AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
January 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 303
Helena, MT

ACTION ITEMS

0122-1  Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale  APPROVED 4-1
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Lewis and Clark County

0122-2  Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale  APPROVED 4-1
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Flathead County

0122-3  Easements:  APPROVED 5-0
Benefits: Common Schools, Public Land Trust- Nav. River
Location: Dawson, Garfield, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, & Yellowstone Counties

PUBLIC COMMENT
CABIN AND HOME SITES:
Final Approval for Sale
0122-1  Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale

| Location: | Lewis & Clark County |
| Trust Benefits: | Common Schools |
| Trust Revenue: | $55,000 |

Item Summary

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is requesting final approval for sale of one cabin site nominated for sale in Lewis & Clark County. This sale was nominated by the lessee in conjunction with the Cabin and Home Site Sale Program.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sale No.</th>
<th>Acres</th>
<th>Legal Description</th>
<th>Nominator</th>
<th>Trust</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1119</td>
<td>1.015+</td>
<td>Lot 20, Lincoln Flats, COS 3242262, Section 16, T14N-R8W</td>
<td>Marvin &amp; Judith Hagen</td>
<td>Common Schools</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The parcel is currently leased as a cabin site and produces an average income for residential leases statewide. The parcel will be sold with the access that is currently provided under their lease agreement and can be conveyed by DNRC.

Background

Preliminary Land Board approval was granted in April of 2020 (Approved 5-0), and the Land Board set the minimum bid for the land and the maximum value of compensation for the improvements at the appraised values in October of 2021 (Approved 4-1).

Cultural/Paleontological Resources:

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

Access/Recreational Use:

As part of the cabin site sale process, the State will convey any access that it has and can be conveyed to the purchaser of the cabin or home site property. Current cabin/home site access is limited to the lessee and does not provide access or recreational use to the general public. State lands classified as cabin or home sites are closed to general recreational use by the public in accordance with ARM 36.25.150(1)(a). Therefore, the State is not selling land under the cabin site sale program that the public is permitted to use for recreation. Rather, the funds generated by these sales will go towards purchasing new lands that will have dedicated public access and recreational opportunities.

Economic Analysis:

Short term – The average rates of return on this sale parcel is 3.775%. The parcel would continue to receive this return if it remained in state ownership. The income rate of return will likely grow smaller over the next 20 years, as average annual value appreciation is greater than the annual rent increase.
Long term – The funds from the sale of this parcel 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 2.91% on acquisitions, with income generated from annual lease payments. However, the rates of return on land acquired more recently have been higher, ranging from 3.54% on acquisitions purchased within the last three years to 3.21% for lands acquired within the last ten years.

**Appraised Values of Land and Improvements:**
The appraisal was prepared by Montana General Certified Appraiser Thomas A. Faulkner of Creekstone Appraisal Services, Inc. in Stevensville, Montana.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sale Nos.</th>
<th>Appraised Land Value</th>
<th>Appraised Improvements Value</th>
<th>Final Sale Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1119</td>
<td>$ 55,000</td>
<td>$ 162,000</td>
<td>$ 55,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Sale Price**
The cabin site was sold at public auction on December 13, 2021. There was one qualified bidder for the sale who was the current lessee. The site sold for the final sale price listed above.

**DNRC Recommendation**
The director recommends the Land Board grant final approval for the sale of this cabin site at the value shown above.
0122-2

CABIN AND HOME SITES:

Set Minimum Bid for Sale
The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is requesting to set the minimum bid for two (2) cabin sites nominated for sale in Flathead County. These sales were nominated by the lessees in conjunction with the Cabin and Home Site Sale Program. In April 2020, the Board granted preliminary approval (Approved 5-0) for these sites to be included as part of the 2020-2021 Cabin Site Sales Program.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sale No.</th>
<th>Acres</th>
<th>Legal Description</th>
<th>Nominator</th>
<th>Trust</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1142</td>
<td>1.318+</td>
<td>Lot 5, McGregor Lake, COS 19909 T26N-R25W, Section 16</td>
<td>Mark Rugland</td>
<td>Common Schools</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1144</td>
<td>1.231+</td>
<td>Lot 21, McGregor Lake, COS 19909 T26N-R25W, Section 16</td>
<td>Chris Neater</td>
<td>Common Schools</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

**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 disturbed over the course of many years of occupation and development. These sales will have no effect to state-owned heritage properties.

