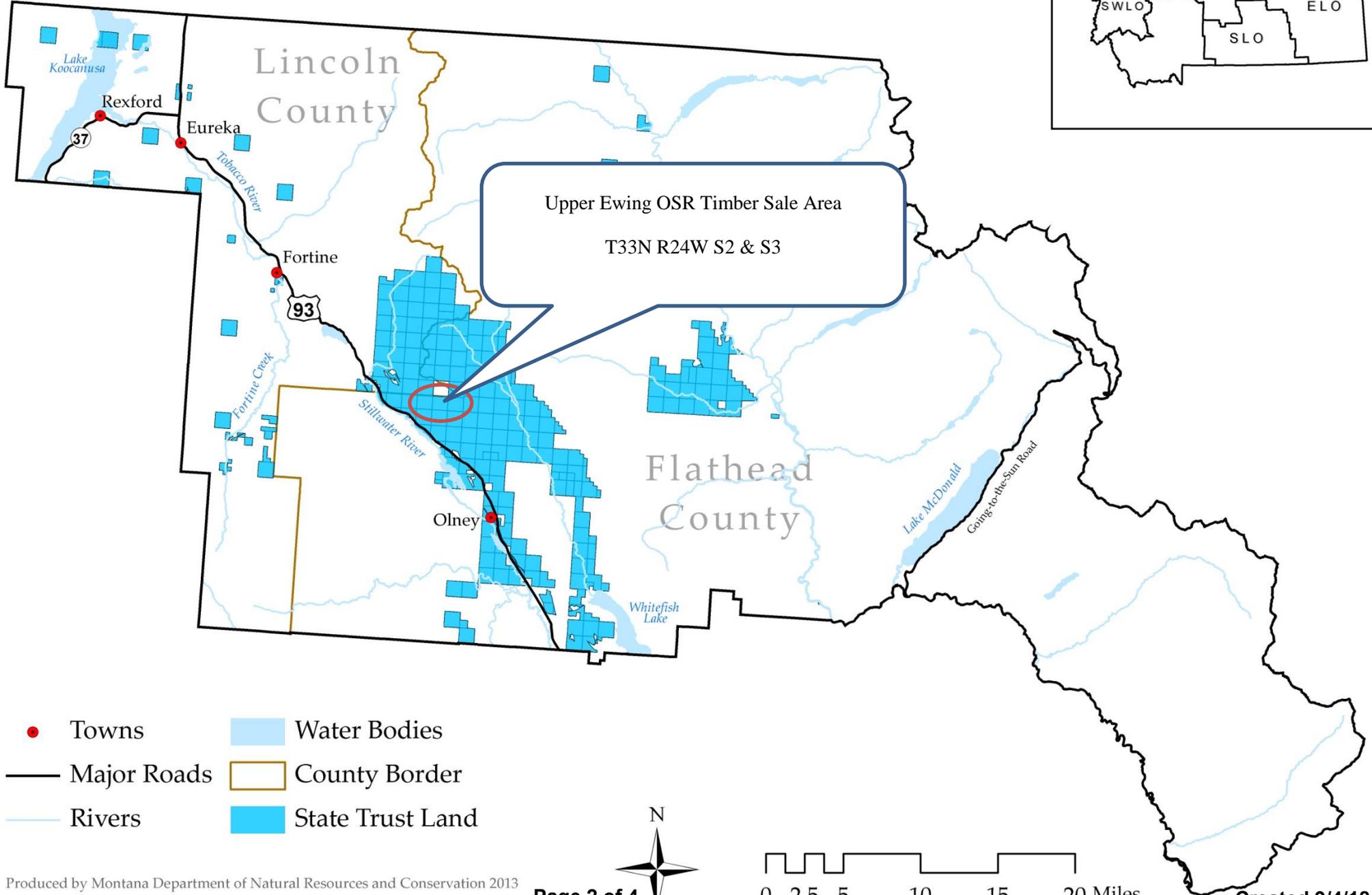
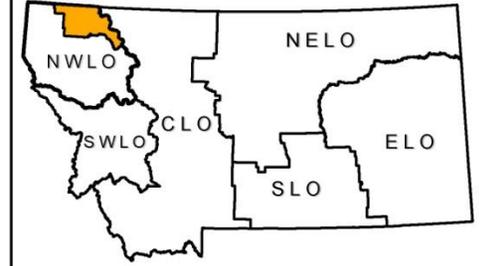
DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Upper Ewing OSR Timber Sale.

UPPER EWING OSR VICINITY MAP STILLWATER UNIT

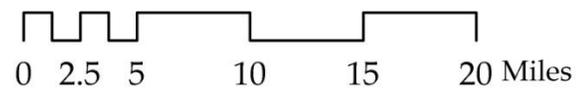


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Upper Ewing OSR Timber Sale Area
T33N R24W S2 & S3

- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- County Border
- State Trust Land



0918-2

OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE

September 5, 2018

**Land Board Agenda Item
September 17, 2018**

0918-2 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (September 5, 2018)

Location: Fallon, Richland, Teton, Toole Counties

Trust Benefits: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: \$9,280.00

Item Summary

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) held an oil and gas lease sale on September 5, 2018, in the Montana Room at the Montana DNRC building. A total of six tracts were offered for lease. Six tracts were leased for a total of \$9,280.00. The six tracts that were sold covered a total of 1,920.00 acres. The average bid per acre was \$4.83.

The high competitive bid for the September 5, 2018 sale was \$22.00 per acre and the largest total bid was \$3,520.00 for Tract 5 in Toole County.

DNRC Recommendation

The director requests Land Board approval to issue the leases from the September 5, 2018 oil and gas lease sale.

State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - September 5, 2018
Lease Sale Results

The following described lands were offered for oil and gas leasing through oral competitive bidding in the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Montana Room, 1539 Eleventh Avenue, Helena, Montana, beginning at 9:00 am, September 5, 2018.

Tract	Stipulations	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description	Acres	Bid/Acre	Total Bid	Lessee
Fallon									
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	10.N	60.E	20	NE4	* 160.00	\$1.50	\$240.00	G-SUN LLC
Richland									
2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	22.N	57.E	29	All	640.00	\$1.50	\$960.00	L6NRG, LLC
3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	22.N	57.E	36	All	* 640.00	\$1.50	\$960.00	L6NRG, LLC
Teton									
4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	27.N	6.W	34	NE4NW4, N2NE4, SE4NE4	160.00	\$1.50	\$240.00	NOAH ENERGY, INC.
Toole									
5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	34.N	1.W	36	S2NE4, N2SE4, below the base of the Mission Canyon formation	160.00	\$22.00	\$3,520.00	SOG RESOURCES
6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	34.N	1.W	36	N2NW4, SW4NW4, S2SE4NW4, W2NE4SW4, below the base of the Mission Canyon formation	160.00	\$21.00	\$3,360.00	SOG RESOURCES

* Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

Summary by Lessor

	Total Acres	Total Tracts
Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation	1,920.00	6

Oil and Gas Lease Sale Summary

Total Tracts	6
Total Acres	1,920.00
Total Bid Revenue	\$9,280.00
Average Bid Per Acre	\$4.83

State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - September 5, 2018
Stipulations

- 1 Lessee shall notify and obtain approval from the Department's Trust Land Management Division (TLMD) prior to constructing well pads, roads, power lines, and related facilities that may require surface disturbance on the tract. Lessee shall comply with any mitigation measures stipulated in TLMD's approval.
- 2 Prior to the drilling of any well on or into the lease premises, lessee shall send one copy of the well prognosis, including Form 22 "Application for Permit" to the Department's Trust Land Management Division (TLMD). After a well is drilled and completed, lessee shall send one copy of all logs run, Form 4A "Completion Report", and geologic report to TLMD. A copy of Form 2 "Sundry Notice and Report of Wells" or other appropriate Board of Oil and Gas Conservation form shall be sent to TLMD whenever any subsequent change in well status or operator is intended or has occurred. Lessee shall also notify and obtain approval from the TLMD prior to plugging a well on the lease premises.

Issuance of this lease in no way commits the Land Board to approval of coal bed methane production on this lease. Any coal bed methane extraction wells would require subsequent review and approval by the board.
- 3 The TLMD will complete an initial review for cultural resources and, where applicable, paleontological resources of the area intended for disturbance and may require a resources inventory. Based on the results of the inventory, the TLMD may restrict surface activity for the purpose of protecting significant resources located on the lease premises.
- 4 The lessee shall be responsible for controlling any noxious weeds introduced by lessee's activity on State-owned land and shall prevent or eradicate the spread of those noxious weeds onto land adjoining the lease premises. The lessee's methods of control shall be reviewed and approved by the Department's Unit Office that has jurisdiction for that locale.
- 5 The definitions of "oil" and "gas" provided in 82-1-111, MCA, do not apply to this lease for royalty calculation purposes.
- 6 If the State does not own the surface, the lessee must contact the owner of the surface in writing at least 30 days prior to any surface activity. A copy of the correspondence shall be sent to TLMD.
- 7 Due to unstable soil conditions on this tract and/or topography that is rough and/or steep, surface use may be restricted or denied. Seismic activity may be restricted to poltershots.
- 8 Due to the floodplain/wetlands area(s), surface use may be restricted or denied.
- 9 If whooping cranes are observed on-site, construction and/or maintenance activities shall be suspended until birds leave the area.

0918-3

INDEMNITY SELECTIONS:

Final Approval Phase II

**Land Board Agenda Item
September 17, 2018**

0918-3 Indemnity Selections: Final Approval Phase II**Location: Richland, Prairie, and Custer Counties****Trust Benefits: Common Schools****Trust Revenue: \$2,291,756 (Land Value for 5,816.63 acres received)****Item Summary**

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is requesting acceptance of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) federal lands (5,816.63 acres) upon certification for Clear List transfer of title from BLM to the state. These lands were previously identified by DNRC and BLM as suitable replacement for “base” lands not received by the state during statehood and the Enabling Act of 1889. On May 18th, 2015, the board voted to accept final approval of the agreed market value methodology of the base lands and subsequent DNRC/BLM selected replacement lands.

History: In November 2011, DNRC and BLM staff met to discuss the status of the state’s selection of lands under the Omnibus Enabling Act of 1889, and to prioritize the work of completing the state’s in-lieu selections. The most recent selection of in-lieu lands was completed in 1990. After the November 2011 meeting an extensive review of the BLM State Indemnity Selection case files was made to determine what lands were not received by the state.

In June 2013 BLM notified the Director that the state was still owed 1184.16 acres, consisting mostly of nine parcels of land scattered throughout the state. The Director notified BLM in September of 2013 that the DNRC would choose to balance the selection of in-lieu lands by the value of the base lands that had not been received, and not by acreage.

DNRC and BLM staffs have complied with the BLM Manual, Section 2621 – Indemnity Selections in determining that the current market value of the 1184.16 acres of base land not received by the state to be \$4,104,727.00.

On February 20, 2018, the Land Board approved final acceptance of the Phase I package of lands consisting of 2,126.11 acres in Chouteau, Custer and Hill Counties with a value of \$1,824,980.00.

Background

The director concurred with the market values determined and the methodology used, and DNRC moved forward with completing the state’s indemnity selections. These values were approved at the May 18, 2015, Land Board meeting and DNRC was directed to make application for the in-lieu lands to replace the base lands not received by the state at the agreed upon base land’s market value of \$4,104,727.00.

Early In 2017, the BLM made the administrative decision to divide the conveyance of selected in-lieu lands into to two separate phases (Phase I and Phase II) in order to complete Phase 1 NEPA and formal Registry process by December 31st, 2017.

On February 20, 2018, the board approved the department's acceptance of the Clear List transfer for Phase I package of lands consisting of 2,126.11 acres in Chouteau, Custer and Hill Counties with a value of \$1,824,980.00. The department accepted the Clear List in March of 2018 and recorded the ownership in the appropriate counties.

The department is requesting the board's formal acceptance of the Phase II lands upon final Classification and Clear List Transfer to the state. The acreage and value of the Phase II parcels are as follows:

Parcel	# of Acres	Legal / County	Value	Trust
Tongue River Inholdings		T5N – 46E, Sec.24: E2 Custer County		Common Schools
		T4N-R47E, Sec.6: Custer County		Common Schools
		Sec. 8: N2NW4, NW4NW4, SE4NE4, NE4SE4, Custer County		Common Schools
Sub-Total	1,144.93	Custer County	\$457,972	Common Schools
Richland County Tracts		T26N-R55E, Sec. 1, Lot 4, Richland County		Common Schools
		Sec. 2, Lots 1 and 2, SW4NE4 Richland County		Common Schools
		T27N-R56E, Sec. 7, Lots 7-12, SE4SW4 and S2SE4 Richland County		Common Schools
		Sec. 8, Lot 12, and S2SW4 Richland County		Common Schools
		Sec. 9, Lots 3-5, SE4SW4, and SW4SE4 Richland County		Common Schools
		Sec. 17, E2, N2NW4, SW4NW4, and SW4 Richland County		Common Schools
		Sec. 18, Lots 1 – 4, NE4, E2NW4, SE4SW4, SE4		Common Schools
		Sec. 22, NE4NE4, SW4NW4, and W2SW4 Richland County		Common Schools

Parcel	Acres	Legal / County	Value	Trust
Sub-total	2,167.22	Richland County	\$834,380	Common Schools
Prairie County Tracts		T12N – R50E, Sec.14, Lots 1-4, S2SW4, and S2SE4 Prairie County		Common Schools
		T12N – R52E, Sec. 3, Lots 1-3 Prairie County		Common Schools
		Sec. 5, All Prairie County		
		Sec. 6, Lots 2-7, S2NE4, SE4NW4, E2SW4, and SE4 Prairie County		Common Schools
		Sec. 7, Lots 1-7, NW4NE4, and E2NW4 Prairie County		Common Schools
		Sec. 8, Lots 1-3 Prairie County		Common Schools
		T13N – R52E, Sec. 29, E2SE4SW4, E2NW4SE4SW4, E2SW4SE4SW4, and S2SE4 Prairie County		Common Schools
		Sec. 30, S2SW4, and S2SE4 Prairie County		Common Schools
		Sec. 33. Lots 5-7 Prairie County		Common Schools
Sub-total	2,504.48	Prairie County	\$999,404	Common Schools
Total Phase II	5,816.63	Custer / Richland / Prairie	\$2,291,756	Common Schools

Public Access and Recreational Opportunities:

Access:

All of the lands have legal or physical access via county and state public roads, adjacent state or federal lands or navigable river.

These lands will remain open and accessible to the public subject to State recreational access rules.

Public Involvement:

Public scoping regarding these indemnity selections included multiple press releases in local papers and social media, publication in the Federal Register which consisted of a 60-day

comment period and concurrent notification published in local newspapers for 5 consecutive weeks. There were public hearings held in Miles City, Billings and Havre as well as Tribal consultation. The parcels went through the NEPA process, which had NEPA scoping and there was a comment period on the final NEPA document. In addition, there was a 30-day comment period on the final publication in Federal Register. In addition, there were multiple stories in some of the larger newspapers around the state.

Annual Rate of Return:

Custer County (Tongue River Inholdings): 0.8%

Richland County: 0.8%

Prairie County: 1.3%

Annual Income:

Custer County (Tongue River Inholdings): \$3890

Richland County: \$6761 - These parcels have mineral development potential.

Prairie County: \$13,525

Classification of property:

Custer County (Tongue River Inholdings):	Grazing:	1,144.93 acres
Richland County:	Grazing:	2,167.22 acres
Prairie County:	Agriculture:	128 acres
	Grazing:	2,376.48 acres

Cultural Values:

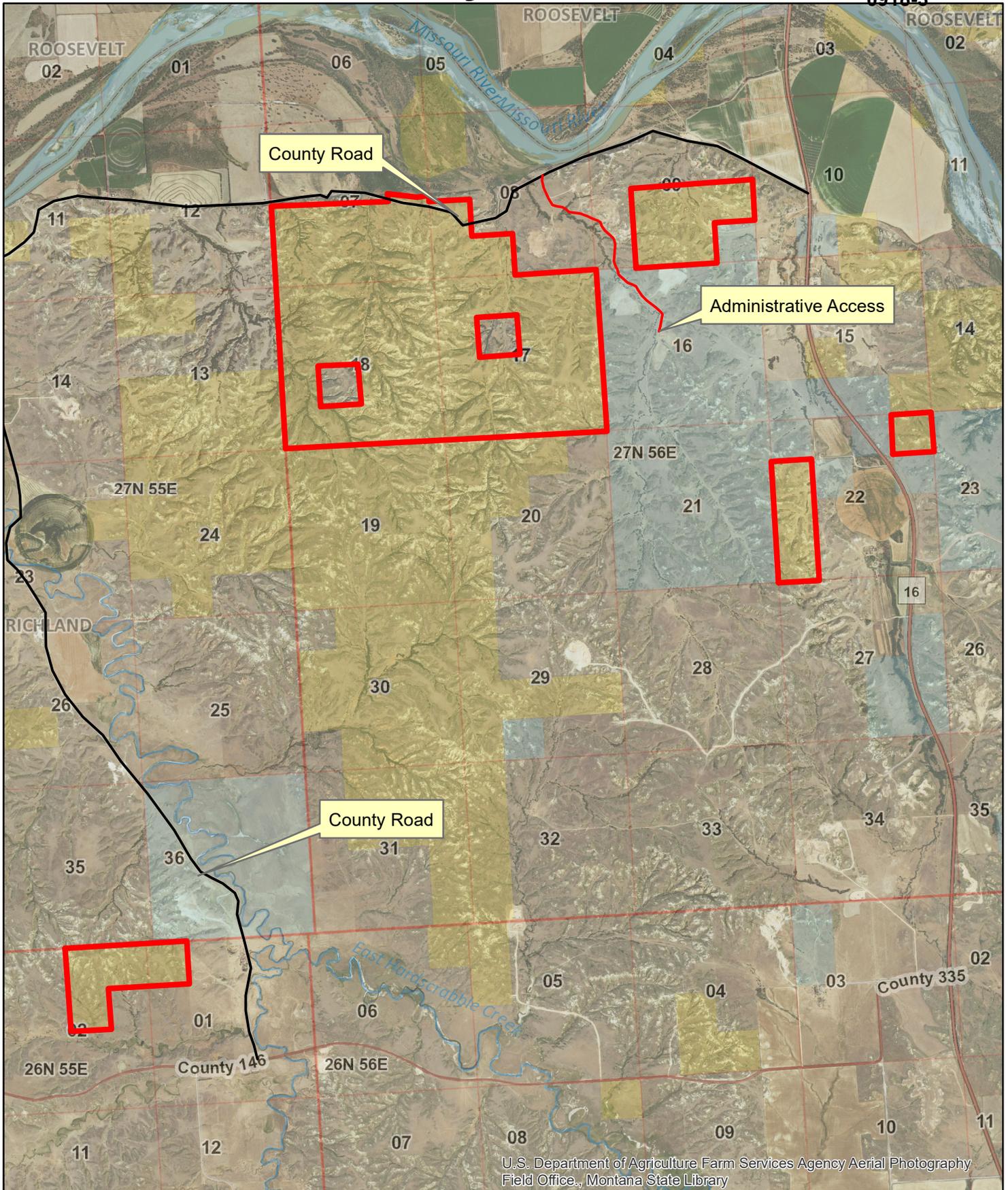
BLM has conducted a cultural value assessment and no cultural resource issues have been identified for the parcels to be conveyed to the state.

DNRC Recommendation:

The director recommends approval from the State Land Board, without further review, acceptance of the 5,816.63 acres in Custer, Prairie, and Richland County into the Trust Lands system, contingent on the Final Classification of these lands by Department of Interior (BLM).

