

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Mazurek Justice Building, Supreme Court Chambers**  
**Helena, MT**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**0321-1    Timber Sales    **APPROVED 5-0****

**A. Hart Creek**

*Benefits: Common Schools*

*Location: Ravalli County*

**B. Stryker Bull**

*Benefits: Common Schools*

*Location: Flathead, Lincoln Counties*

**0321-2    Oil and Gas Lease Sale (March 2, 2021)    **APPROVED 5-0****

*Benefits: Common Schools, Public Land Trust- Navigable Rivers*

*Location: Richland, Rosebud, & Treasure Counties*

**0321-3    Land Banking Parcels: Preliminary Approval for Sale    **APPROVED 5-0****

*Benefits: Common Schools*

*Location: Rosebud County*

**0321-4    Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale    **APPROVED 4-1****  
****Auditor Downing Opposed****

*Benefits: University of Montana*

*Location: Gallatin County*

**0321-5    Easements    **APPROVED 5-0****

*Benefits: Common Schools, Public Land Trust- Navigable Rivers*

*Location: Flathead, Garfield, Golden Valley, Liberty, Phillips, Ravalli, Richland, & Yellowstone Counties*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**



# 0321-1

TIMBER SALES:

A. Hart Creek

B. Stryker Bull





**Land Board Agenda Item  
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**0321-1A Timber Sale: Hart Creek**

**Location:** Ravalli County  
Section 3, T2N, R19W

**Trust Beneficiaries:** Common Schools

**Trust Revenue:** \$92,630 (estimated, minimum bid)

**Item Summary**

**Location:** The Hart Creek Timber Sale is located approximately 12 miles southeast of Darby, MT.

**Size and Scope:** The sale includes 2 harvest units (*250 acres*) of tractor logging.

**Volume:** The estimated harvest volume is 6,196 tons (*706 MBF*) of sawlogs.

**Estimated Return:** The minimum bid is \$14.95 per ton, which would generate approximately \$92,630 for the Common Schools Trust and approximately \$17,100 in Forest Improvement fees.

**Prescription:** This sale has a harvest prescription of shelterwood and seed tree harvest prescriptions designed to reduce insect and disease issues and to promote forest health.

**Road Construction/Maintenance:** The Department of Natural resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 0 miles of new permanent road construction, 1.26 miles of road reconstruction, and 3.7 miles of road maintenance.

**Access:** Access is obtained through the Two Percent Reciprocal Access Agreement with the United States Forest Service.

**Public Comments:** No public comments were received.

**DNRC Recommendation**





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

# State Trust Land Vicinity Map Hamilton Unit

HART CREEK VICINITY MAP

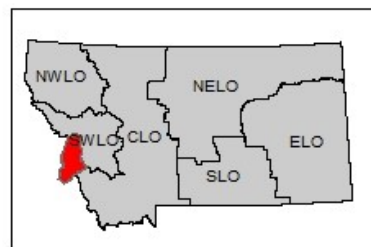
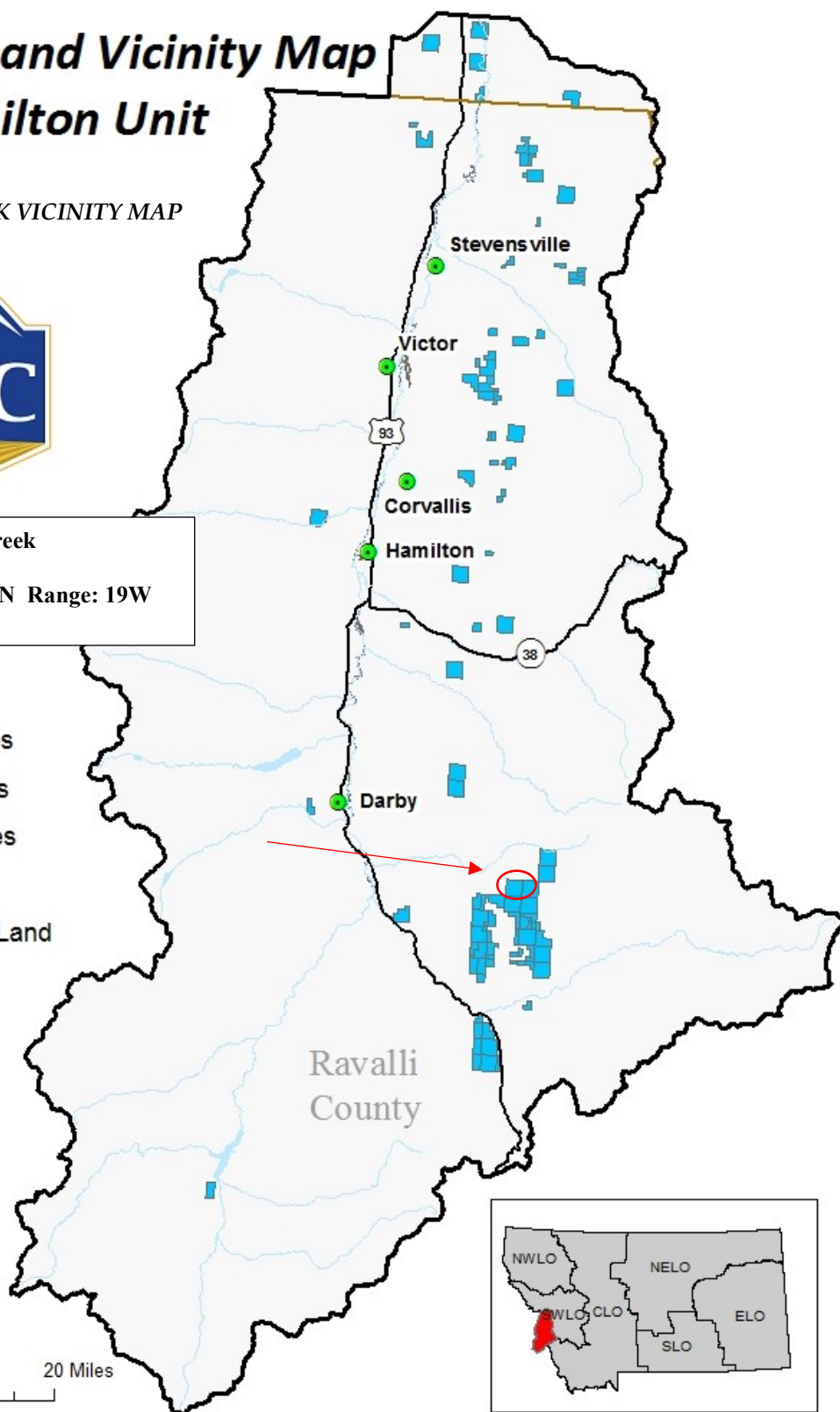