**Access/Recreational Use:**
As part of the cabin site sale process, the State will convey any access that it has and can be conveyed to the purchaser of the cabin or home site property. Current cabin/home site access is limited to the lessee and does not provide access or recreational use to the general public. State lands classified as cabin or home sites are closed to general recreational use by the public in accordance with ARM 36.25.150(1)(a). Therefore, the State is not selling land under the cabin site sale program that the public is permitted to use for recreation. Rather, the funds generated by these sales will go towards purchasing new lands that will have dedicated public access and recreational opportunities.

**Economic Analysis:**
Short term – The average rates of return on these sale parcels are as shown in Figure 1. The parcels will continue to receive these returns if they remain in state ownership. The income rates of return will likely grow smaller over the next 20 years, as
average annual value appreciation is greater than the annual rent increase, as shown in Figures 2 and 3 below.

**Figure 1: Rates of Return at Current Appraised Values**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sale No.</th>
<th>Rate of Return</th>
<th>Sale No.</th>
<th>Rate of Return</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1142</td>
<td>1.547%</td>
<td>1144</td>
<td>1.860%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Figure 2: Sale 1142 - Review of Past Income and Values; Forecast Income and Values**

**Figure 3: Sale 1144 - Review of Past Income and Values; Forecast Income and Values**

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 2.91% on acquisitions, with income generated from annual lease payments. However, the rates of return on land acquired more recently have been higher, ranging from 3.54% on acquisitions purchased within the last three years to 3.21% for lands acquired within the last ten years. Figure 4 shows hypothetical lot values derived from the 3-year average net revenue of the current lease, at a sample range of income rates of return that could be anticipated when the sale proceeds are used for a land banking acquisition.
### Figure 4: Lot Values derived from 3-year Average Net Income at Sample Rate of Return

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sale Number</th>
<th>Rate of Return at Current Appraised Value for Land</th>
<th>Average Rate of Return on all Land Banking Acquisitions within the last 3 years</th>
<th>Average Rate of Return on Land Banking Acquisitions within the last 5 years</th>
<th>Average Rate of Return on Land Banking Acquisitions within the last 10 years</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Income Rate of Return Various (see Figure 1)</td>
<td>2.91%</td>
<td>3.54%</td>
<td>3.16%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1142</td>
<td>Derived Lot Value $400,000 $212,645 $174,801 $195,822 $192,772</td>
<td>$174,801 $195,822 $192,772</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1144</td>
<td>Derived Lot Value $424,000 $271,071 $222,829 $249,625 $245,737</td>
<td>$222,829 $249,625 $245,737</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Appraised Values of Land and Improvements:

The appraisals were prepared by Montana General Certified Appraiser Elliott M. Clark, MAI, of Clark Real Estate Appraisal in Whitefish.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sale Nos.</th>
<th>Appraised Land Value</th>
<th>Appraised Improvements Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1142</td>
<td>$400,000</td>
<td>$165,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1144</td>
<td>$424,000</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 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.
0122-3  **Easements:**