Richland County In-Lieu Selection

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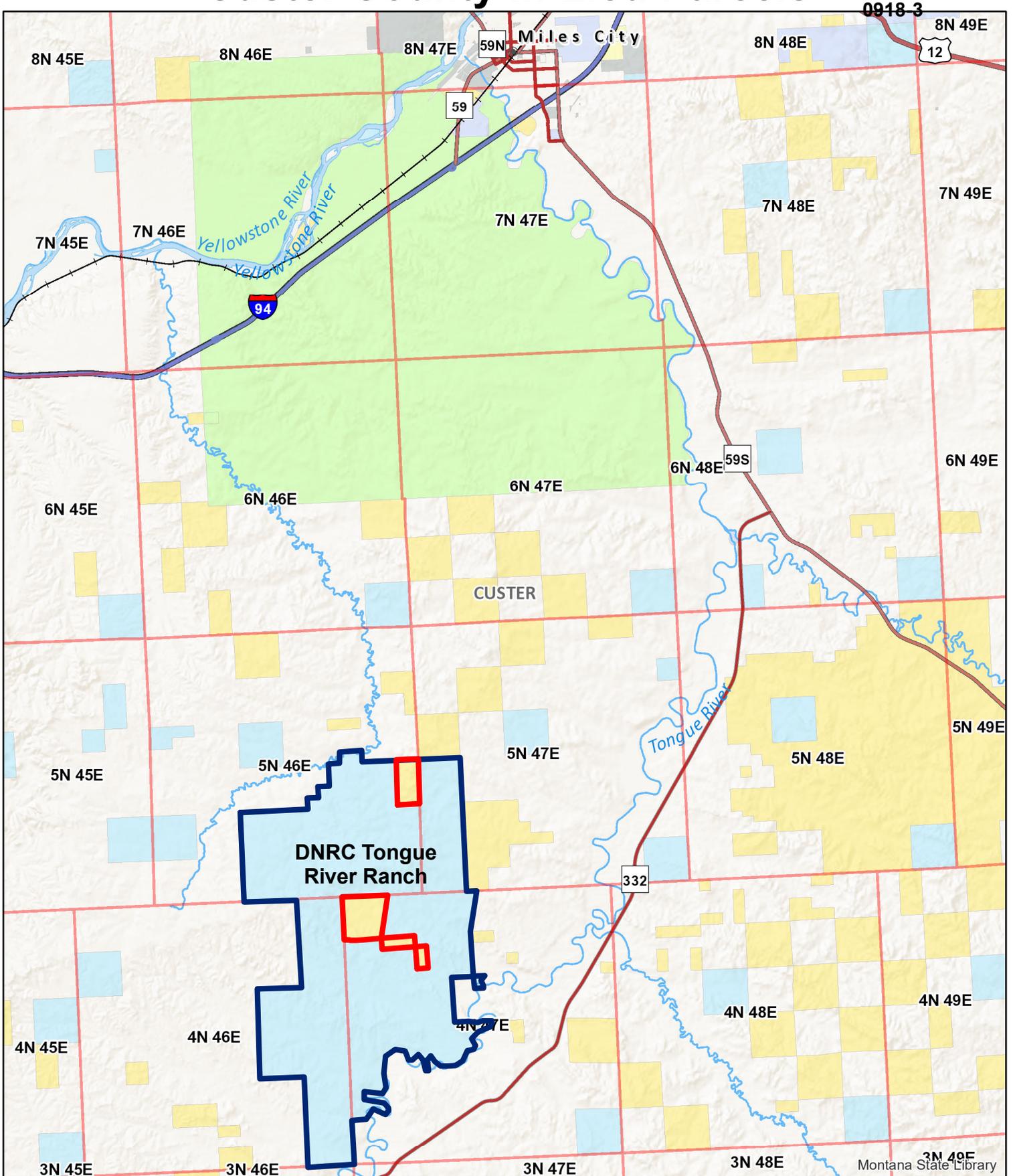
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Date: 30 August 2018



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- Bureau of Land Management
- Montana State Trust Land
- County Road
- Administrative Access



Custer County In-Lieu Parcels



Location: Custer County
Date: 29 August 2018



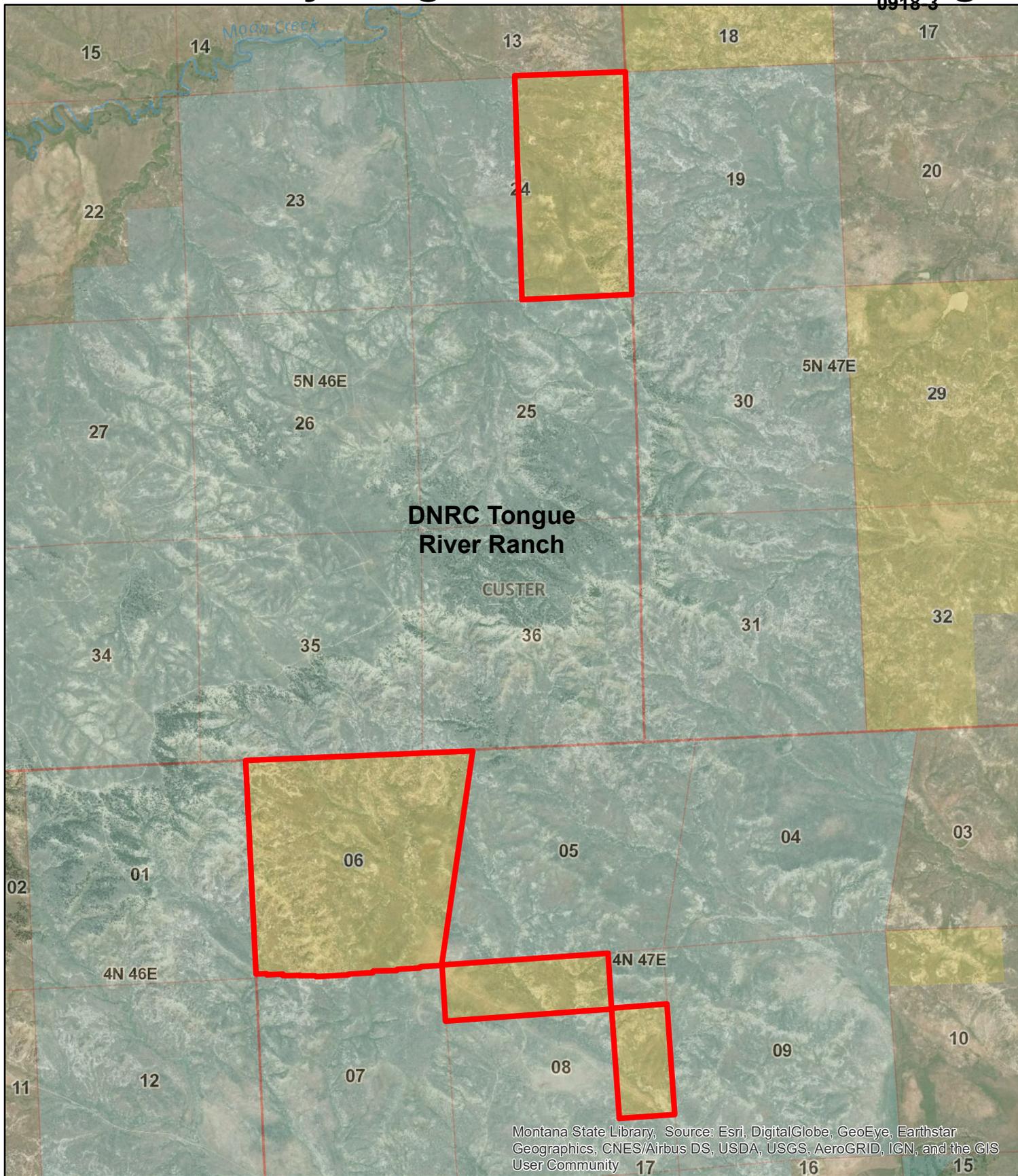
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Custer County Tongue River Ranch In Holdings

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Location: Custer County
Date: 29 August 2018



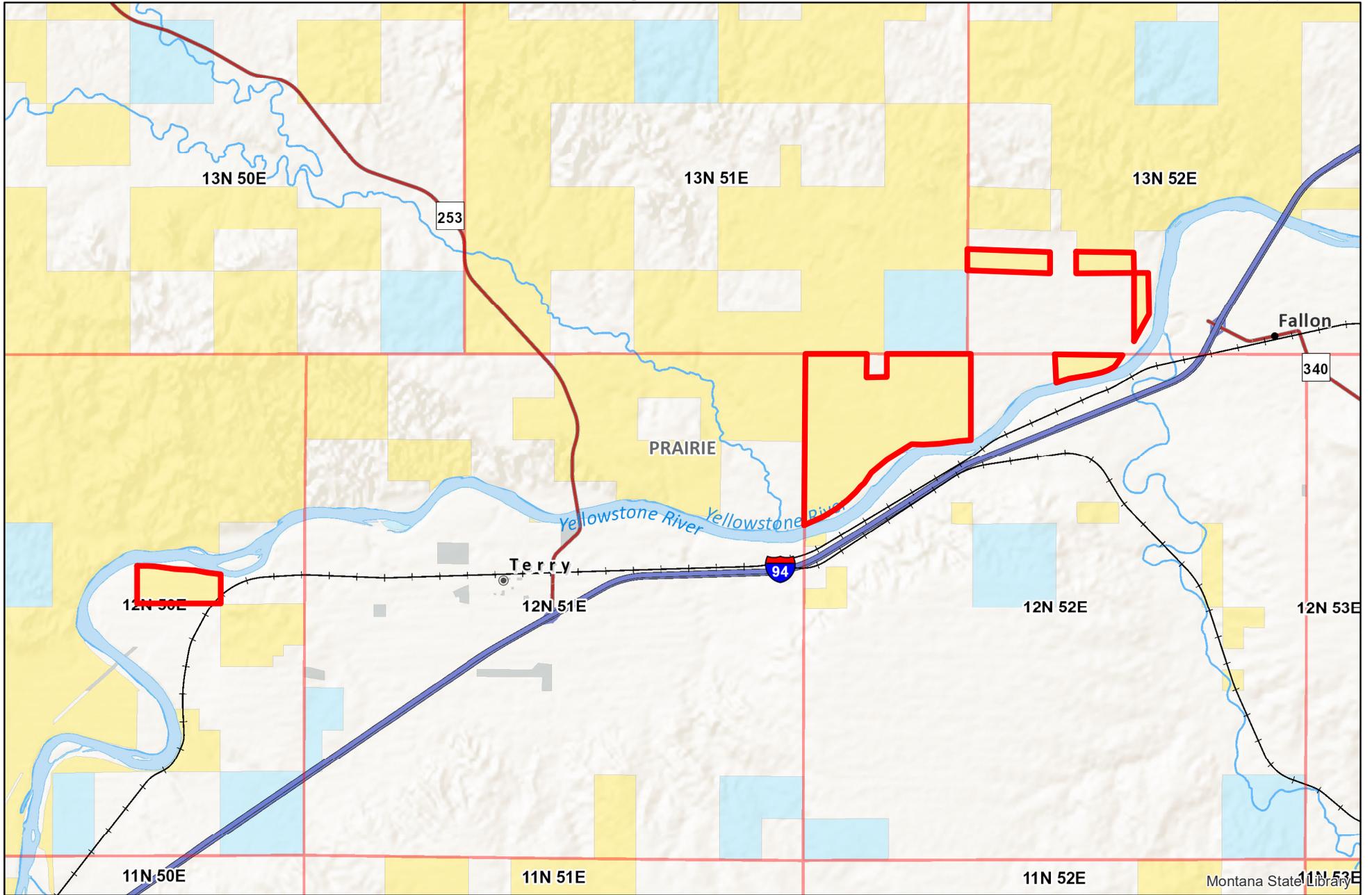
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- Bureau of Land Management
- Montana State Trust Land

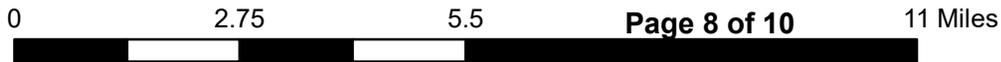


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Location: Prairie County
Date: 30 August 2018



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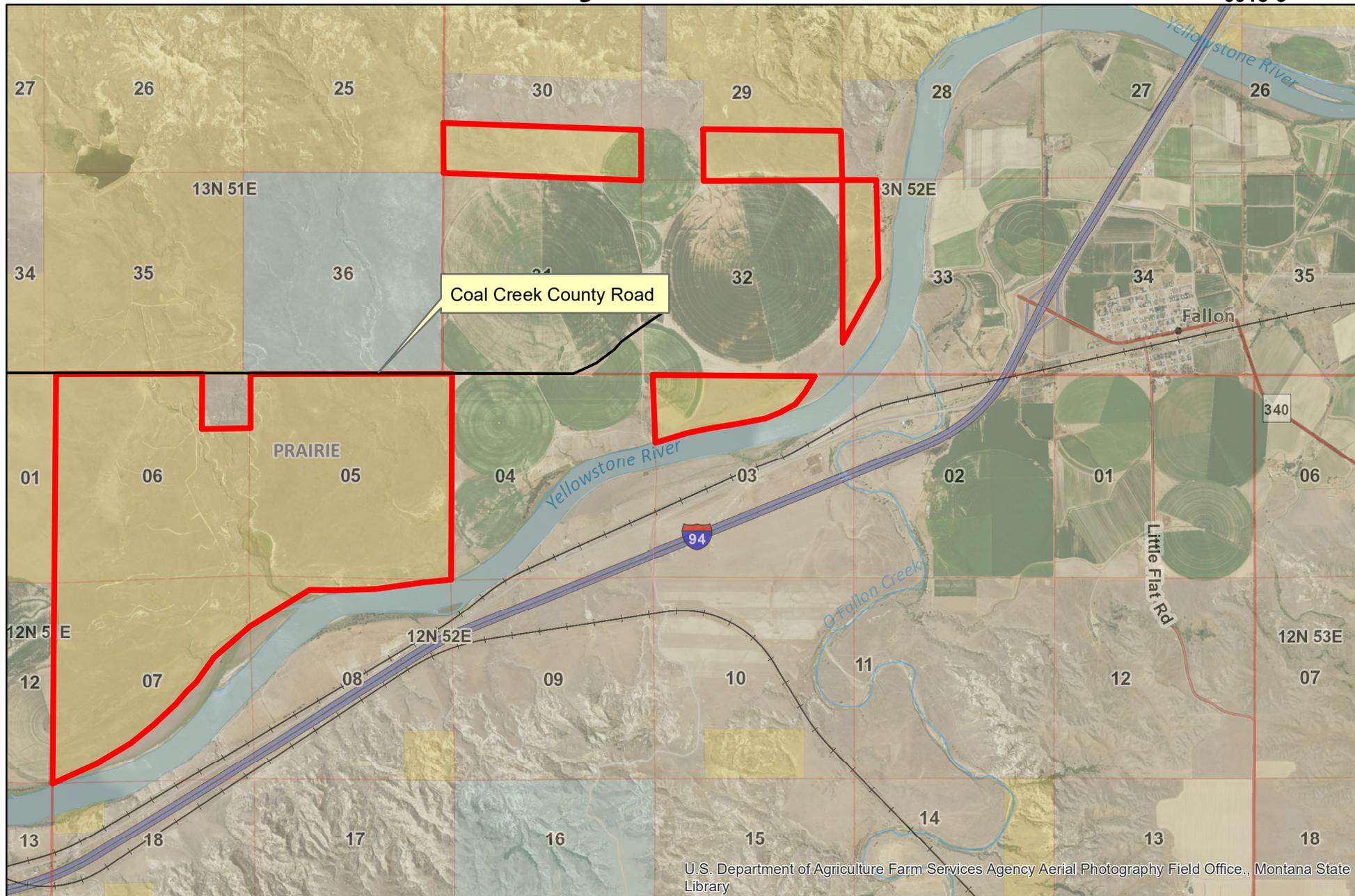
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Prairie County In-Lieu Selection East

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Location: Prairie County
Date: 30 August 2018



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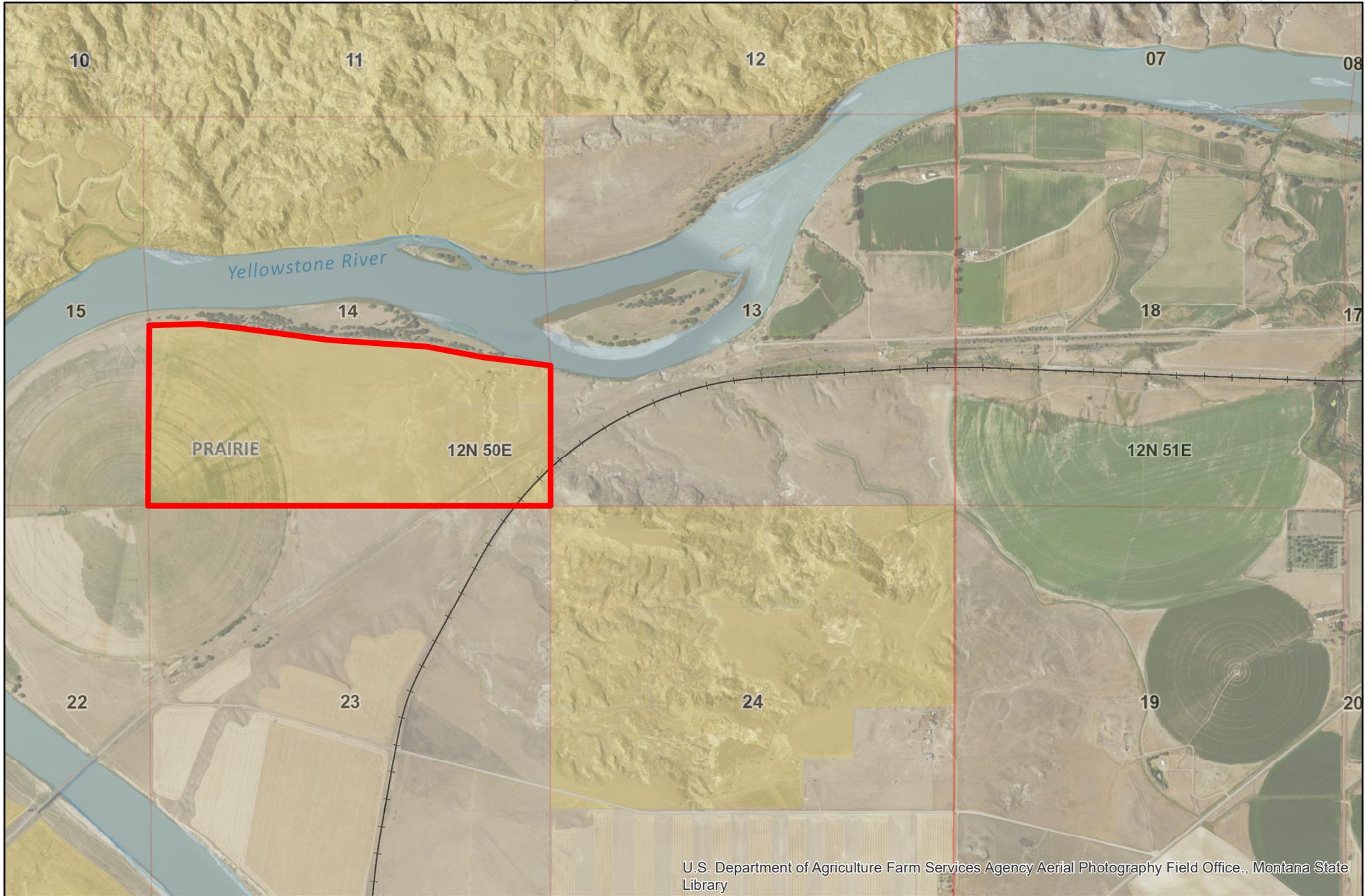


In-Lieu Selection
Bureau of Land Management
Montana State Trust Land



Prairie County In-Lieu Selection West

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Services Agency Aerial Photography Field Office., Montana State Library



Location: Prairie County
Date: 30 August 2018



Legend

-  In-Lieu Selection
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Montana State Trust Land



0918-4

LAND DONATION:

Final Approval for Stillwater Swift Creek Land
Donation from Trust for Public Lands and funded
by Bonneville Power Administration

**Land Board Agenda Item
September 17, 2018**

0918-4 Land Donation: Final Approval for Stillwater Swift Creek Land Donation from Trust for Public Lands and Funded by Bonneville Power Administration

Location: Flathead County

Trust Benefits: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: N/A

Item Summary

The property is located in Flathead County, within the Stillwater State Forest, approximately 9 miles northwest of the City of Whitefish. The Swift Creek property is 3,180 acres of forest land and is the Donation portion proposed in conjunction with the acquisition of Stillwater Lazy Creek Phase I & II which are contiguous to the subject property. This property is currently owned by Weyerhaeuser, which is held in option by the Trust for Public Lands (TPL). TPL's purchase will be funded by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) prior to donating the property to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). The Swift Creek property will be encumbered with a conservation easement held by BPA, and have an accompanying Land Management Plan, which has been negotiated between BPA and DNRC. This conservation easement allows for resource and forest management activities to enhance, maintain and restore fish and wildlife habitat, and restricts development of the land for all other uses.

Appraisal, HazMat, Public Notice

The parcel was appraised June 5, 2018 by a certified real property appraiser. The conclusion of value of the parcel is \$10,680,000 prior to it being encumbered by the conservation easement. As the proposed parcels are to be a donation, no monetary compensation would be paid by the State to the Trust for Public Lands.

A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment was completed by BPA. The report did not identify any issues or concerns regarding hazardous materials. Further, environmental databases accessed do not contain any information regarding hazardous materials being present on the parcel. It is concluded that there are no environmental concerns associated with parcel.

Preliminary approval by the Land Board was given to the Stillwater Lazy-Swift acquisition of lands in July 2017. This acquisition included the donation portion of lands identified as the Swift Creek Block of 3,180 acres. A Public Hearing was held in Whitefish, Montana on June 21, 2017 as part of the draft Environmental Assessment. Notice was provided in local newspapers soliciting further public comment. Public comments received during the scoping process for MT FWP's Whitefish Lake Watershed Project Environmental Assessment favored DNRC's acquisition of this property.

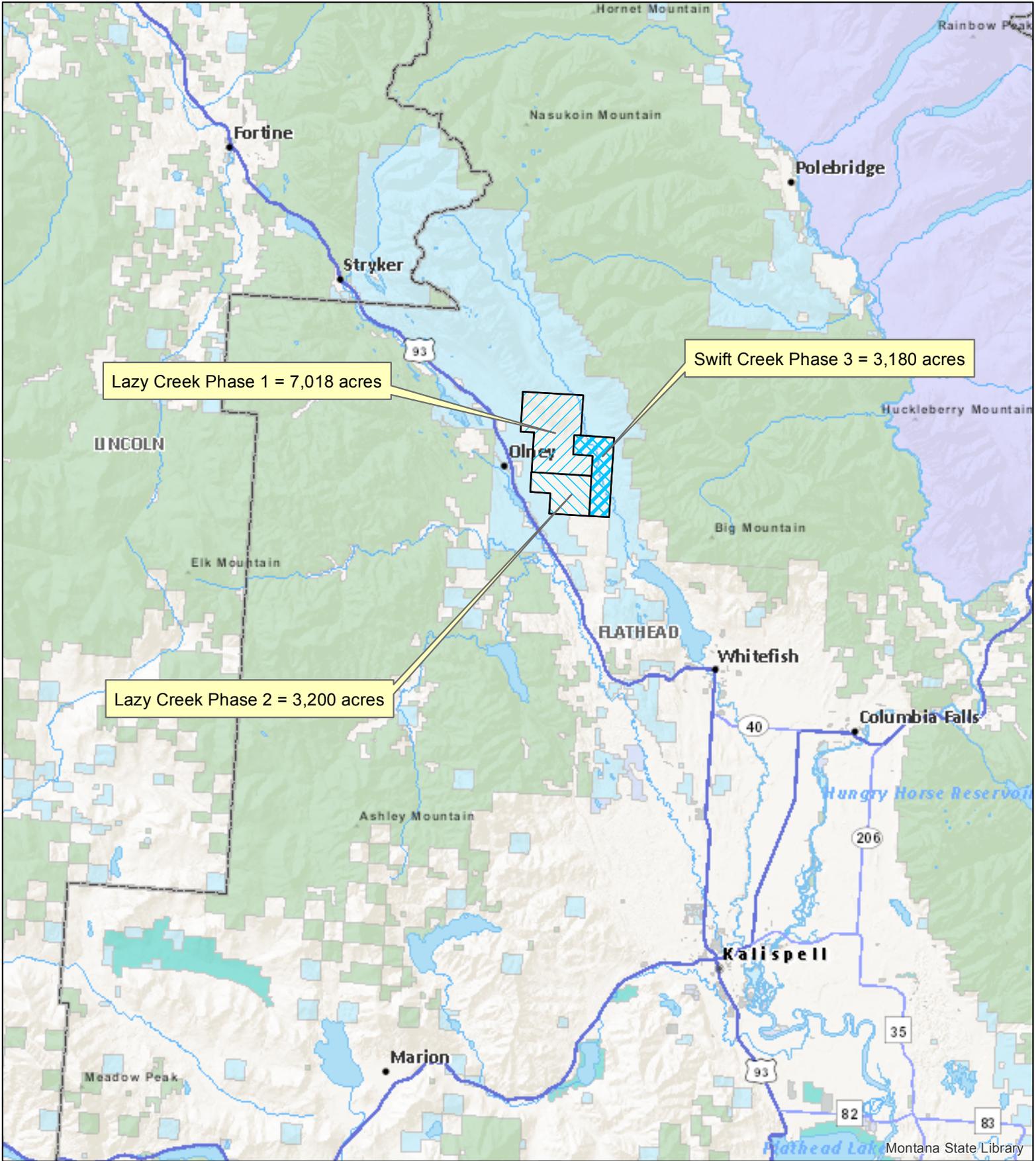
The DNRC has conducted an in-depth evaluation of the Stillwater Swift Creek property. A copy of the property evaluation summary is attached.

