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To All Interested Parties;

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has received application for right of way easements from Oneok Elk Creek Pipeline LLC. (Oneok) to cross 11 tracts of state owned trust land in Wibaux, Fallon and Carter County. These easement applications are regarding the proposed Oneok Elk Creek Pipeline. The total easement length applied for across State Trust Land is approximately 3166.41 rods or 9.9 miles with an encompassed acreage of 59.97 acres.

The proposed Oneok Elk Creek pipeline is a 20" diameter pipeline that would transport natural gas liquids from the proponents existing terminal in Richland County, Montana to a delivery point near Bushton, Kansas. The total length of the proposed pipeline in Montana is approximately 187.6 miles.

State Trust Land pipeline easements require the pipeline structure to be placed below plow depth. The surface disturbance of the proposed pipeline shall be reclaimed and reseeded to a native seed mixture upon completion of construction. All revenues from the sale of right of way easements are returned to the individual trusts associated with the tract. Trust beneficiaries affected by these proposed easements is all Common Schools K-12 Education.

We are currently conducting an analysis under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), of the potential impacts that may occur because of the Oneok Elk Creek Pipeline easements. The analysis will be completed for all state-owned trust land tracts under consideration prior to presenting the easement requests to the State Board of Land Commissioners for final approval.

DNRC is seeking comments under MEPA regarding the proposed issuance of easements across these tracts for the Oneok Elk Creek Pipeline. Additional information on the Montana State Trust Lands easement process is available on the DNRC website at:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/real-estate/rights-of-way-easements>

Written comments will be considered if received no later than **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. If you have further questions call (406) 232-2034, write DNRC Eastern Land Office, P.O. Box 1794, Miles City, MT 59301 or e-mail [saye@mt.gov](mailto:saye@mt.gov).

**Tracts included in proposed Oneok Elk Creek Pipeline easement application are listed as follows:**

**Wibaux County**

T19N-R60E-Sec 34; Lots 1,2,3,4, SW4NE4, W2SE4  
T17N-R60E-Sec 16; All  
T16N-R60E-Sec 16; All  
T15N-R59E-Sec 34; NE4  
T12N-R59E-Sec 16; All

**Fallon County**

T4N-R60E-Sec 34; N2, S2  
T3N-R60E-Sec 3; Lots 1,2,3,4, S2N2, S2  
T3N-R60E-Sec 10; All

**Carter County**

T1S-R60E-Sec 16; All  
T2S-R60E-Sec 16; All  
T6S-R62E-Sec 16; All

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Aye".

Scott Aye  
DNRC-ELO Land Program Manager