**Location:** Dawson, Garfield, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, & Yellowstone Counties

**Trust Benefits:** Common Schools, Public Land Trust - Nav. River

**Trust Revenue:**
- Common Schools = $29,376
- Public Land Trust = $9,255

---

### Item Table of Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Applicant</th>
<th>Right-of-Way Purpose</th>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Page(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc</td>
<td>Buried Communications Line</td>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>18-19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NorthWestern Corporation</td>
<td>Buried 8” Natural Gas Pipeline</td>
<td>30-Year Term</td>
<td>20-21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fergus Electric Cooperative, Inc.</td>
<td>Buried Electrical Distribution</td>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>22-23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NorthWestern Corporation</td>
<td>Buried Electrical Distribution</td>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>24-25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grue Ranch, Inc.</td>
<td>Private Access Road</td>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>26-29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edward Wallace Hall Trust</td>
<td>Private Access Road</td>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>30-32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cross Four Cattle, LLC</td>
<td>Private Access Road</td>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>33-36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cherry Creek Ranch</td>
<td>Private Access Road</td>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>37-38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WSC Livestock, Inc.</td>
<td>Private Access Road</td>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>39-40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Garfield County Commissioners</td>
<td>Public County Road</td>
<td>Permanent</td>
<td>41-43</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc  
2121 US HWY 2 NW  
Havre, MT 59501

Application No.: 11474 (Amended)  
R/W Purpose: two buried telecommunications lines  
Lessee Agreement: ok  
Acreage: 1.85  
Compensation: $4,802.00  
Legal Description: 10-Foot strip through NE4, NW4SE4, N2SW4, SW4SW4, Sec. 16,  
Twp. 2S, Rge. 15E, Sweet Grass County  
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

Item Summary

Triangle Telephone Cooperative is requesting to amend an existing easement in rural Sweet Grass County to place a new fiber optic cable within an existing corridor that currently holds a copper telephone cable. The corridor is located along an existing roadway and minimal impacts are anticipated. The existing easement was issued in 2001 for a 20-foot-wide corridor and Triangle Telephone has agreed to reduce the width to 10 feet wide. This will be consistent with the application of NorthWestern Corporation (19156) to co-exist within the same corridor. As a result of the reduction in width and amendment of the previous easement, a credit of $743 paid in 2001 has been applied to this amendment application. This easement will provide upgraded services to a customer. The existing copper cable will be left in place to serve as an emergency back-up if needed. This application is amended to comply with NorthWestern Corporations Application 19156.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of Triangle Telephone Cooperative.
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: NorthWestern Corporation
11 East Park St.
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 19138
R/W Purpose: a buried 8" natural gas pipeline
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 0.80
Compensation: $9,255.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip across the Yellowstone River between Gov. Lot 6 and Gov. Lot 2, Sec. 15, Twp. 2S, Rge. 24E, Yellowstone County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust - Nav. River

Item Summary

NorthWestern Corporation is requesting approval for a minor amendment to the pipeline alignment for an easement that was approved by the Land Board at the October 18, 2021.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the relocation requested by NorthWestern Corporation.
R/W Application 19138

App 19138

App 19138
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Fergus Electric Cooperative Inc.
84423 US Hwy 87
Lewistown, MT 59457

Application No.: 19154
R/W Purpose: a buried electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 0.84
Compensation: $1,092.00
Legal Description: 30-Foot strip through NW4NW4, Sec. 36, Twp. 11N, Rge. 18E, Wheatland County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

Item Summary

Fergus Electric Cooperative is proposing to install a new underground electric distribution line extension to a customer in rural Wheatland County. This new extension will start from the closest existing electric facility and run approximately 1.6 miles, of which ¼ mile is on State Land. The route will parallel an existing roadway to avoid environmental concerns with other, longer routes in this remote area.

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of Fergus Electric Cooperative.
R/W Application 19154
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Applicant: NorthWestern Corporation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11 East Park St.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Butte, MT 59701</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Application No.: 19156</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>R/W Purpose: a buried electrical distribution line</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lessee Agreement: ok</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Acreage: 1.85</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compensation: $5,544.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legal Description: 10-foot strip through NE4, NW4SE4, N2SW4, SW4SW4, Sec. 16, Twp. 2S, Rge. 15E, Sweet Grass County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Item Summary**

NorthWestern Corporation is requesting an easement to co-locate an electrical service line with a fiber optic cable within an existing road corridor in rural Sweet Grass County. This easement is associated with the application of Triangle Telephone Cooperative (11474 Amended) to provide service to a customer.