DNRC Recommendation

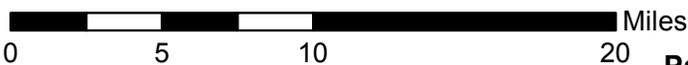
The director recommends the Land Board approve the donation of the Swift Creek property.

Stillwater Lazy-Swift

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Location: Flathead County, MT
Date: 29 AUG 2018
Prepared By: RMW
Projection: NAD83 Montana State Plane



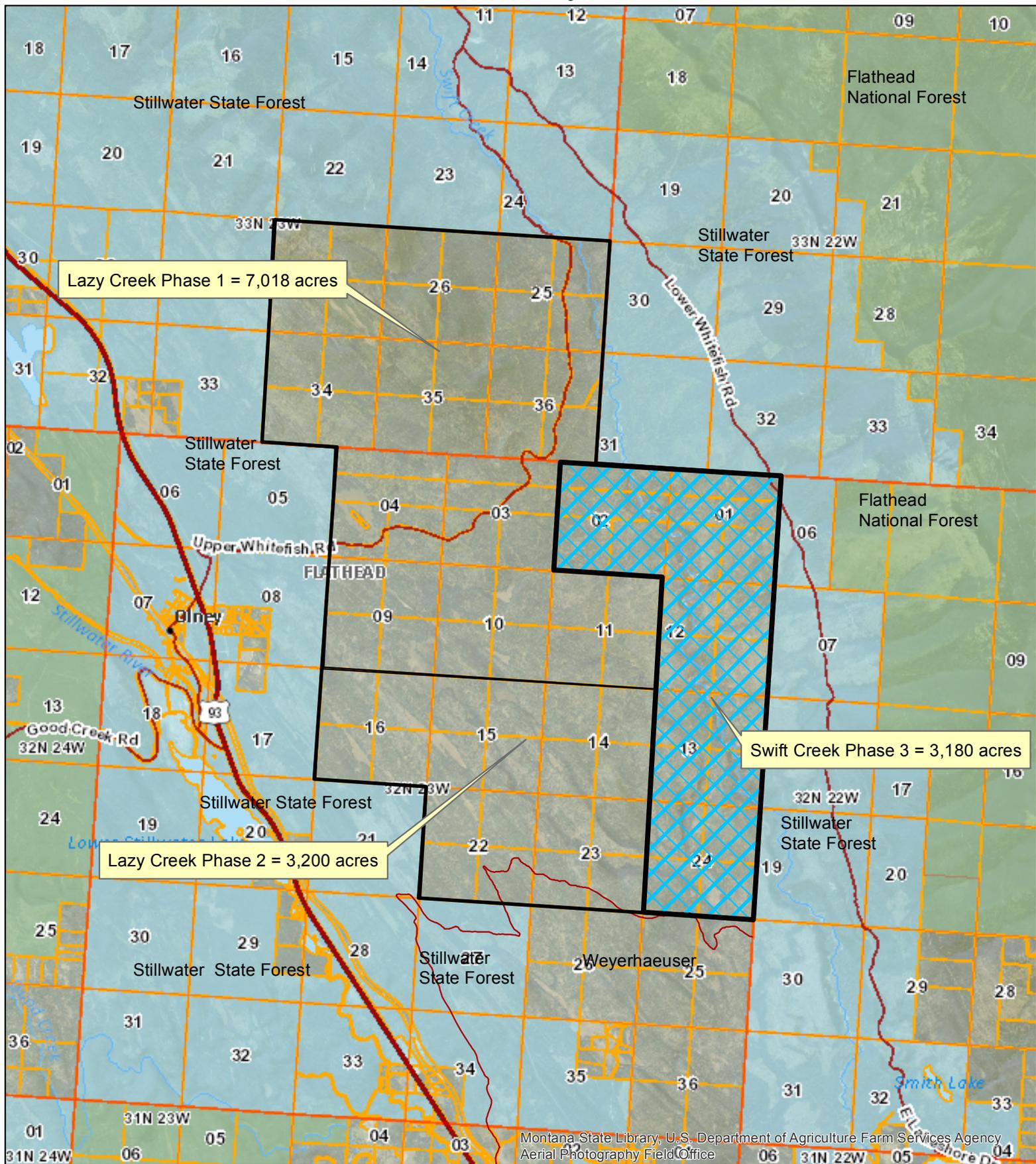
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- National Park Service
- US Forest Service
- Montana State Trust Land



Stillwater Lazy-Swift

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Lazy Creek Phase 1 = 7,018 acres

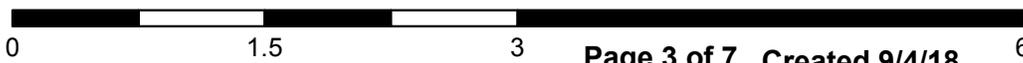
Swift Creek Phase 3 = 3,180 acres

Lazy Creek Phase 2 = 3,200 acres

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Aerial Photography Field Office

Location: Flathead County, MT
Date: 29 AUG 2018
Prepared By: RMW
Projection: NAD83 Montana State Plane

Legal Description: S01, T32 N, R23 W,
S01, T32 N, R23 W, S12, T32 N, R23 W,
S13, T32 N, R23 W, S24, T32 N, R23 W.



Due Diligence Property Evaluation Summary

DONATION REPORT	EXPLANATION						
Seller's Disclosure	No known material defects or environmental concerns reported on the property.						
Donation Annual Rate of Return over 60 years (Base on an average value for timberland at \$400/acre)	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Trust</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>NPV</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>RoR</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Common Schools</td> <td>\$172,416</td> <td>3.12%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>NPV</u>	<u>RoR</u>	Common Schools	\$172,416	3.12%
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Common Schools	\$172,416	3.12%					
Annual Income	Projected average annual income - \$39,742/year over a 60-year accounting period.						
Classification of property	Forest Land						
Soils/Range	The Swift Creek parcel is a forested tract of land with soils that provide good to excellent forest productivity.						
Vegetation	The Swift Creek parcel is well stocked with mixed-conifer regeneration and pockets of mature trees. The species mix is primarily western larch, Douglas-fir, true firs, and Engelmann spruce. Western white pine, lodgepole pine, and western red cedar are also present. The riparian areas contain aspen, cottonwood and paper birch. Native shrubs and grasses occur throughout the parcels.						
Range Condition	N/A						
Weeds	Weeds occurrence is similar to forested tracts throughout Western Montana. Weyerhaeuser (previous owner) has been actively managing weeds along open road and areas of heavier concentration. Both chemical and biological control has been used with positive results.						
Timber Cruises	Approximately 90% of the property is forested with the remainder in meadows, wetlands and riparian areas. Much of the property was logged in the 1970's, 80's and 90's, and was either planted or regenerated naturally. Some second growth stands are approaching merchantable size and will soon be available for commercial thinning that will restore wildlife habitat and produce trust revenue as allowed under the comprehensive management plan. It is estimated that the current standing volume is approximately 2.6 MMBF. Productivity estimates for the forested lands indicate a potential growth rate of ~240 BF per acre per year. Future forest management treatments for the						

	purpose of habitat enhancement would follow the direction described in the management plan. The property is ideally suited for the objectives of DNRC forest management and the protection of fish and wildlife habitat.
Water	The parcels have several stream drainages that provide fish habitat and fishing opportunities.
Water Rights	None
Wildlife (T&E)	The parcel provides wildlife habitat for many of Montana's major big game species, upland game birds, waterfowl and non-game species. It is occupied grizzly and lynx habitat and gray wolves are known to inhabit the area.
Fisheries	Native and non-native fish species occur in the streams on the property.
Wetlands/Flood plain	These acres are primarily forested with numerous wetlands throughout.
Riparian characteristics	Scattered riparian areas are found throughout the parcels. These features are in good condition and provide valuable wildlife habitat.
Cultural values	The property has no recorded cultural features.
Mineral characteristics	The conservation easement on the property prohibits the exploration, development, mining or extraction of soil, sand, loam, gravel mineral, oil, gas, or other substance from the surface or subsurface. In the lands surrounding the property, there has been no mineral exploration or mining activity.
Aesthetic Values	The property is comprised of primarily low elevation forest intermixed with wetlands and meadows.
Public Access and Recreational Use	The tracts provide wildlife habitat for a wide variety of large and small game animals plus water and riparian areas for waterfowl. The property has a long history of public use permitted by previous forest industry landowners. Primary uses include hunting, fishing, and hiking.
Zoning	None
Planning	This property comes with a BPA conservation easement precluding future development on the 3,180 acres. The

	adjacent sections of state land to the northwest of this property (Lazy Creek Phase 1 acquisition) have a MT FWP-held conservation easement which also restricts future development. The other adjoining Stillwater State Forest lands have no restrictions on future use.						
Surrounding land use	Adjacent and surrounding lands (Stillwater State Forest, Weyerhaeuser, and USFS) are used for forest management and recreational purposes.						
Potential for multiple use	The primary use of the property would be forest management that would utilize timber harvest to maintain and restore fish and wildlife habitat. The property is likely to continue receiving heavy recreational use.						
Access to parcel	All parcels being analyzed for acquisition will have road access for management of the individual parcels. The general public will have drive-in access on open roads and non-motorized access to all of the property. The property will be open to snowmobile use. The acquisition of this property will consolidate state ownership of the southern portion of the Stillwater State Forest area.						
Infrastructure	The Swift Creek donation lands are rural forestlands. All of the parcels have existing roads for the management of the forests and implementation of habitat enhancement projects. No other infrastructure exists within this property.						
Adjacent public lands	The Swift Creek parcels are adjacent to existing State Trust lands and Stillwater Lazy Creek Phase I & II.						
Adjacent conservation easements	The acquisition parcels in the Stillwater Lazy Creek project have, or will have prior to closing, conservation easements on them held by MT FWP. The conservation easements allow for the traditional uses of the land, forest management and recreation, but restrict future subdivision and the building of structures; and place restrictions on grazing. Other adjacent State Lands have no conservation easements on them.						
Appraised Value	\$10,680,000.00						
Purchase Price	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Trust</u></th> <th><u>Funds</u></th> <th><u>Acres</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Common Schools</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>3,180±</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Common Schools	Donation	3,180±
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Common Schools	Donation	3,180±					
Summary of Title report	No encumbrances that would negatively impact the value of the acquisition.						
Summary Phase 1 site analysis	No cultural impacts other than logging were observed in the area.						

Notification to Commissioners and adjacent land owners	The Flathead County Commissioners and adjacent land owners (DNRC & Weyerhaeuser) are aware of this proposed acquisition and no opposition has been noted.
Comments received during public involvement process	Public comments have been positive because of the importance of this area for public use, wildlife habitat, and the City of Whitefish watershed. The public has supported the continued traditional uses of this property.

0918-5

CABIN AND HOME SITES:

Set Minimum Bid for Sale

- A. Flathead County
- B. Missoula County

**Land Board Agenda Item
September 17, 2018**

**0918-5A Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale
A. Flathead County**

Location: Flathead County
Trust Benefits: Common Schools, Montana Tech
Trust Revenue: \$2,028,000

Item Summary

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is requesting to set the minimum bid for five cabin sites nominated for sale on McGregor Lake and two cabin sites nominated for sale on Echo Lake in Flathead County. These sales were nominated by the lessees and DNRC in conjunction with the Cabin and Home Site Sale Program.

Sale No.	Acres	Legal Description	Nominator	Trust
921	1.411±	Lot 3, McGregor Lake, COS 19909, Section 16, T26N-R25W	Karol K. Stack	Common Schools
923	1.365±	Lot 12, McGregor Lake, COS 19909, Section 16, T26N-R25W	Donald & Claudia Dennison	Common Schools
926	1.519±	Lot 17, McGregor Lake, COS 19909, Section 16, T26N-R25W	DNRC	Common Schools
927	1.135±	Lot 22, McGregor Lake, COS 19909, Section 16, T26N-R25W	DNRC	Common Schools
928	1.277±	Lot 23, McGregor Lake, COS 19909, Section 16, T26N-R25W	DNRC	Common Schools
930	0.646±	Lot 23, Echo Lake, COS 18885, Section 5, T27N-R19W	Floyd R. & Helen M. Cook	Montana Tech
931	0.965±	Lot 40, Echo Lake, COS 18885, Section 5, T27N-R19W	Brian & Cari Schlauch	Montana Tech

The parcels are currently leased as cabin sites and produce an average income for residential leases statewide.

The parcels will be sold with the access that is currently provided under their lease agreements and can be conveyed by DNRC.

Economic Analysis:

Short term – The average rates of return on these sale parcels are as follows. The parcels will continue to receive these returns if they remain in state ownership.

Sale No.	Rate of Return	Sale No.	Rate of Return
921	2.860%	928	0.00%
923	2.718%	930	2.348%
926	0.00%	931	3.168%
927	0.00%		

Long term – The funds from the sale of these parcels would be combined with other sale funds to purchase replacement lands through DNRC's Land Banking program. Lands purchased are required to have an equal or greater rate of return than the combined lands that generated the sale funds used for the purchase. To date, the average annual rate of return on acquisitions has been 2.8% on acquisitions with income generated from annual lease payments.

Cultural/Paleontological Resources:

A Class I level of cultural resource inventory was conducted for each of the proposed sales. Home sites typically contain numerous structures and the ground surfaces within most home sites have been variously disturbed over the course of many years of occupation and development. These sales will have no effect to state-owned heritage properties.

Appraised Values of Land and Improvements:

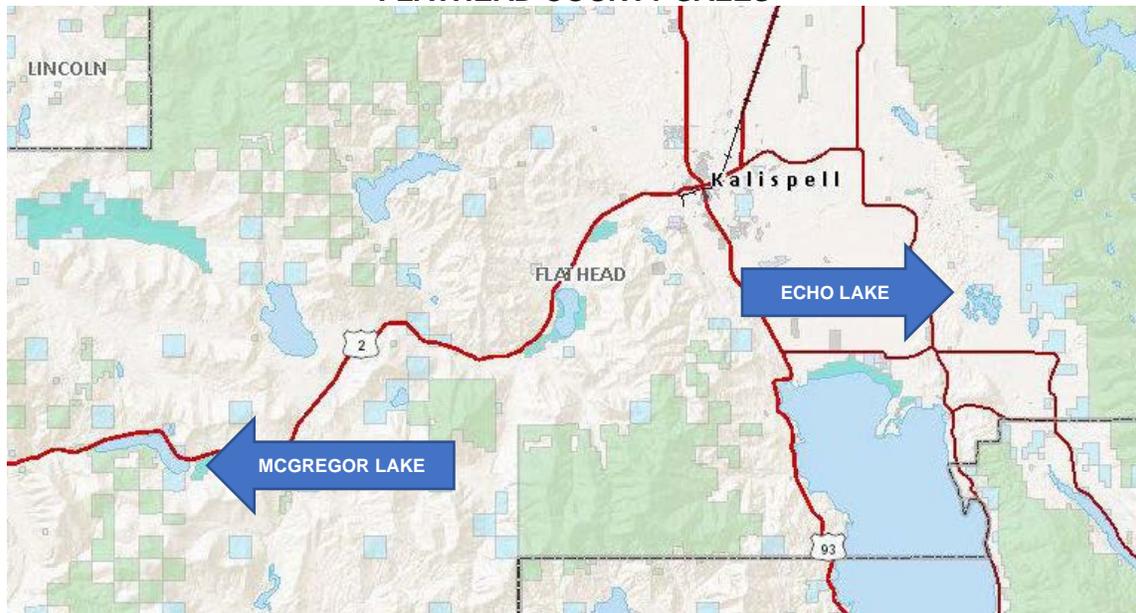
Sale Nos.	Appraised Land Value	Appraised Improvements Value
921	\$317,000	\$176,000
923	\$323,000	\$277,000
926	\$334,000	<i>see below*</i>
927	\$260,000	<i>no improvements</i>
928	\$283,000	<i>see below*</i>
930	\$199,000	\$55,000
931	\$312,000	\$82,000

*Sale Nos. 926 and 928 currently have improvements valued at \$23,000 and \$4,000, respectively. DNRC owns these improvements, as per 77-2-314, MCA. As such, the appraised improvements values have been included in the appraised land values.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends that the Land Board set the minimum bid for these cabin sites at the appraised land value and the maximum value of compensation for the improvements shown above.

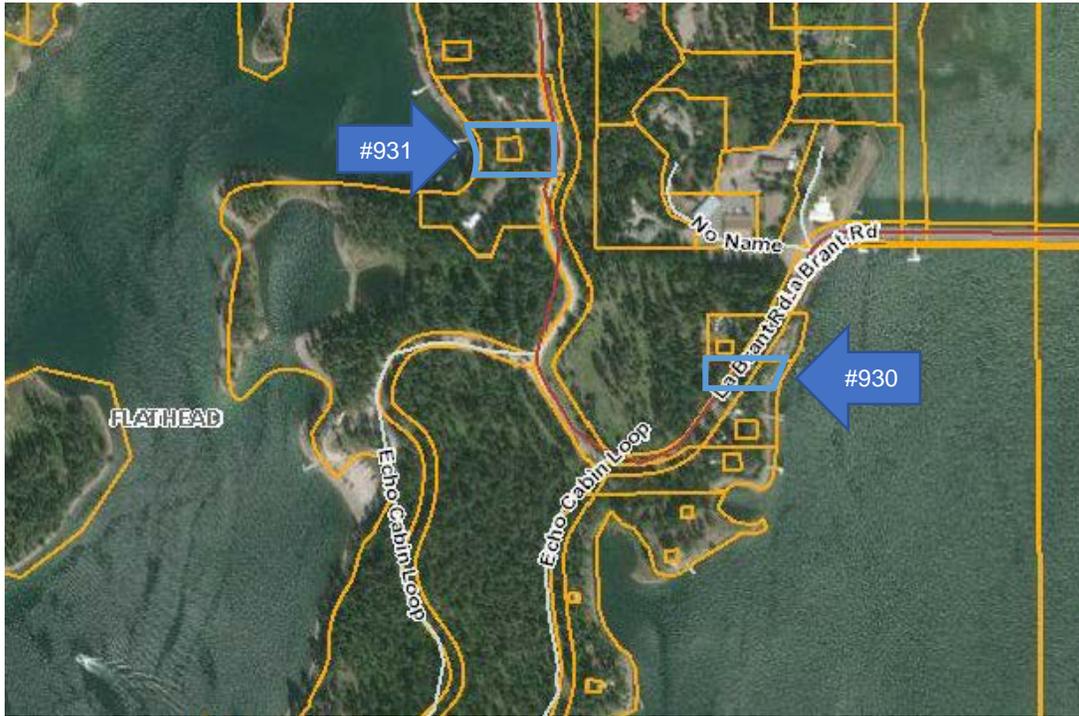
FLATHEAD COUNTY SALES



McGregor Lake
Section 16, T26N-R25W, Flathead County



Echo Lake
Section 5, T27N-19W, Flathead County



**Land Board Agenda Item
September 17, 2018**

**0918-5B Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale
B. Missoula County**

Location: Missoula County
Trust Benefits: Montana Tech
Trust Revenue: \$210,000

Item Summary

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is requesting to set the minimum bid for seven cabin sites nominated for sale in the Seeley Lake Development in Missoula County. These sales were nominated by the lessees in conjunction with the Cabin and Home Site Sale Program.

Sale No.	Acres	Legal Description	Nominator	Trust
938	1.449±	Lot 17, Seeley Lake Development, COS 5840, Section 4, T16N-R15W	Olive Sol & Patricia Ann Doty	MSU 2 nd
1036	1.639±	Lot 19, Seeley Lake Development, COS 5840, Section 4, T16N-R15W	Brian & Nadine Pedersen	MSU 2 nd
939	1.217±	Lot 20, Seeley Lake Development, COS 5840, Section 4, T16N-R15W	Richard & Elizabeth Meyn	MSU 2 nd
940	3.148±	Lot 27, Seeley Lake Development, COS 5840, Section 4, T16N-R15W	Brian Bertsch	MSU 2 nd
941	2.189±	Lot 31, Seeley Lake Development, COS 5840, Section 4, T16N-R15W	J & E Contracting	MSU 2 nd
942	1.293±	Lot 38, Seeley Lake Development, COS 5840, Section 4, T16N-R15W	Marvin & Lynn Job, Bryce & Marcey Campbell	MSU 2 nd
943	1.291±	Lot 40, Seeley Lake Development, COS 5840, Section 4, T16N-R15W	Brian & Cari Schlauch	MSU 2 nd

The parcels are currently leased as cabin sites and produce an average income for residential leases statewide.

The parcels will be sold with the access that is currently provided under their lease agreements and can be conveyed by DNRC.

Economic Analysis:

Short term – The average rates of return on these sale parcels are as follows. The parcels will continue to receive these returns if they remain in state ownership.

Sale No.	Rate of Return	Sale No.	Rate of Return
938	5.528%	941	5.147%
1036	5.571%	942	4.998%
939	5.359%	943	5.333%
940	5.323%		

Long term – The funds from the sale of these parcels would be combined with other sale funds to purchase replacement lands through DNRC's Land Banking program. Lands purchased are required to have an equal or greater rate of return than the combined lands that generated the sale funds used for the purchase. To date, the average annual rate of return on acquisitions has been 2.8% on acquisitions with income generated from annual lease payments.

Cultural/Paleontological Resources:

A Class I level of cultural resource inventory was conducted for each of the proposed sales. Home sites typically contain numerous structures and the ground surfaces within most home sites have been variously disturbed over the course of many years of occupation and development. These sales will have no effect to state-owned heritage properties.

Appraised Values of Land and Improvements:

Sale Nos.	Appraised Land Value	Appraised Improvements Value
938	\$30,000	\$103,000
1036	\$30,000	\$119,000
939	\$30,000	\$104,000
940	\$30,000	\$182,000
941	\$30,000	\$2,000
942	\$30,000	\$127,000
943	\$30,000	\$59,000

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends that the Land Board set the minimum bid for these cabin sites at the appraised land value and the maximum value of compensation for the improvements shown above.

MISSOULA COUNTY SALES



Seeley Lake Development
T16N-R15W, Sec. 4, Missoula County



0918-6

EASEMENTS

**Land Board Agenda Item
September 17, 2018**

0918-6 Easements

Location: Cascade, Chouteau, Musselshell, Pondera, Rosebud, Teton, Valley

Trust Benefits: Common Schools, Montana Tech, Public Land Trust, Pine Hills School

**Trust Revenue: Common Schools = \$ 20,759.00
Montana Tech = \$ 100.00
Pine Hills School = \$ 640.00
Public Land Trust = \$ 1,755.00**

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
 11 E. Park
 Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18087
 R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
 Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
 Acreage: 6.38
 Compensation: \$6,380.00
 Legal Description: 30-foot strip through SW4NW4, N2SW4, N2SE4, SE4SE4, Sec. 36
 Twp. 22N, Rge. 3E, Cascade County
 Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

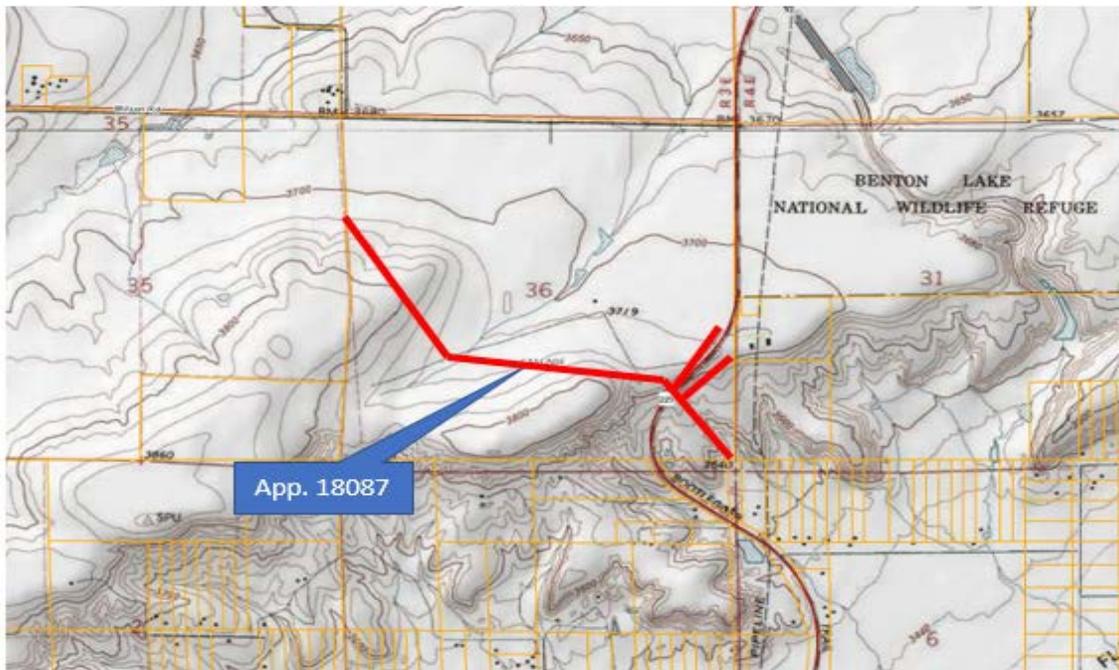
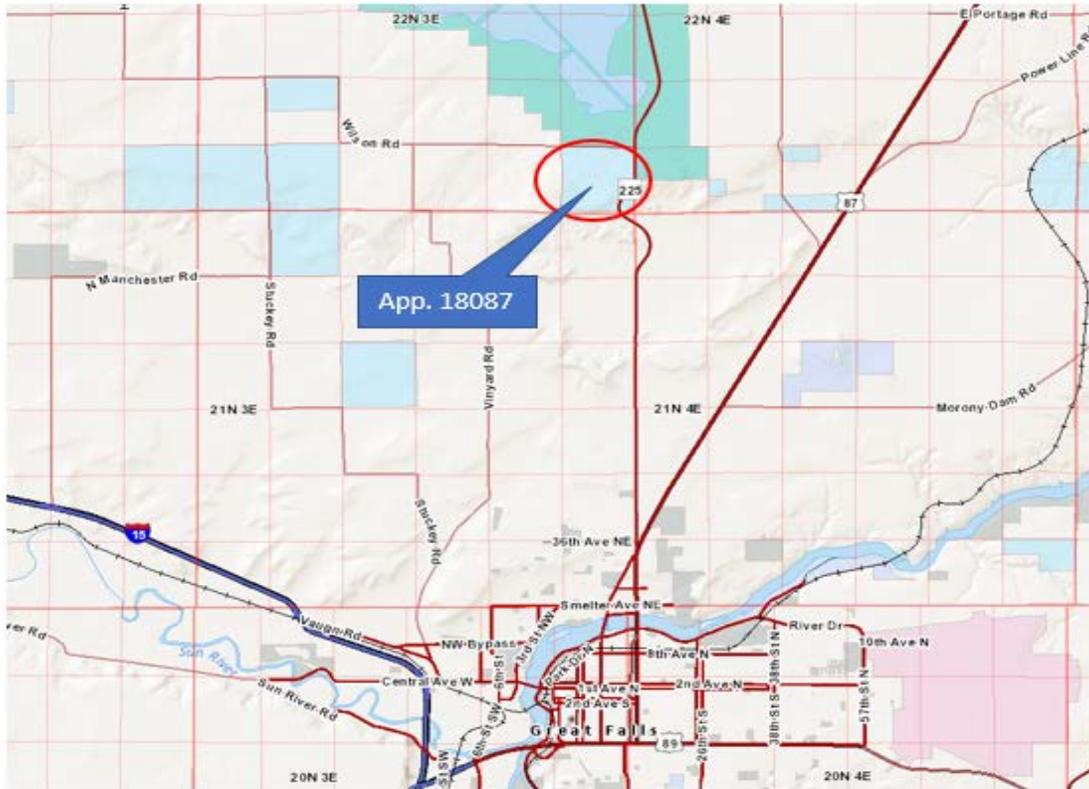
Item Summary

Northwestern Energy has made application for multiple overhead electric distribution, transmission lines, and natural gas pipelines that were constructed on state lands many years ago without proper authorization from the Land Board. Pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA Northwestern Energy is requesting recognition of these overhead electric distribution and transmission lines as historic rights of ways.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of this historic right of way for Northwestern Energy.

R/W Application 18087



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18088
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 3.09
Compensation: \$3,090.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through SE4NE4, N2SE4, SE4SE4, Sec. 16,
Twp. 24N, Rge. 7E, Chouteau County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

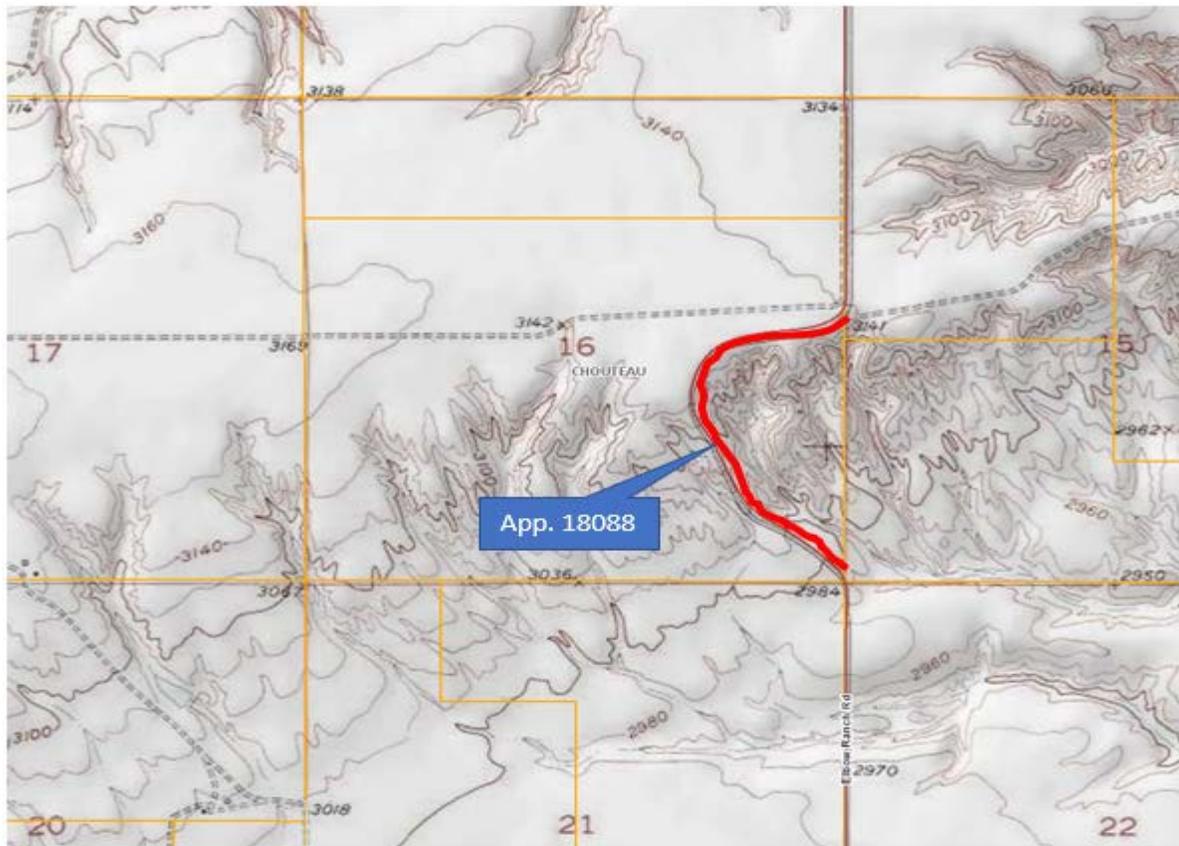
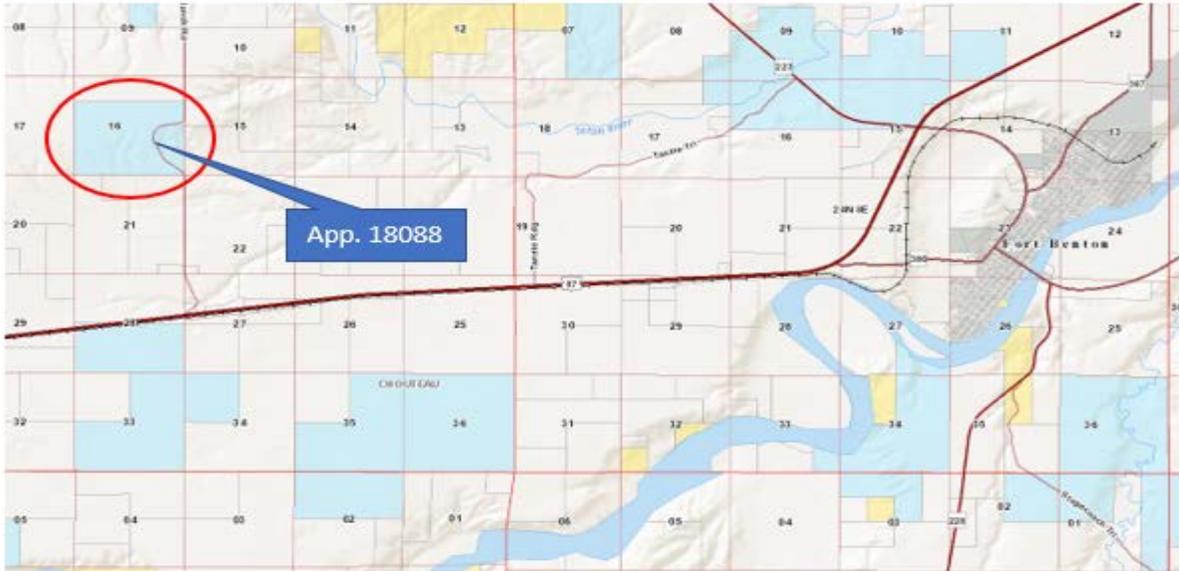
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R/W Application 18088



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18089
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 1.3
Compensation: \$1,300.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through N2SW4, N2SE4, Sec. 28, Twp. 24N,
Rge. 7E, Chouteau County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

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R/W Application 18089



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18091
R/W Purpose: an overhead 24.94 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.93
Compensation: \$791.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through NW4SE4, Sec. 34, Twp. 29N, Rge. 5W,
Pondera County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

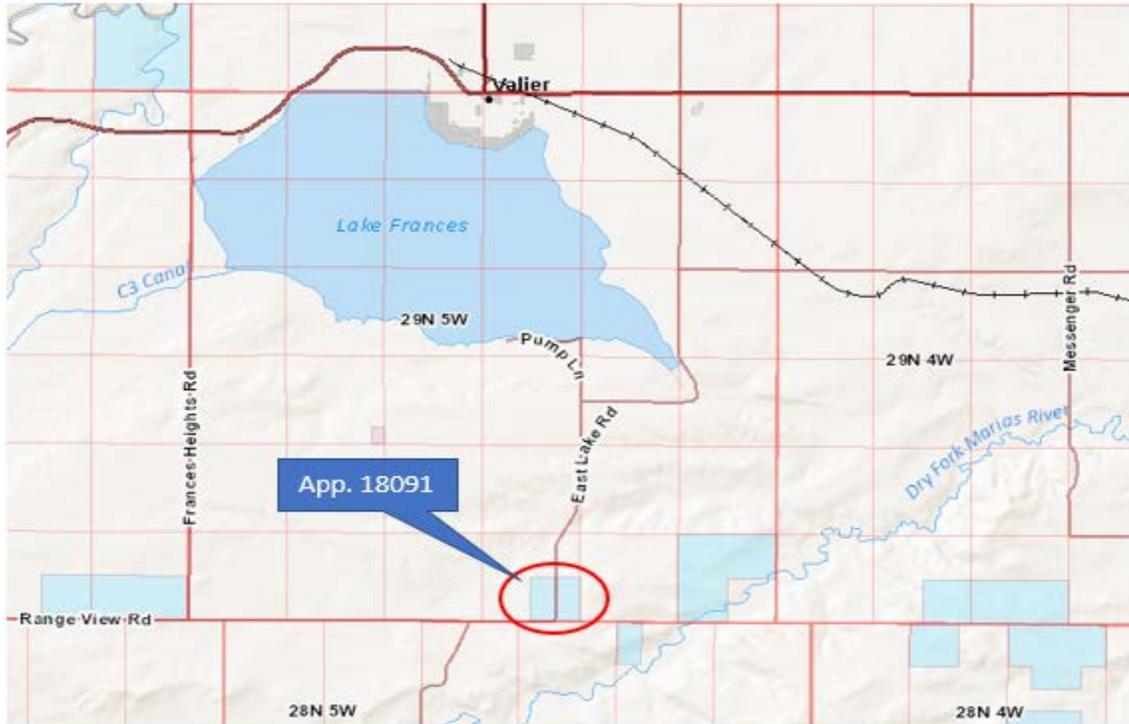
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R/W Application 18091



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18092
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.04
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Sun River in the NE4SE4, Sec. 25,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 1E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

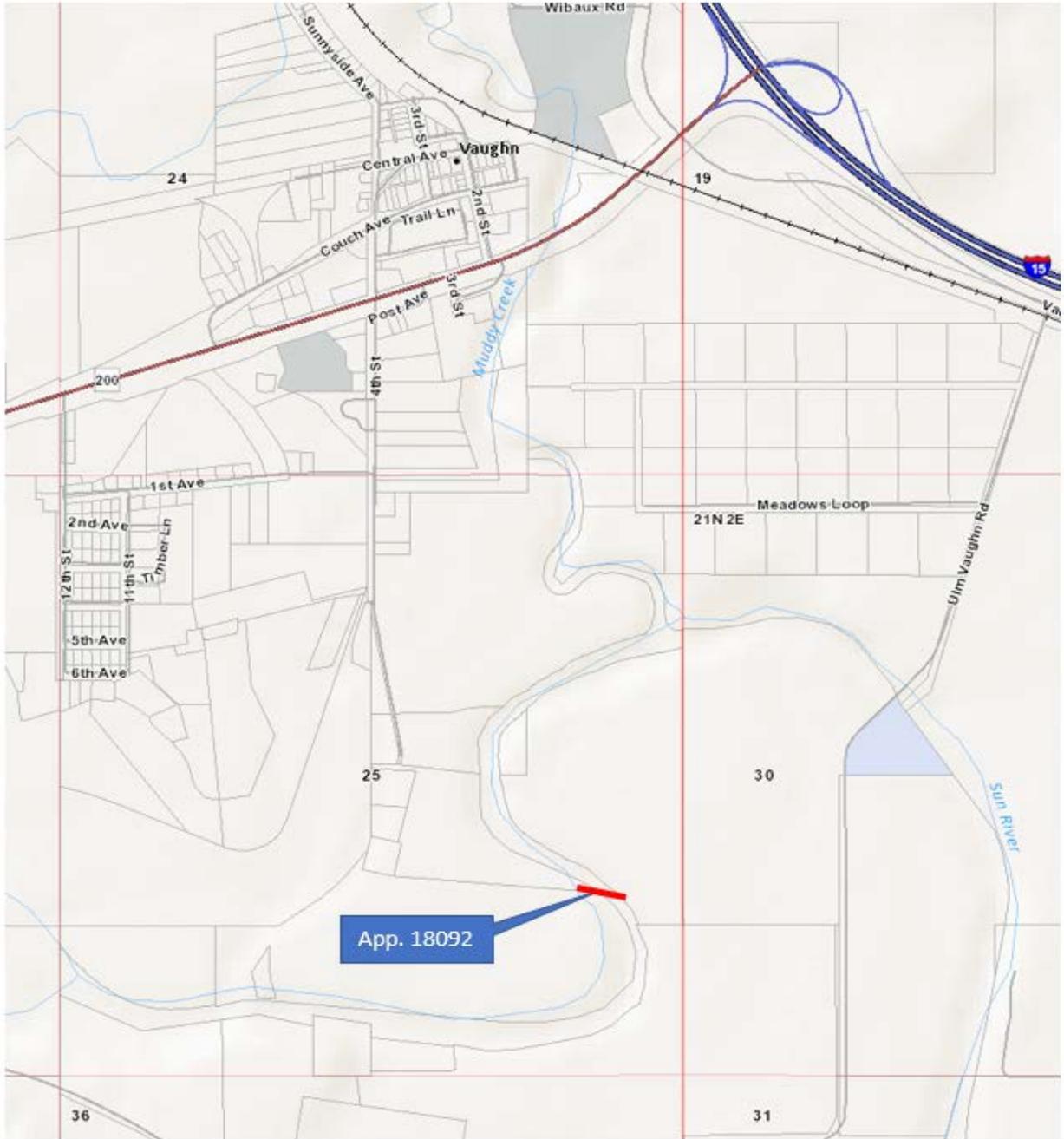
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R/W Application 18092



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18093
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.04
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Sun River in the SE4NW4, Sec. 30,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 2E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

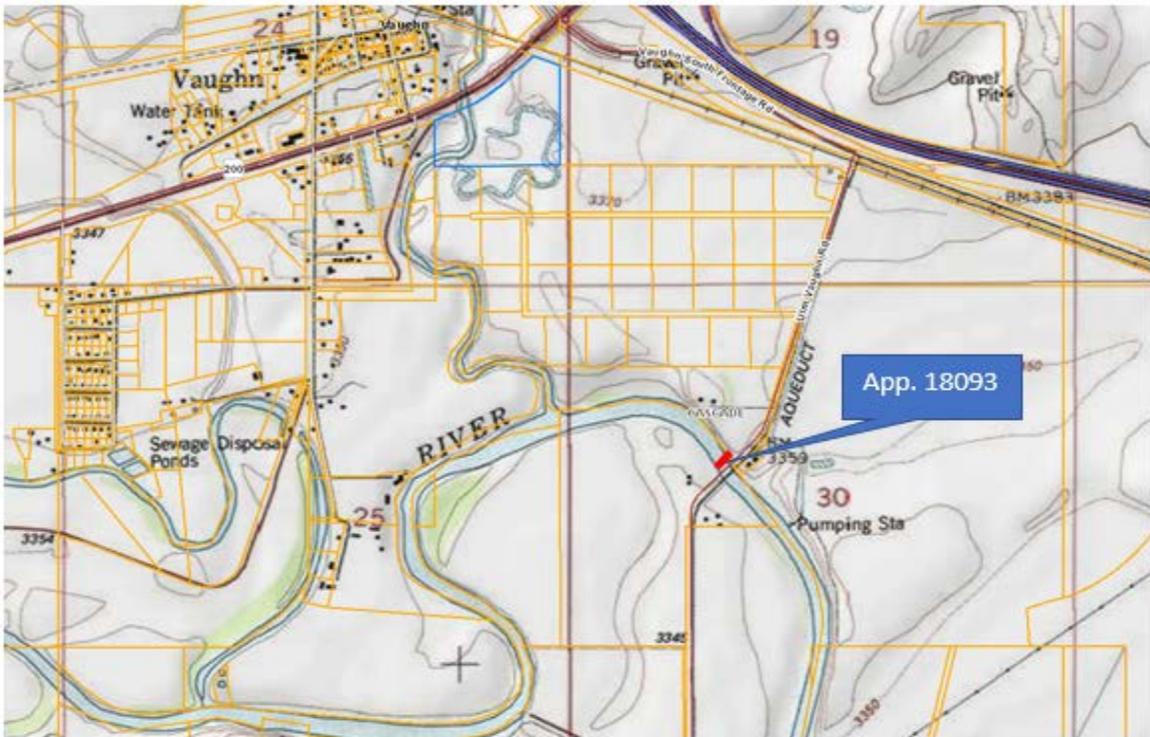
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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18094
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.07
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Sun River in the SE4NW4, Sec. 31,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 2E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