**DNRC Recommendation**

The director recommends approval of the application of NorthWestern Corporation.
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Grue Ranch, Inc  
PO Box 216  
Terry, MT 59349

Application No.: 19157  
R/W Purpose: a private access road to conduct normal farming and ranching operations

Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)  
Acreage: 3.33  
Compensation: $1,499.00  
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through N2N2, Sec. 36, Twp. 14N, Rge.49E, Prairie County  
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

Item Summary

Grue Ranch, Inc has made application for the use of an existing road to conduct normal farming and ranching activities. The road has been in place for many years and authorization for continued use is being requested pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA, which allows for recognition of such historic access. The State Land is legally accessible by a state secondary highway, therefore reciprocal access is unnecessary. The private property of applicant to be accessed is described as:

- ALL: Sec. 25, Twp. 14N, Rge. 49E, Prairie County

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of the Grue Ranch, Inc.
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Grue Ranch, Inc
PO Box 216
Terry, MT 59349

Application No.: 19158
R/W Purpose: a private access road to conduct normal farming and ranching operations
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 1.06
Compensation: $477.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through SW4NE4, NW4SE4, Sec. 14, Twp. 14N, Rge. 49E, Prairie County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

Item Summary

Grue Ranch, Inc has made application for the use of an existing road to conduct normal farming and ranching activities. The road has been in place for many years and authorization for continued use is being requested pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA, which allows for recognition of such historic access. The State Land is legally accessible for walk-in recreation as it borders lands managed by BLM that are accessible via a county road, therefore reciprocal access is unnecessary. The private property of applicant to be accessed is described as:

- NE4SE4: Sec. 14, Twp. 14N, Rge. 49E, Prairie County

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of the Grue Ranch, Inc.
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Edward Wallace Hall Trust
698 HWY 37
Nogal, NM 88341

Application No.: 19159
R/W Purpose: a private access road to conduct normal farming and ranching operations
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 2.57
Compensation: $900.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through SE4SW4, S2SE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 24N, Rge. 51E, Richland County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

Item Summary

Edward Wallace Hall Trust has made application for the use of an existing road to conduct normal farming and ranching activities. The road has been in place for many years and authorization for continued use is being requested pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA, which allows for recognition of such historic access. The State Land is not legally accessible and there is no opportunity to reciprocate access due to other private landownerships that would need to be crossed to get to the nearest public road. The private property of applicant to be accessed is described as:

- ALL: Sec. 15, Twp. 24N, Rge. 51E, Richland County
- N2: Sec. 22, Twp. 24N, Rge. 51E, Richland County

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of the Edward Wallace Hall Trust.
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Edward Wallace Hall Trust
698 HWY 37
Nogal, NM 88341

Application No.: 19160
R/W Purpose: a private access road to conduct normal farming and ranching operations
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 4.28
Compensation: $1,498.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through S2SW4, SW4SE4, N2SE4, Sec. 20, Twp. 24N, Rge. 51E, Richland County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

Item Summary

Edward Wallace Hall Trust has made application for the use of an existing road to conduct normal farming and ranching activities. The road has been in place for many years and authorization for continued use is being requested pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA, which allows for recognition of such historic access. The State Land is not legally accessible and there is no opportunity to reciprocate access due to other private landownerships that would need to be crossed to get to the nearest public road. The private property of applicant to be accessed is described as:

- ALL: Sec. 19, Twp. 24N, Rge. 51E, Richland County
- ALL: Sec. 30, Twp. 24N, Rge. 51E, Richland County

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of the Edward Wallace Hall Trust.
### APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

| Applicant:            | Cross Four Cattle, LLC  
|                      | PO Box 70  
|                      | Miles City, MT 59301  
| Application No.:     | 19161  
| R/W Purpose:         | a private access road to conduct normal farming and ranching operations  
| Lessee Agreement:    | N/A (Historic)  
| Acreage:             | 3.90  
| Compensation:        | $1,755.00  
| Legal Description:   | 30-foot strip through N2NE4, SE4NE4, E2SE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 10N, Rge. 39E, Rosebud County  
| Trust Beneficiary:   | Common Schools  