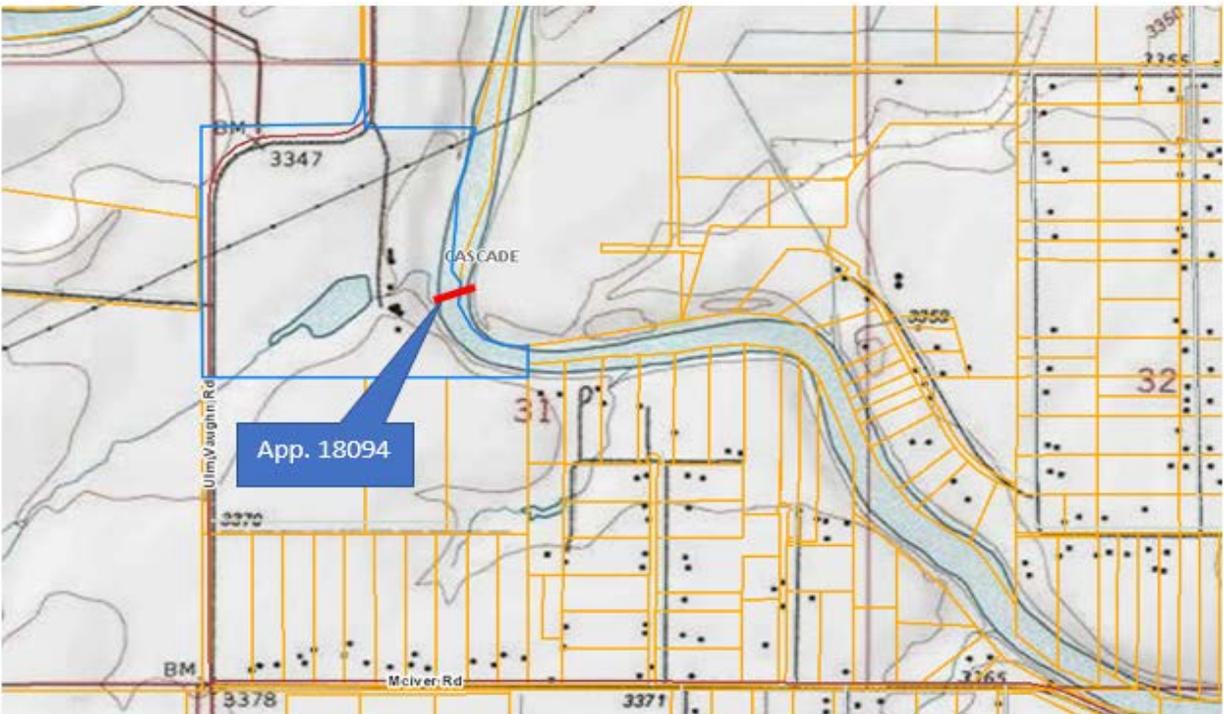
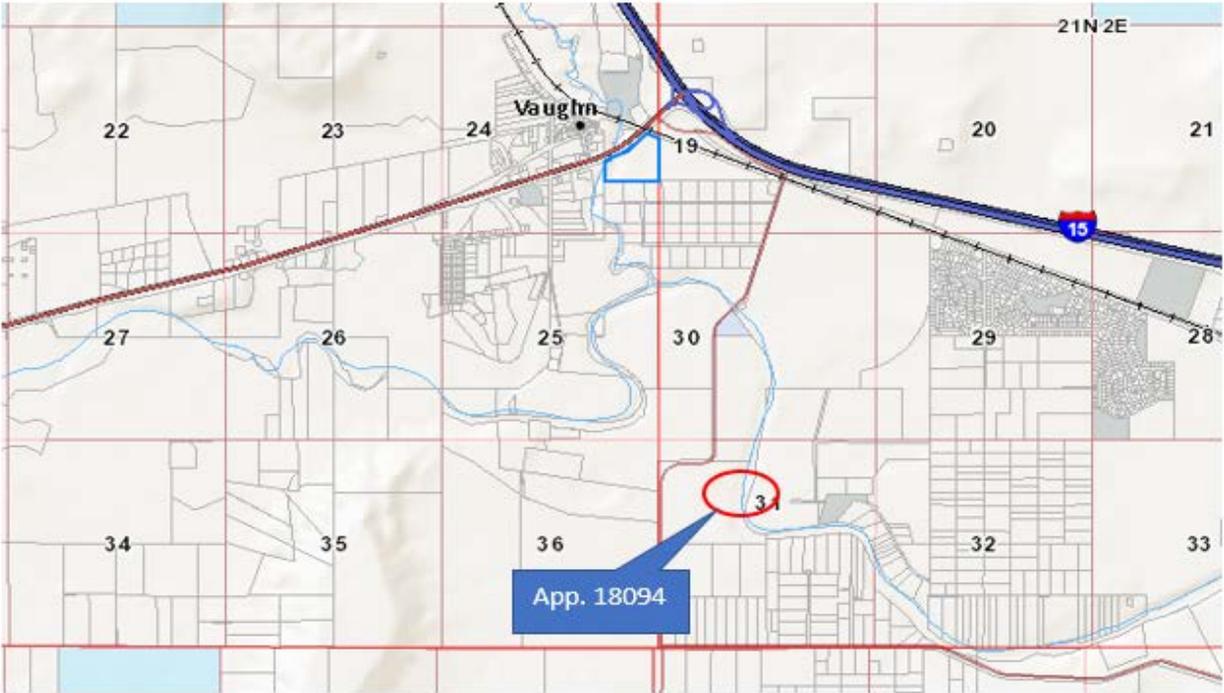
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R/W Application 18094



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18095
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.07
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Sun River in the SW4SW4, Sec. 32,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 2E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

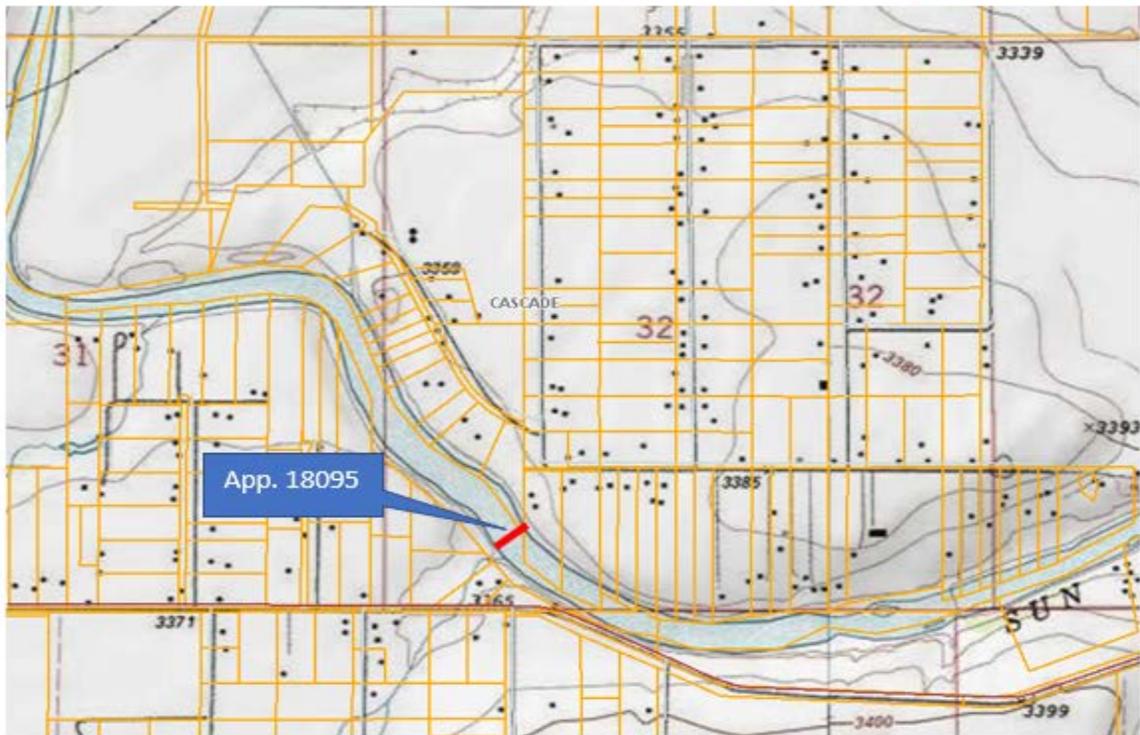
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R/W Application 18095



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18096
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.11
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through the SE4SE4, Sec. 15,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 1E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Montana Tech

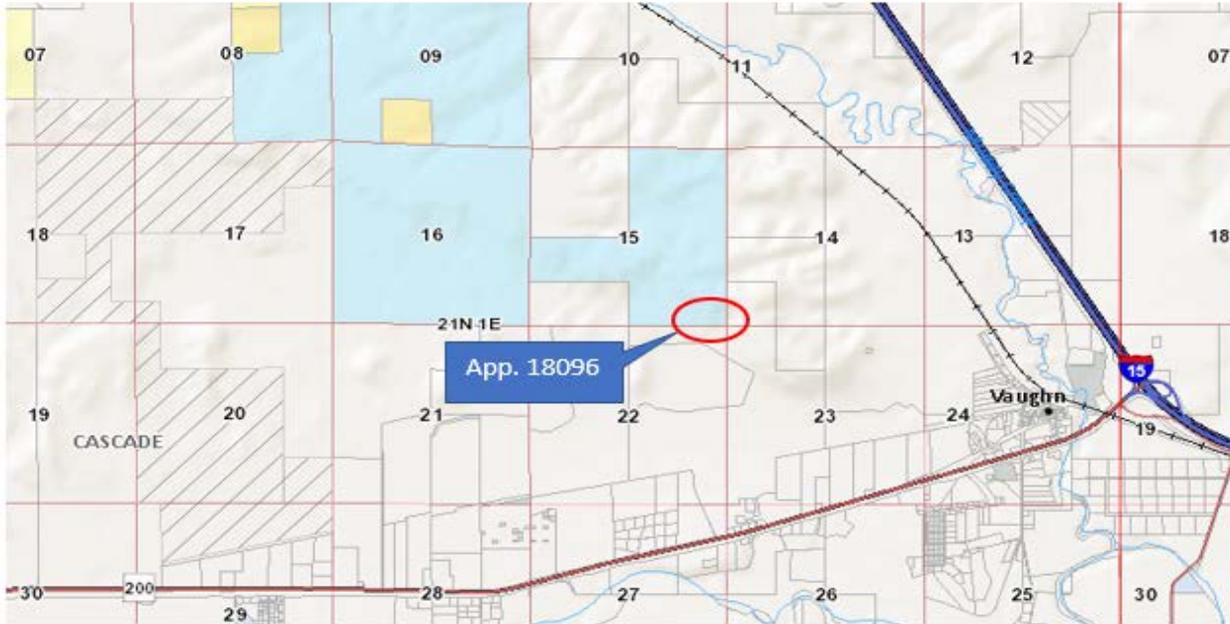
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R/W Application 18096



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18097
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.16
Compensation: \$136.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip across SW4SE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 21N,
Rge. 1E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

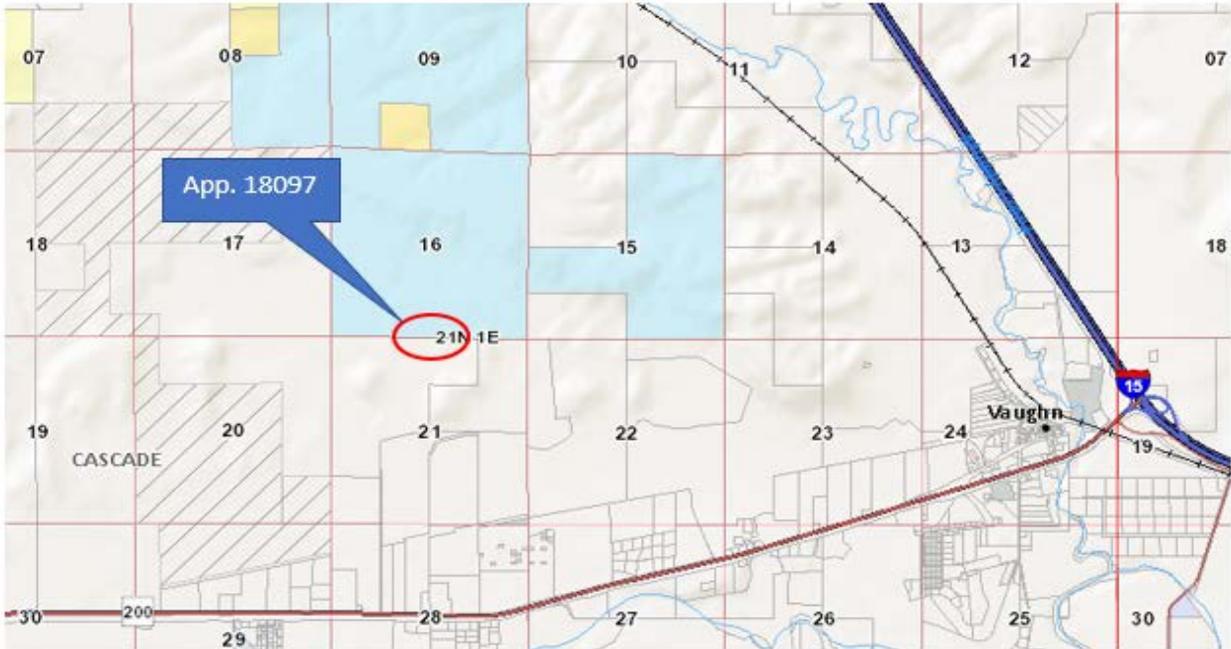
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R/W Application 18097



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18098
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.04
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Sun River in the NE4NW4, Sec. 33,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 1E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

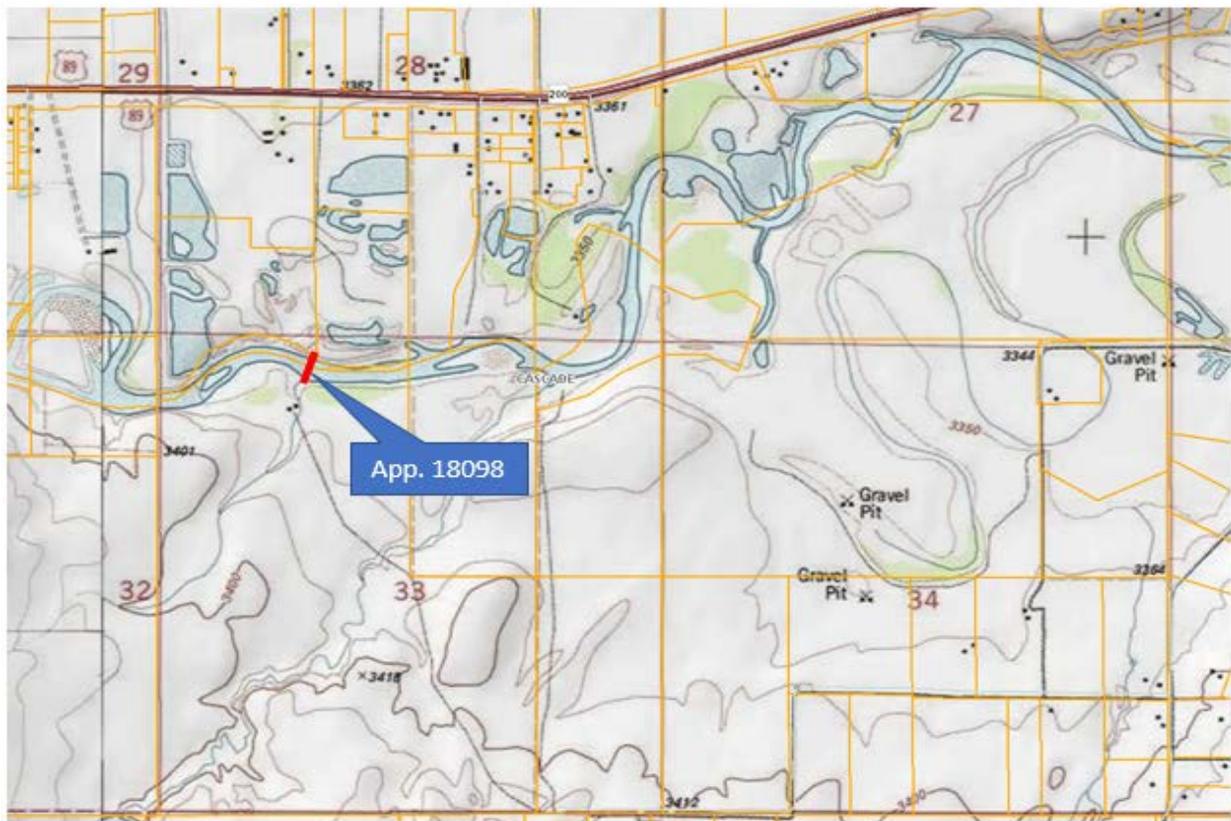
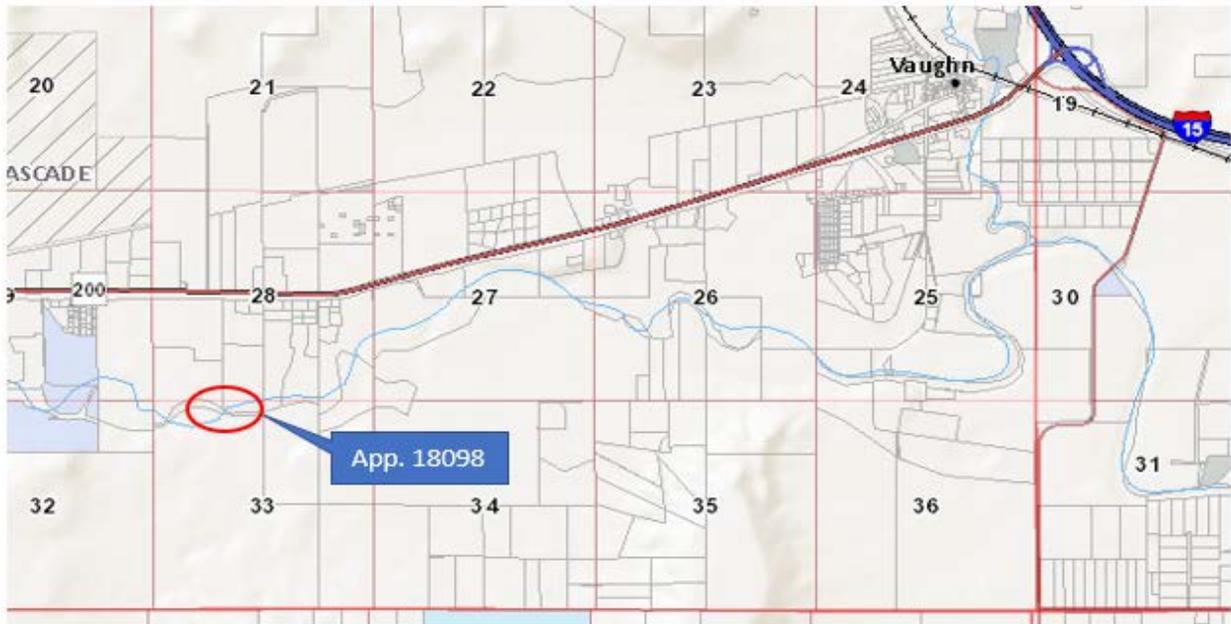
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R/W Application 18098



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18099
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.05
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Sun River in the SW4SW4, Sec. 33,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 2E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

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R/W Application 18099



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18100
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.05
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Sun River in the NW4SW4, Sec. 34,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 2E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

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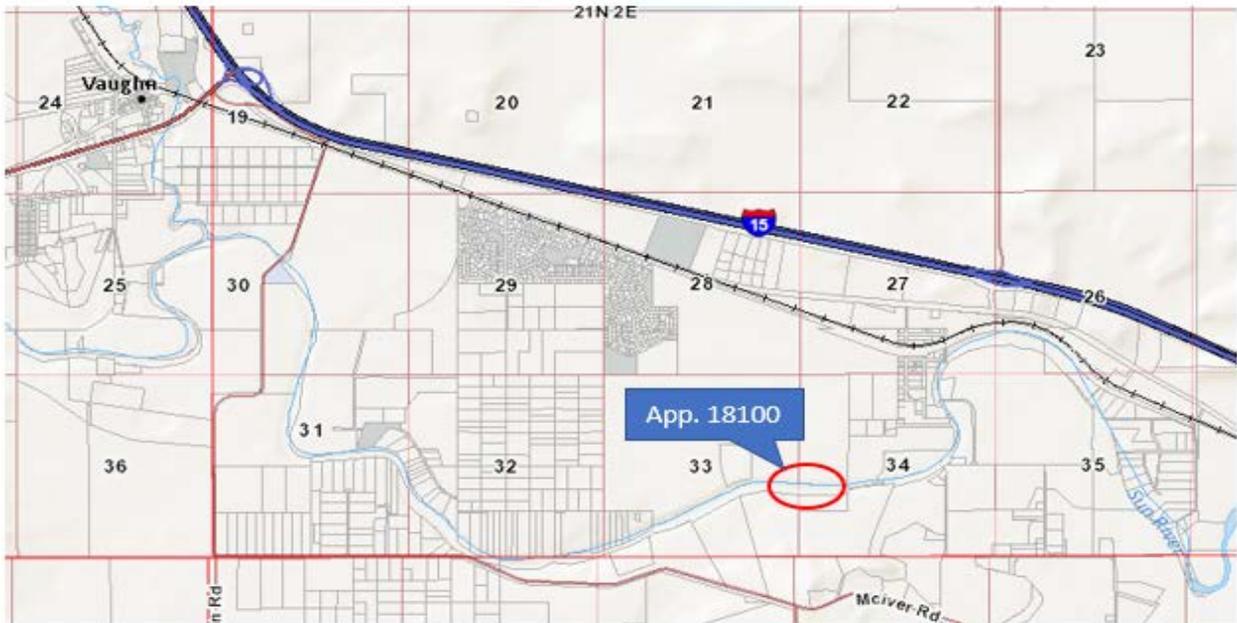
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R/W Application 18100



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18101
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.03
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Sun River in NW4NE4, Sec. 34, Twp. 21N,
Rge. 2E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