### Item Summary

Cross Four Cattle, LLC has made application for the use of an existing road to conduct normal farming and ranching activities. The road has been in place for many years and authorization for continued use is being requested pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA, which allows for recognition of such historic access. The State Land is not legally accessible, although it is adjacent to BLM properties that may have legal access. The private property of applicant to be accessed is described as:

- ALL: Sec. 9, Twp. 10N, Rge. 39E, Rosebud County

### DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of the Cross Four Cattle, LLC
**APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION**

| Applicant:          | Cross Four Cattle, LLC  
|                    | PO Box 70  
|                    | Miles City, MT 59301  
| Application No.:   | 19162  
| R/W Purpose:       | a private access road to conduct normal farming and ranching operations  
| Lessee Agreement:  | N/A (Historic)  
| Acreage:           | 5.11  
| Compensation:      | $2,300.00  
| Legal Description: | 30-foot strip through NW4NW4, S2NW4, SW4NE4, N2SE4, SE4SE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 9N, Rge. 40E, Rosebud County  
| Trust Beneficiary: | Common Schools  

**Item Summary**

Cross Four Cattle, LLC has made application for the use of an existing road to conduct normal farming and ranching activities. The road has been in place for many years and authorization for continued use is being requested pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA, which allows for recognition of such historic access. The State Land is not legally accessible and access to the nearest public road 2 miles away would be through a different landowner than applicant. Therefore reciprocal access is not an available option. The private property of applicant to be accessed is described as:

- **ALL**: Sec. 9, Twp. 9N, Rge. 40E, Rosebud County

**DNRC Recommendation**

The director recommends approval of the application of the Cross Four Cattle, LLC
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Cherry Creek Ranch
PO Box 956
Terry, MT 59349-0956

Application No.: 19163
R/W Purpose: a private access road to conduct normal farming and ranching operations
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 2.21
Compensation: $995.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through NE4SW4, NW4SE4, S2SE4, Sec. 34,
                 Twp. 14N, Rge. 48E, Prairie County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

Item Summary

Cherry Creek Ranch has made application for the use of an existing road to conduct normal farming and ranching activities. The road has been in place for many years and authorization for continued use is being requested pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA, which allows for recognition of such historic access. The State Land is not legally accessible, with the nearest public access more than 2 miles to the south. A reciprocal access opportunity is not an available option. The private property of applicant to be accessed is described as:

- N2: Sec. 34, Twp. 14N, Rge. 48E, Prairie County
- ALL: Sec. 3, Twp. 13N, Rge. 48E, Prairie County

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of the Cherry Creek Ranch
APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: WSC Livestock, Inc.
610 Road 118
Wibaux, MT 59353

Application No.: 19164
R/W Purpose: a private access road to conduct normal farming and ranching operations
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Historic)
Acreage: 6.57
Compensation: $3,942.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through E2NW4, N2NE4, NE4SW4, S2SW4, Sec. 16, Twp. 14N, Rge. 57E, Dawson County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

Item Summary

WSC Livestock, Inc. has made application for the use of an existing road to conduct normal farming and ranching activities. The road has been in place for many years and authorization for continued use is being requested pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA, which allows for recognition of such historic access. The State Land is not legally accessible, with the nearest public access point over 6 miles to the southwest. Therefore, reciprocal access is not an available option. The private property of applicant to be accessed is described as:

- ALL: Sec. 9, Twp. 14N, Rge. 57E, Dawson County
- ALL: Sec. 15, Twp. 14N, Rge. 57E, Dawson County
- ALL: Sec. 21, Twp. 14N, Rge. 57E, Dawson County

DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of the WSC Livestock, Inc.
## Item Summary

Garfield County has made application for this county road that was constructed on state lands many years ago without proper authorization from the Land Board. Pursuant to §77-1-130, MCA the county is requesting recognition of this road as a historic right of way.

## DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of Garfield County.