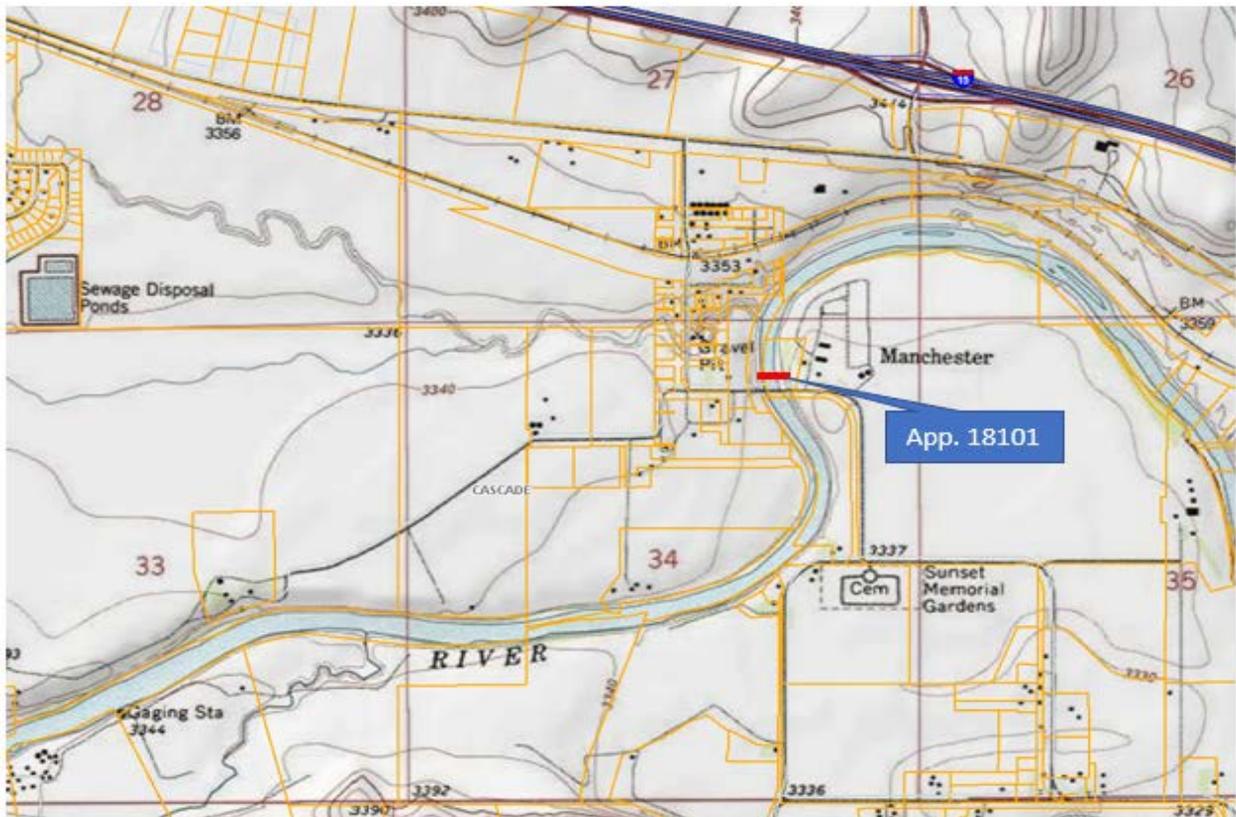
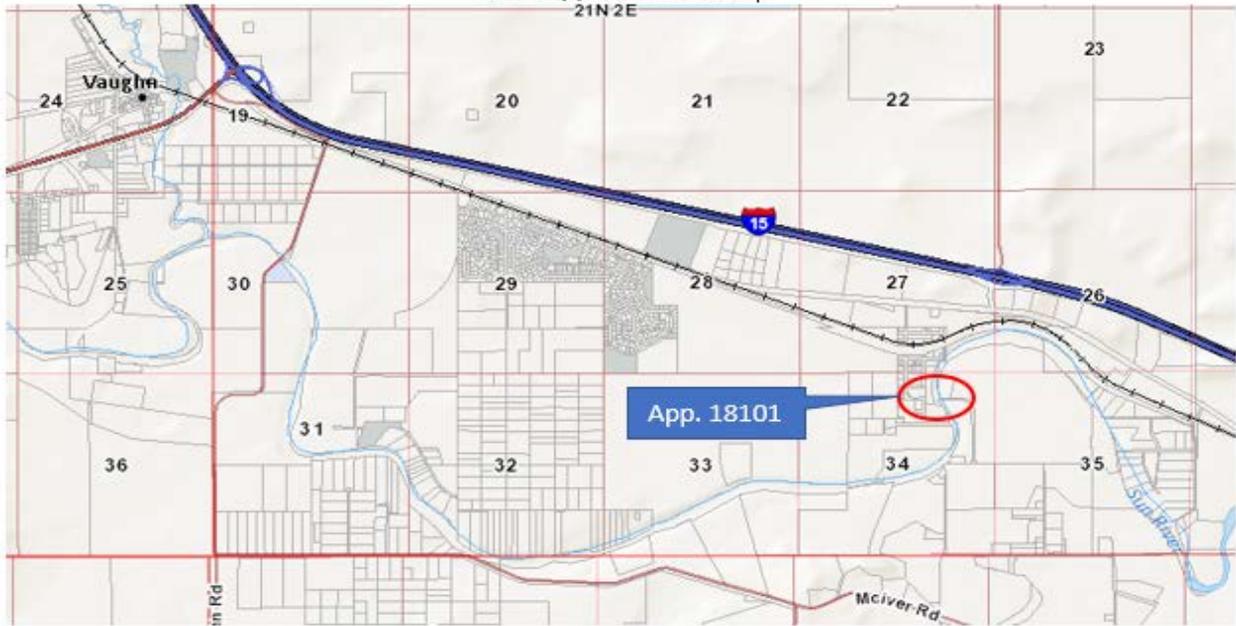
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R/W Application 18101



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18102
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.04
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Sun River in the S2NE4, Sec. 34,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 2E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

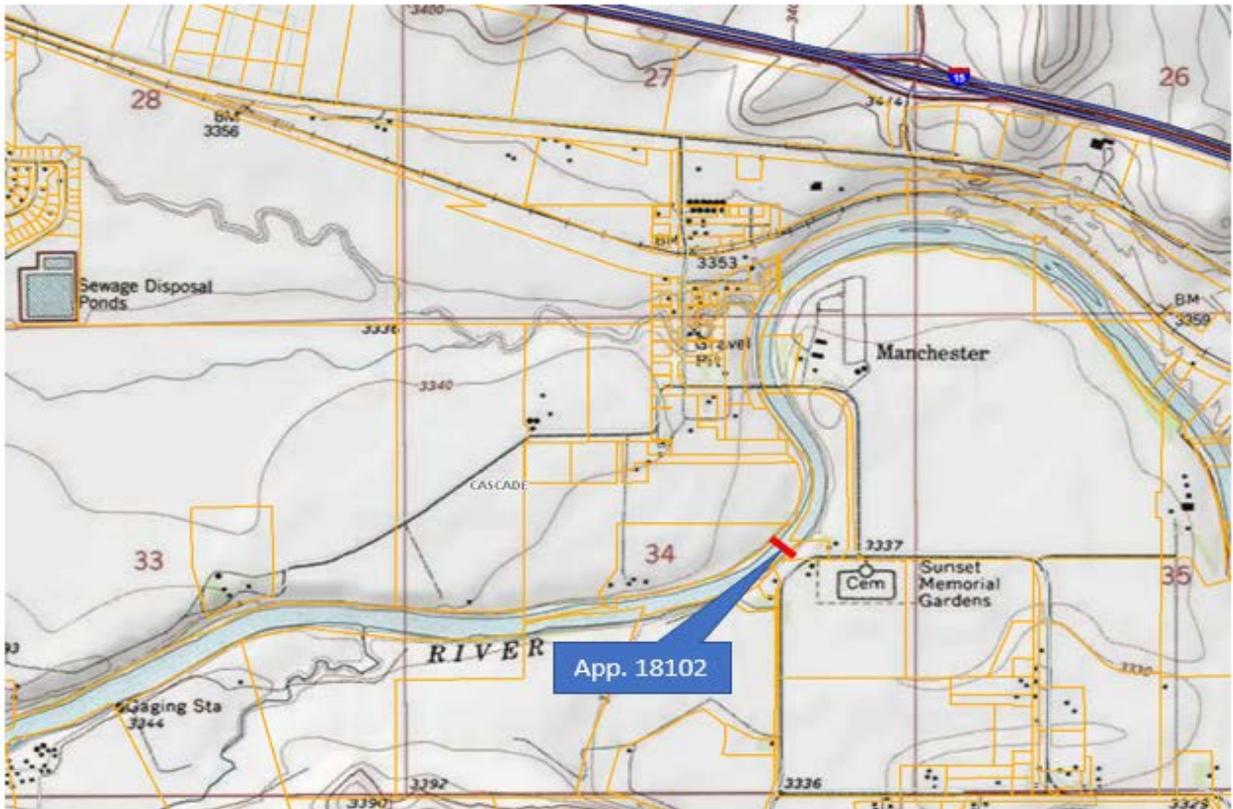
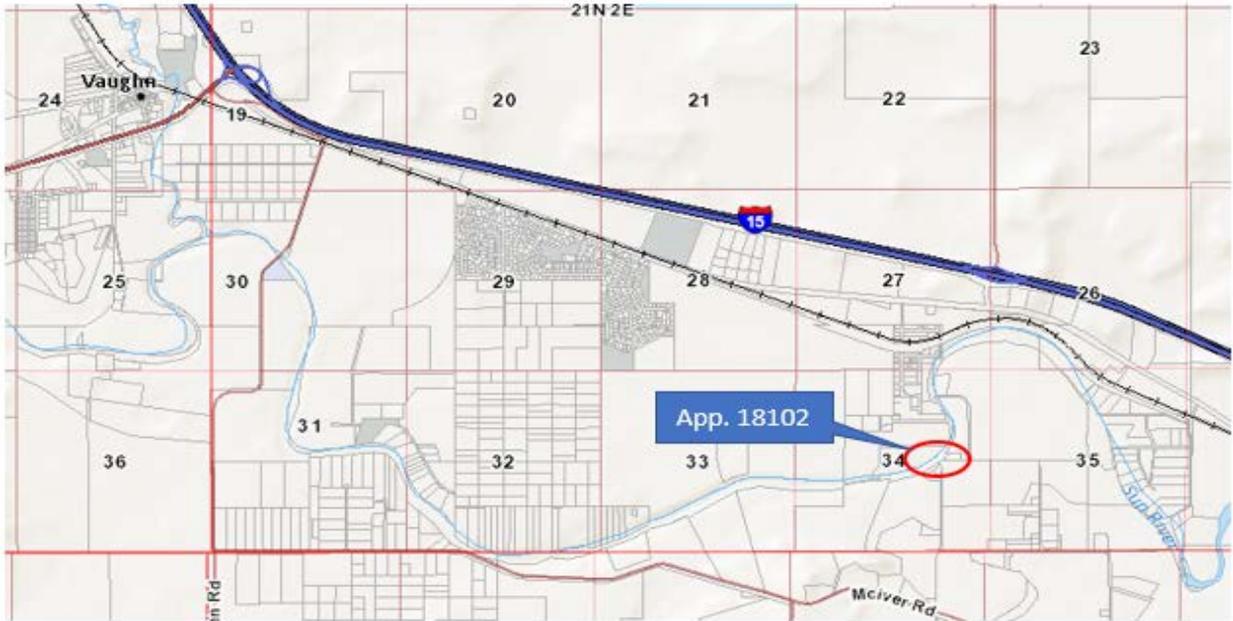
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R/W Application 18102



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18103
R/W Purpose: a buried 10-inch natural gas pipeline
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.15
Compensation: \$180.00
Legal Description: 50-foot strip across the Sun River in the SW4NE4, Sec. 34,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 1W, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

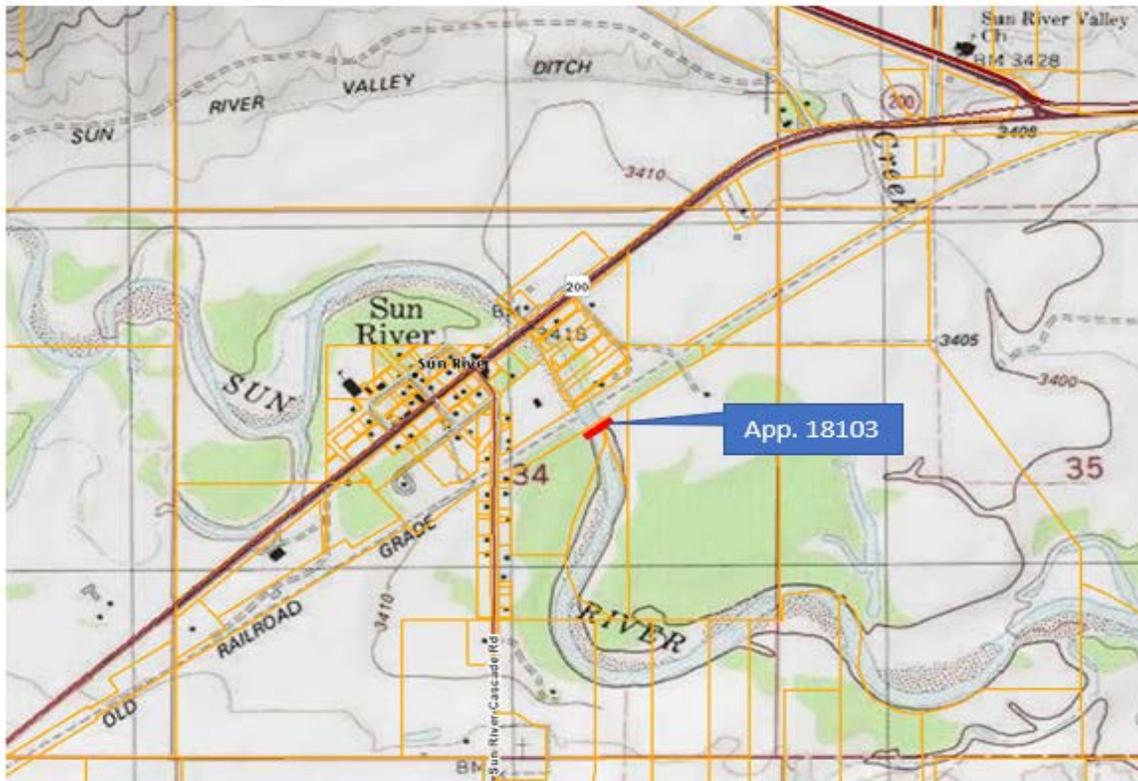
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R/W Application 18103



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18104
R/W Purpose: a buried 10-inch natural gas pipeline
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.15
Compensation: \$180.00
Legal Description: 50-foot strip across the Sun River in the SW4NE4, Sec. 34,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 1W, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

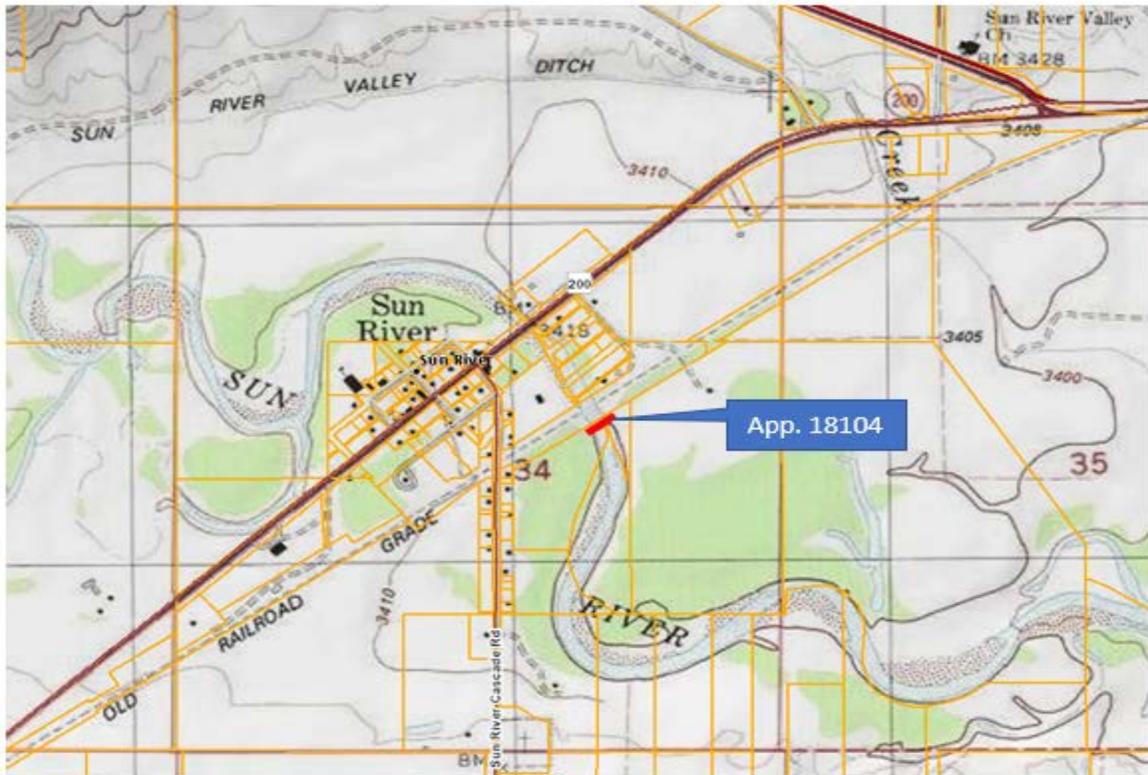
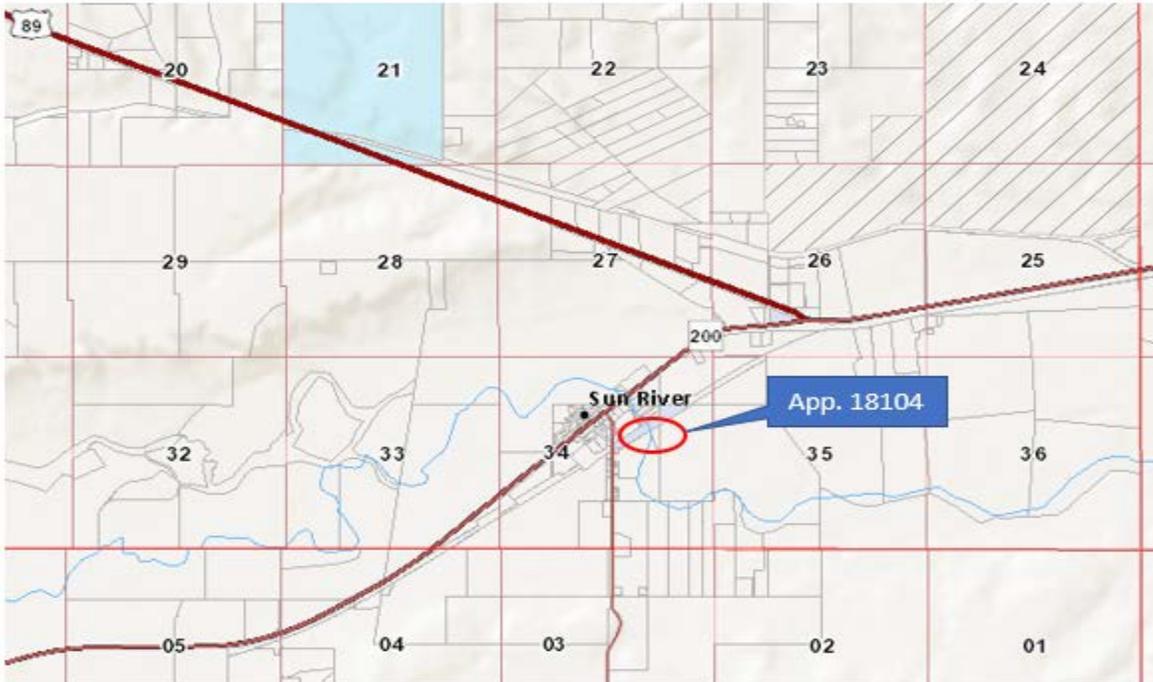
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R/W Application 18104



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18105
R/W Purpose: a buried 12-inch natural gas pipeline
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.15
Compensation: \$175.00
Legal Description: 50-foot strip across the Teton River in the SW4SE4, Sec. 17,
Twp. 25N, Rge. 3E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

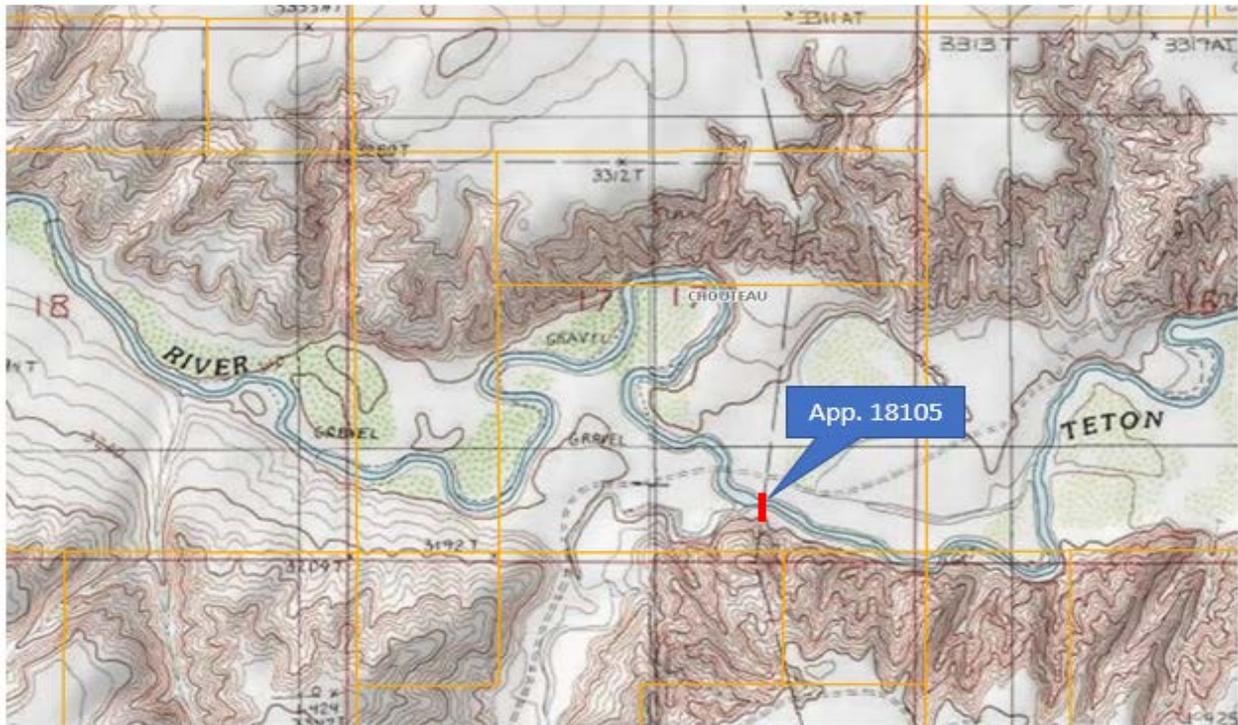
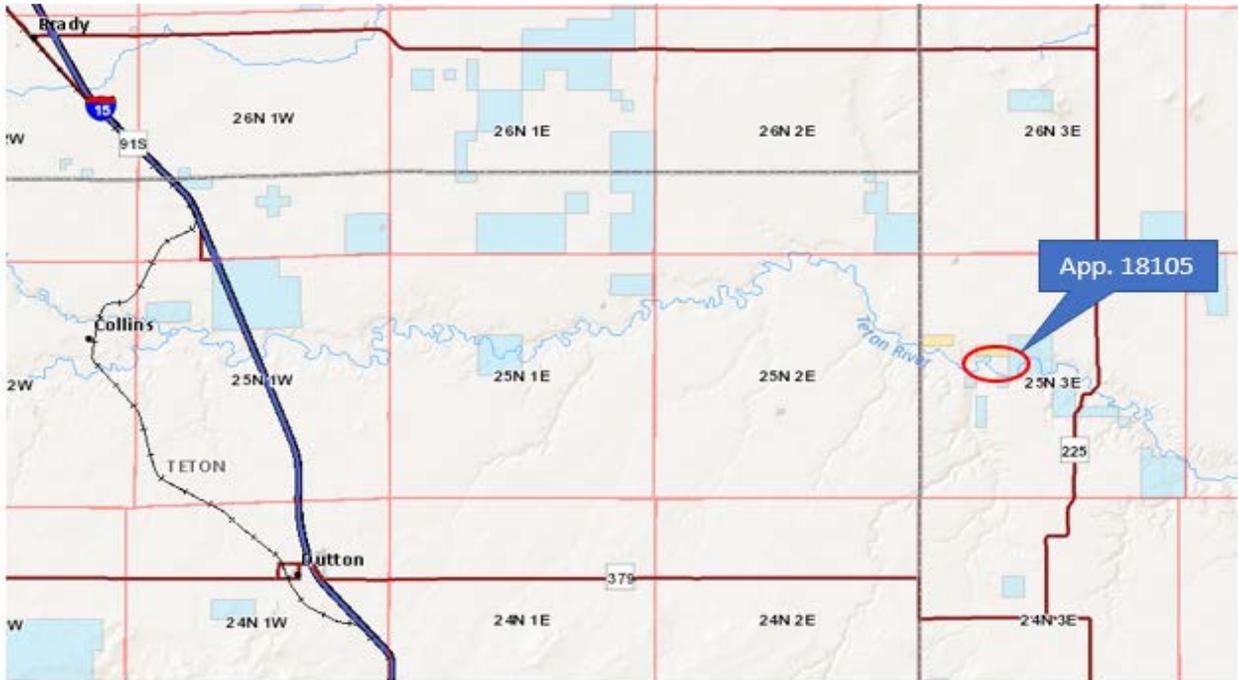
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R/W Application 18105



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18106
R/W Purpose: a buried 10-inch natural gas pipeline
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.64
Compensation: \$640.00
Legal Description: 50-foot strip through NE4NE4, Sec. 20, Twp. 25N, Rge. 3E,
Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Pine Hills School

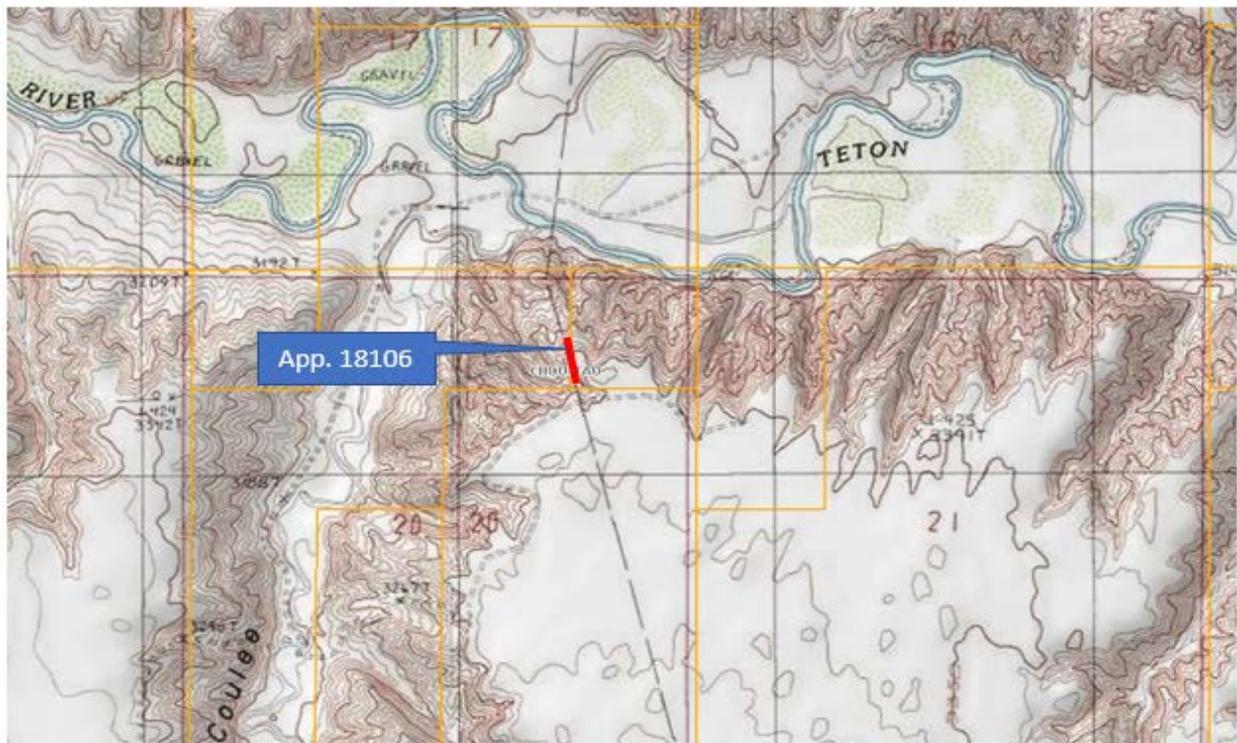
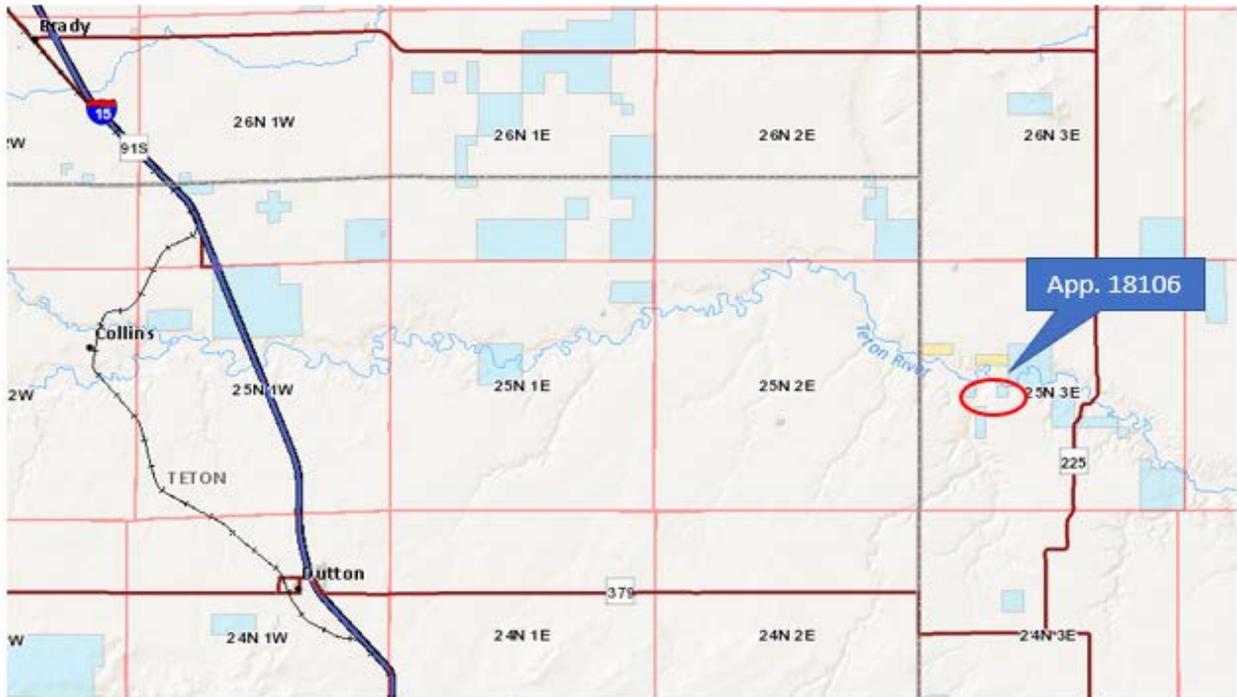
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R/W Application 18106



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18107
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.08
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Missouri River in the NE4SW4, Sec. 18,
Twp. 25N, Rge. 10E, Chouteau County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

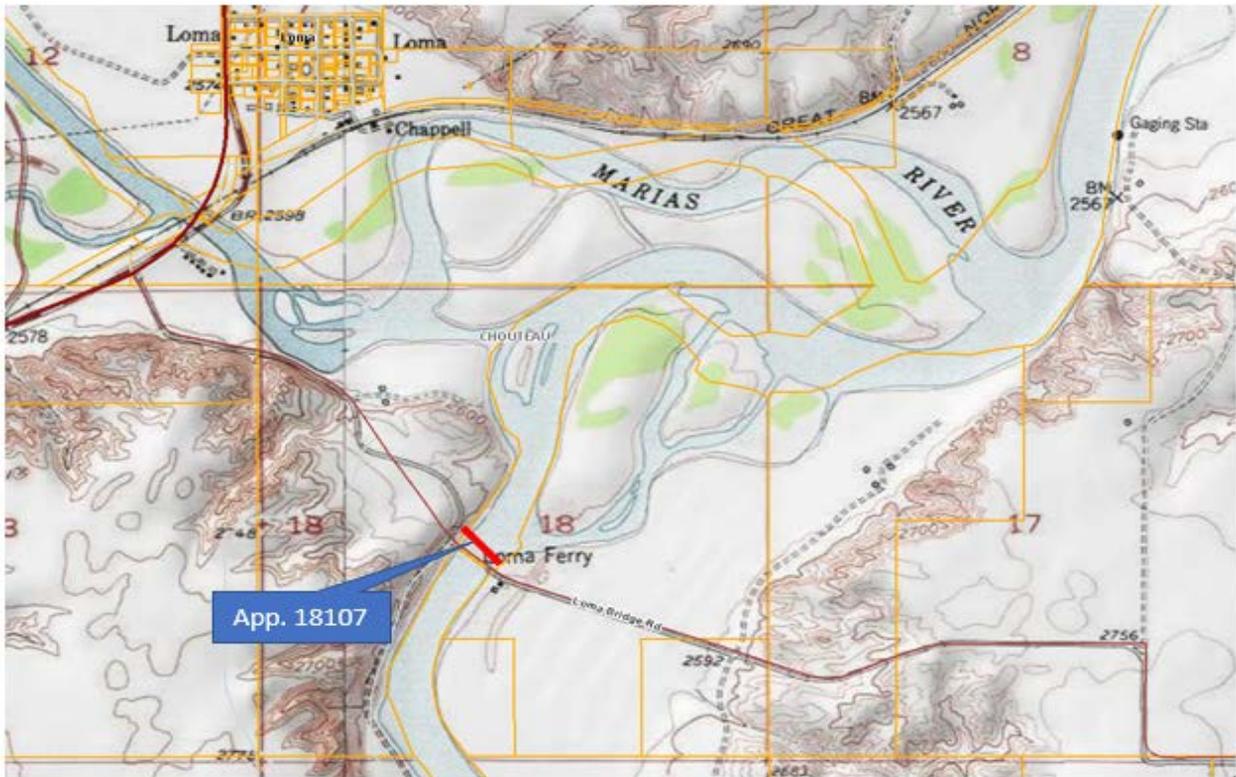
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R/W Application 18107



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18108
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12.47 kV electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.03
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 10-foot strip across the Missouri River in the SW4SE4, Sec. 17,
Twp. 21N, Rge. 5E, Cascade County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Energy
11 E. Park
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 18109
R/W Purpose: a buried 1-inch natural gas pipeline
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.10
Compensation: \$120.00
Legal Description: 20-foot strip across the Sun River in the SW4NE4, Sec. 12,
Twp. 20N, Rge. 3W, Teton & Cascade Counties
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust

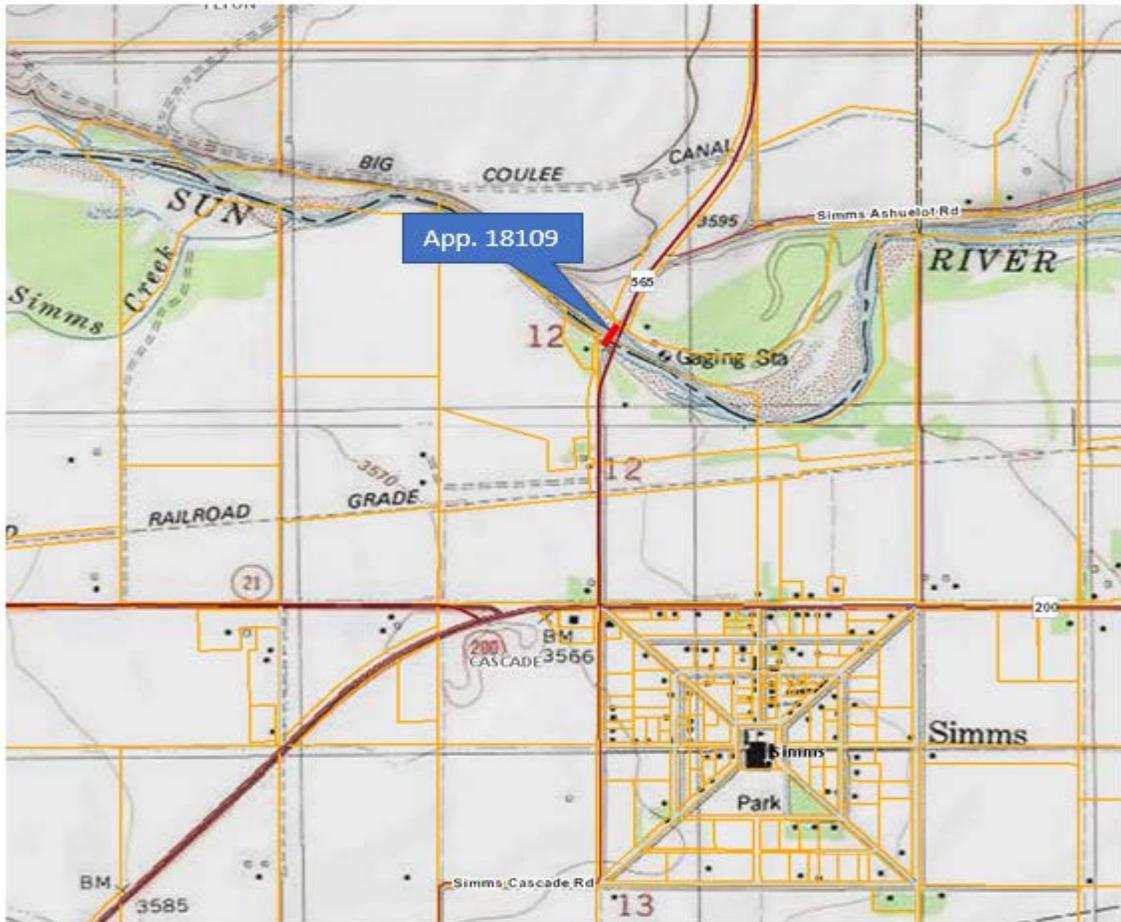
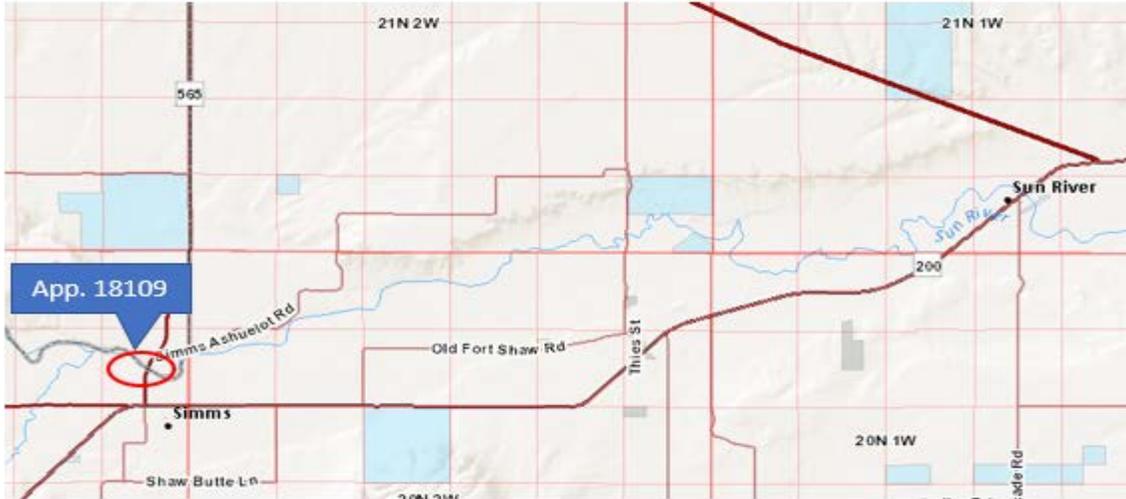
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R/W Application 18109



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	Nemont Telephone Coop Inc. PO Box 600 Scobey, MT 59263
Application No.:	18501
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	Ok
Acreage:	0.18
Compensation:	\$100.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through NE4NE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 33N, Rge. 35E, Valley County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

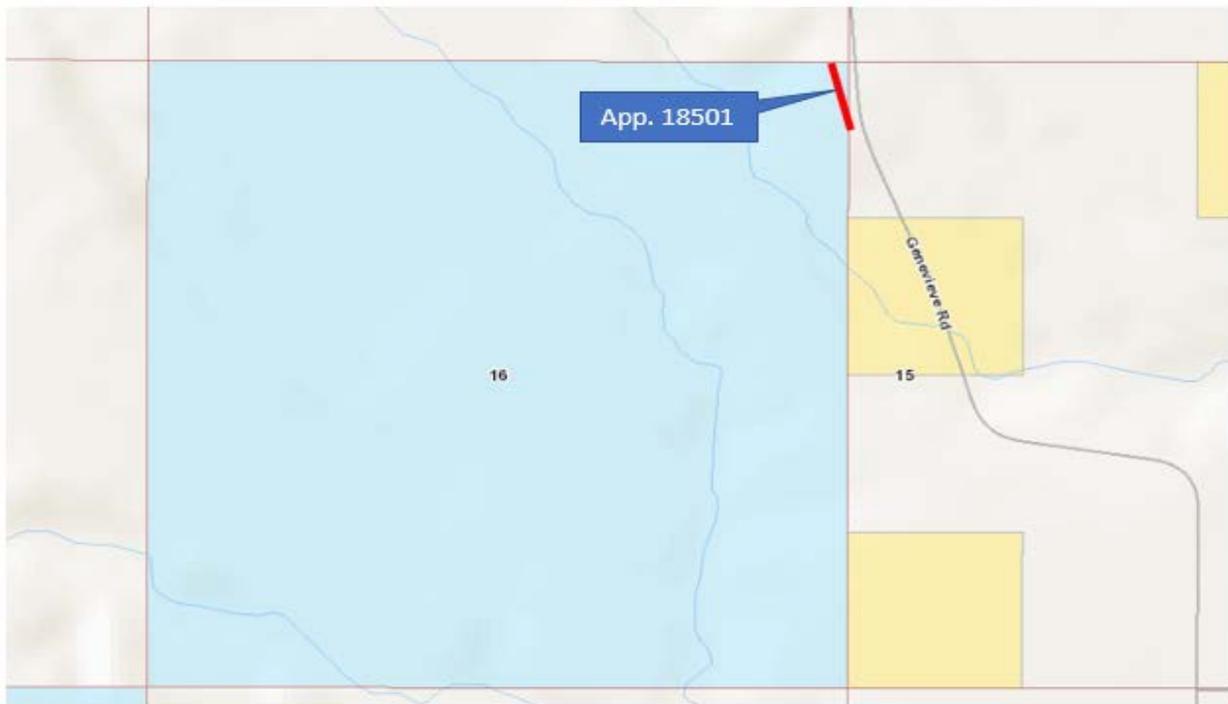
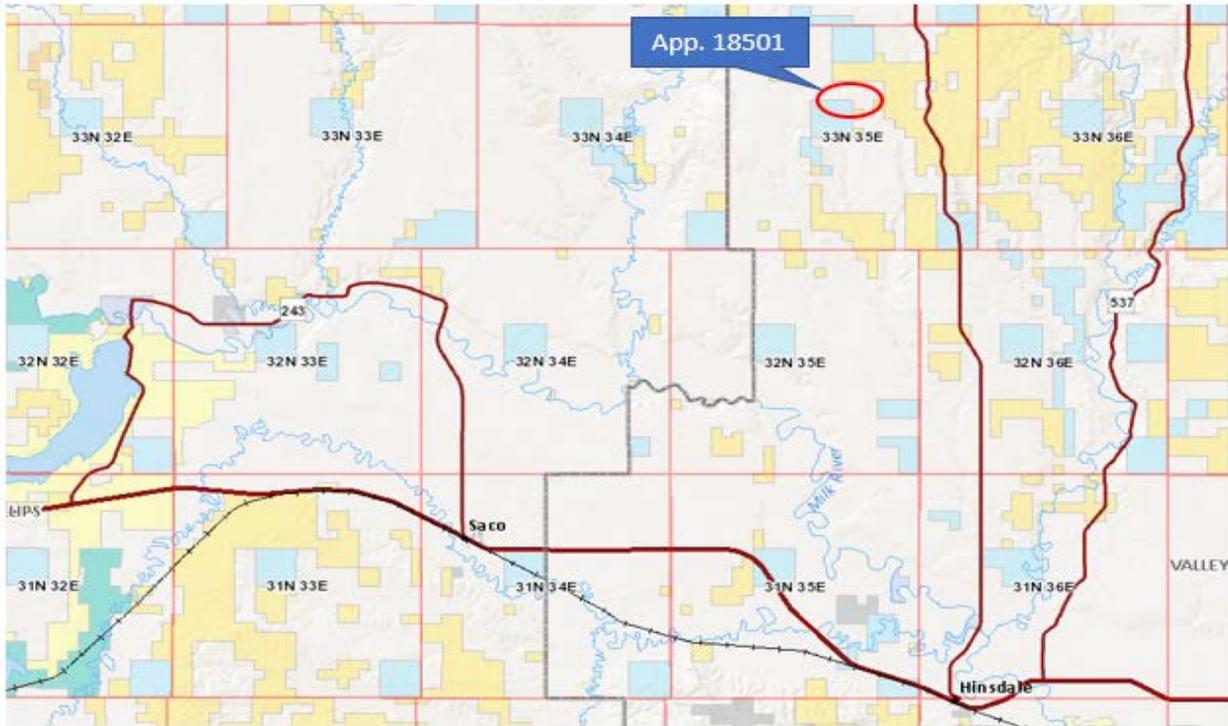
Item Summary

Nemont Telephone Cooperative is proposing to upgrade existing infrastructure in the Hinsdale service area. The fiber optic cables will provide high speed data and broadband services to rural Valley County. Installation of the fiber optic cable is mainly along existing highway right-of-way with minimal impacts expected. The State land in the project area is within General Sage Grouse Habitat as described in Executive Order 12-2015. However, the cable installation is within existing disturbance and there are no sage grouse leks within a 2 mile radius of the proposed project.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the Nemont Telephone fiber optic project.

R/W Application 18501



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Nemont Telephone Coop Inc.
PO Box 600
Scobey, MT 59263

Application No.: 18502
R/W Purpose: a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 0.93
Compensation: \$279.00
Legal Description: 20-foot strip through S2SE4, Sec. 33, Twp. 34N, Rge. 35E,
Valley County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

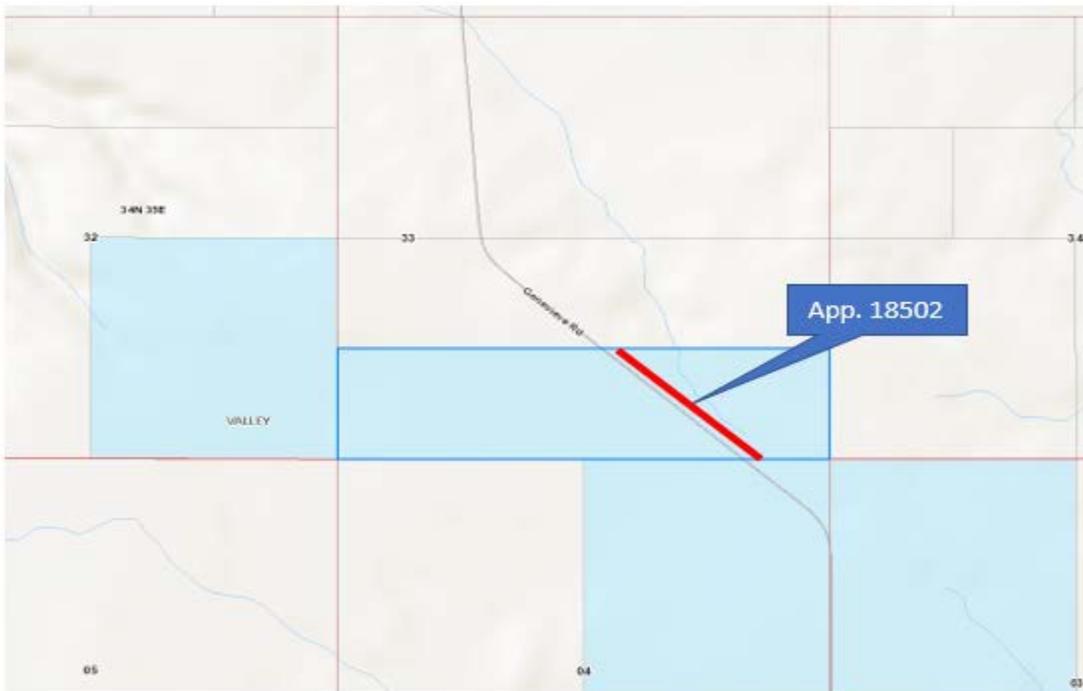
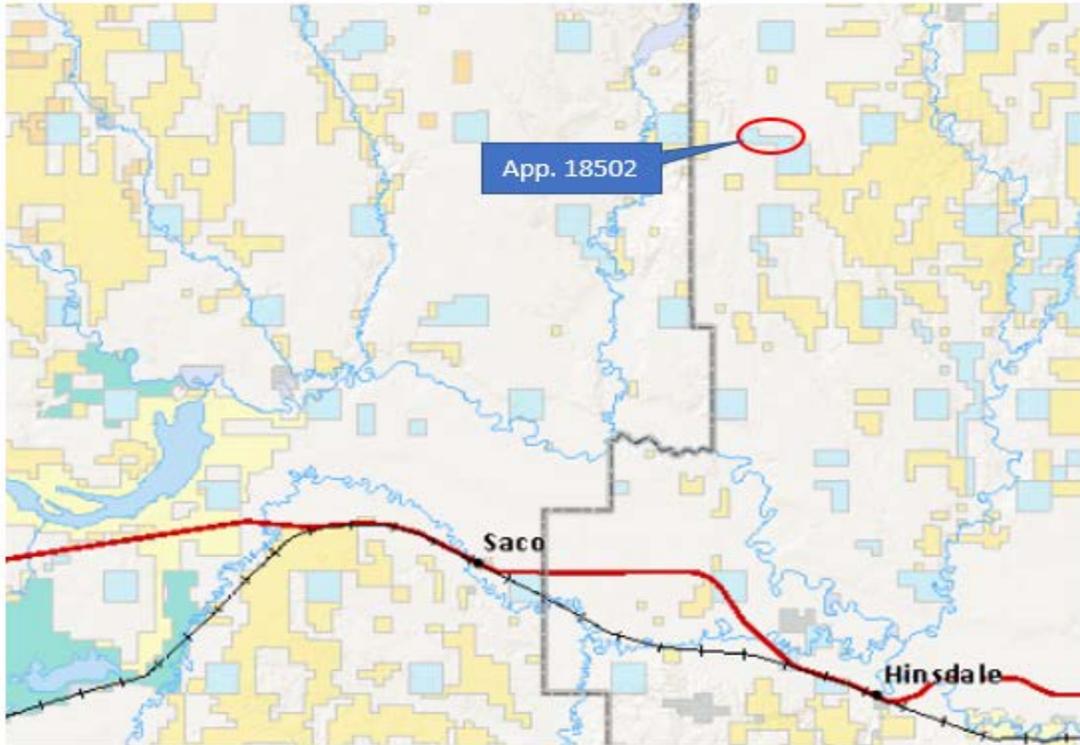
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R/W Application 18502



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Nemont Telephone Coop Inc.
PO Box 600
Scobey, MT 59263

Application No.: 18503
R/W Purpose: a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 0.65
Compensation: \$234.00
Legal Description: 20-foot strip through Gov. Lot 1 and SE4SE4, Sec. 4, Twp. 33N,
Rge. 35E, Valley County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

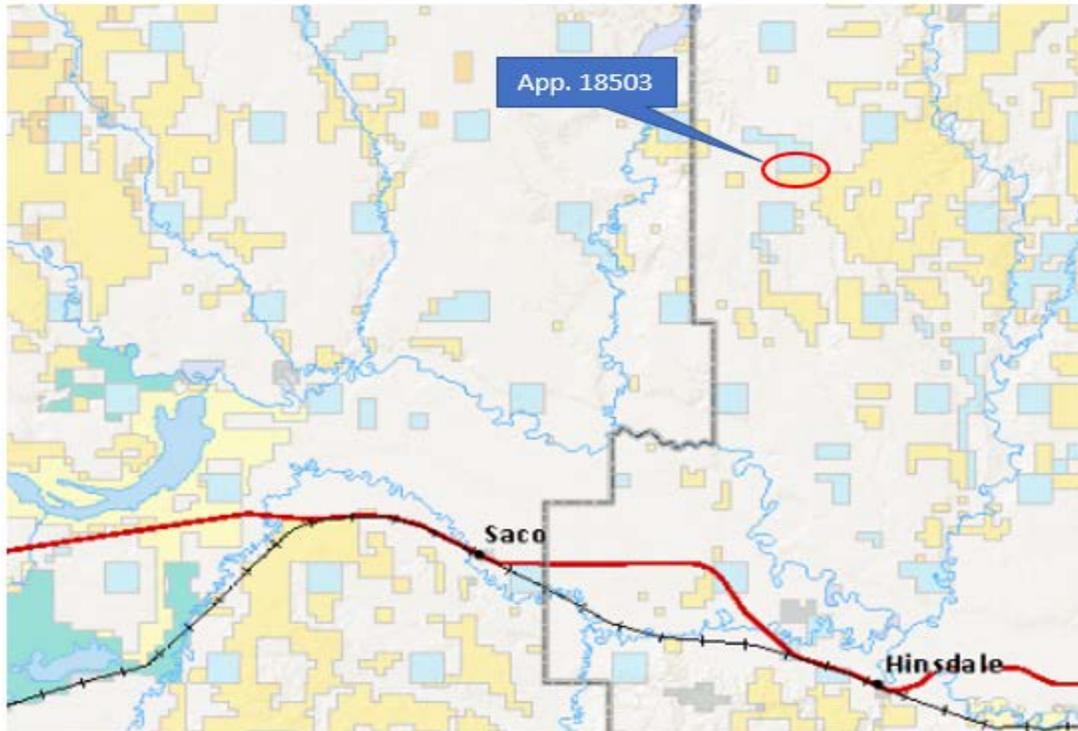
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R/W Application 18503



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Nemont Telephone Coop Inc.
PO Box 600
Scobey, MT 59263

Application No.: 18504
R/W Purpose: a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 2.03
Compensation: \$609.00
Legal Description: 20-foot strip through Gov. Lot 4 and SW4NW4, W2SW4, Sec. 3,
Twp. 33N, Rge. 35E, Valley County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

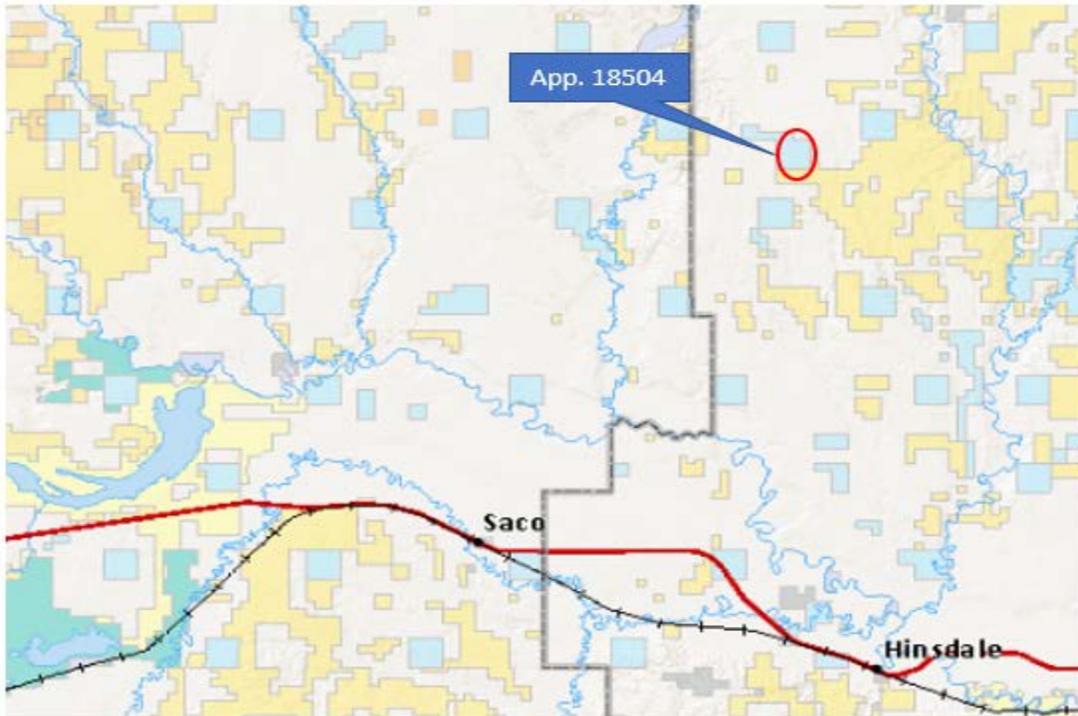
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R/W Application 18504



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative
P O Box 280
Circle, MT 59215

Application No.: 18505
R/W Purpose: a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement: Needed
Acreage: 0.84
Compensation: \$675.00
Legal Description: 16-foot strip through Gov. Lot 1 and NE4NW4, NE4NE4, Sec. 7
Twp. 6N, Rge. 24E, Musselshell County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

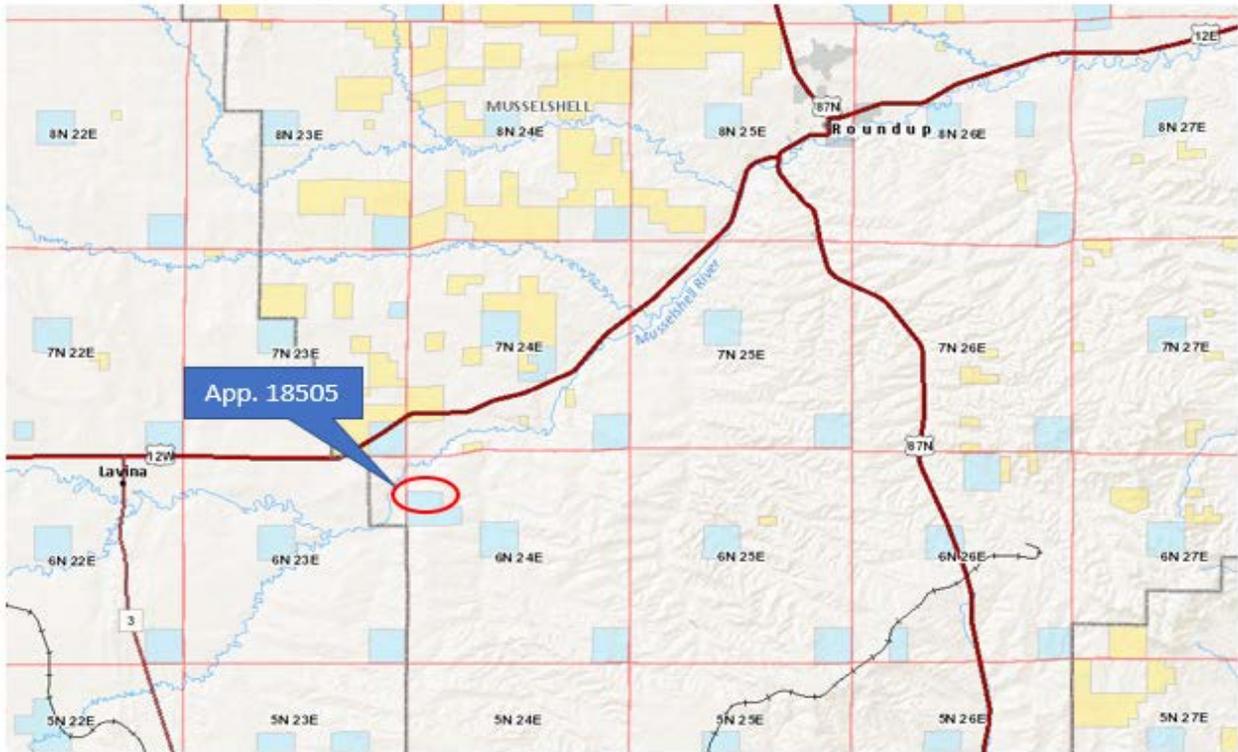
Item Summary

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative is proposing to construct additional infrastructure in the Lavina service area. The new fiber optic cables will provide high speed data and broadband services to rural Musselshell County. This project is mainly along existing road right-of-way and minimal impacts are expected.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the Mid-Rivers Telephone fiber optic project pending receipt of agreement with the State grazing lessee.

R/W Application 18505



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative 105 Seven Mile Dr. Glendive, MT 59330
Application No.:	18506
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.53
Compensation:	\$425.00
Legal Description:	16-foot strip through NW4NW4, Sec. 16, Twp. 8N, Rge. 29E, Musselshell County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

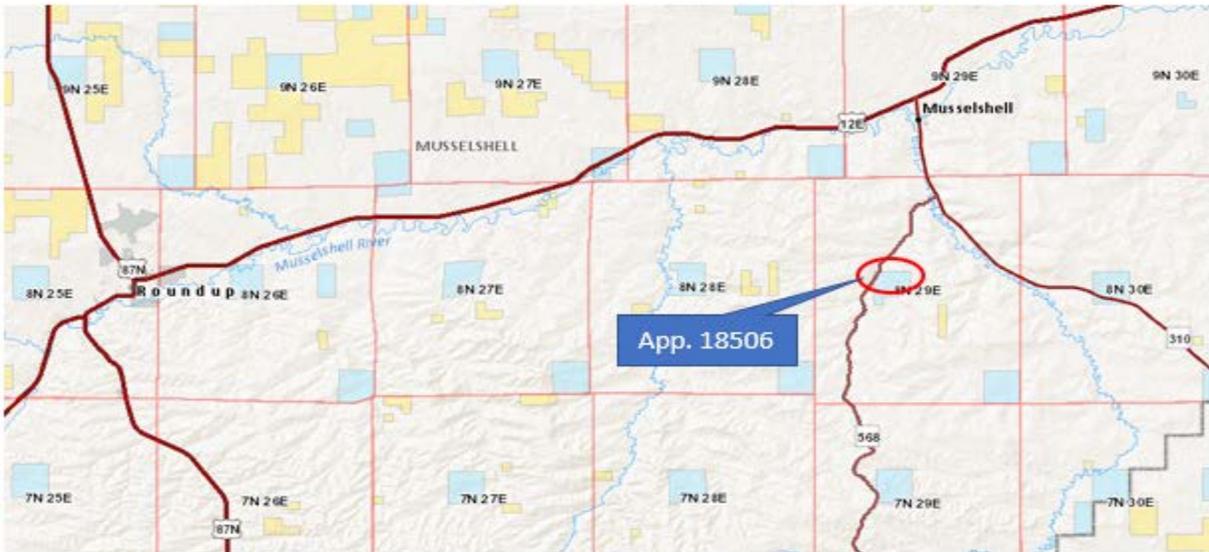
Item Summary

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative is proposing to construct additional infrastructure in the Musselshell service area. The new fiber optic cables will provide high speed data and broadband services to rural Musselshell County. This project is mainly along existing roads right-of-way and minimal impacts are expected.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the Mid-Rivers Telephone fiber optic project.

R/W Application 18506



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative
105 Seven Mile Dr.
Glendive, MT 59330

Application No.: 18507
R/W Purpose: a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 1.05
Compensation: \$1,900.00
Legal Description: 16-foot strip through NE4NW4, N2NW4, Sec. 36, Twp. 9N,
Rge. 28E, Musselshell County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

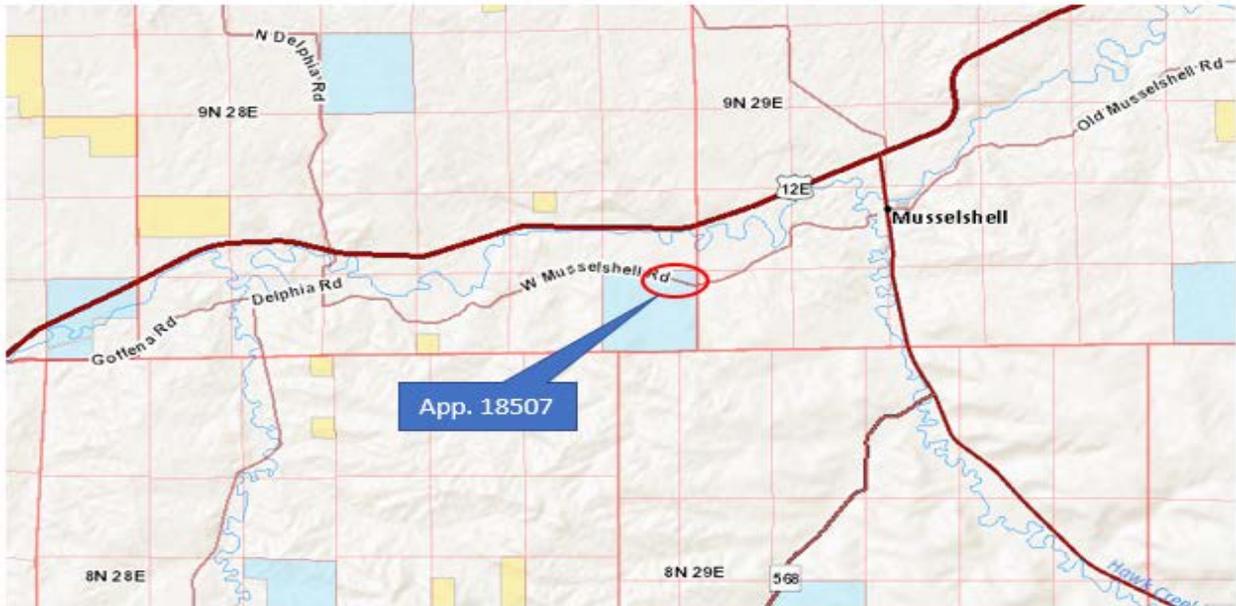
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R/W Application 18507



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative
105 Seven Mile Dr.
Glendive, MT 59330

Application No.: 18508
R/W Purpose: a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 2.23
Compensation: \$1,800.00
Legal Description: 16-foot strip through N2NW4, SE4NW4, SW4NE4, N2NE4,
Sec. 36, Twp. 9N, Rge. 27E, Musselshell County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

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R/W Application 18508



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	Montana Dakota Utilities 400 North Fourth Str. Bismark, ND 85801
Application No.:	18509
R/W Purpose:	an overhead 60kV elctrical transmission line
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	6.08
Compensation:	\$3,040.00
Legal Description:	50-Foot strip through N2N2, Sec. 36, Twp. 6N, Rge. 41E, Rosebud County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

Item Summary

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is requesting an easement to construct a new 60 kV electric transmission line across State land. The proposed transmission line will connect two electric substations for the purpose of creating a loop system so that the flow of electricity can be redirected to minimize outages caused by severe weather or planned outages for maintenance, and/or line rebuilds. Alternative routes were analyzed and determined to be unacceptable due to impacts to croplands and private landowners unwilling to sign easements because of the impact to their crops. The State land is a classified grazing parcel and the line will be located along the north section line where impacts will be minimal.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the easement for Montana Dakota Utilities Co.

R/W Application 18509