Project Name: Hart Creek  
Project Location:  
Section: 3 Township: 2N Range: 19W  
County: Ravalli

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

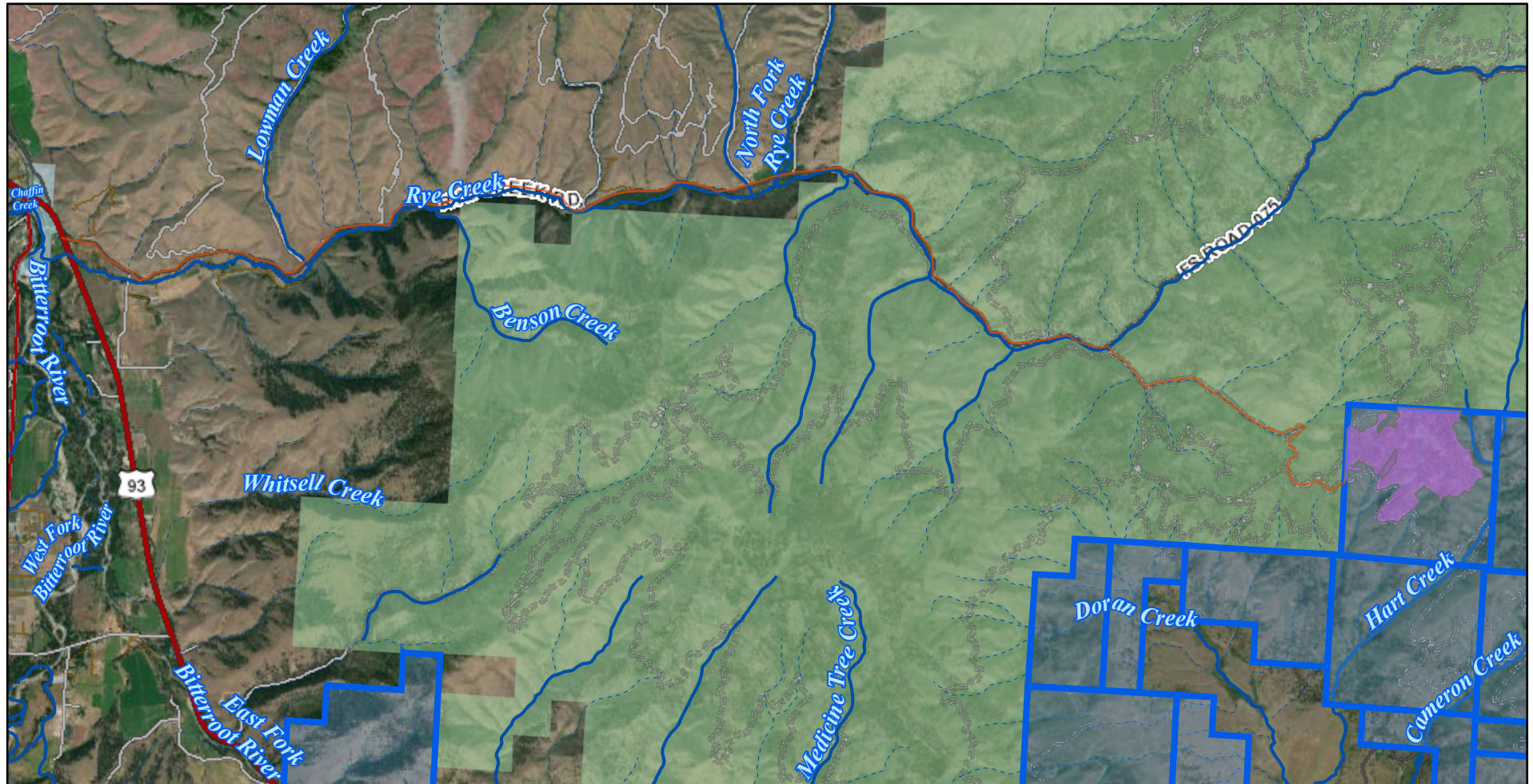


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# Hart Creek Haul Route



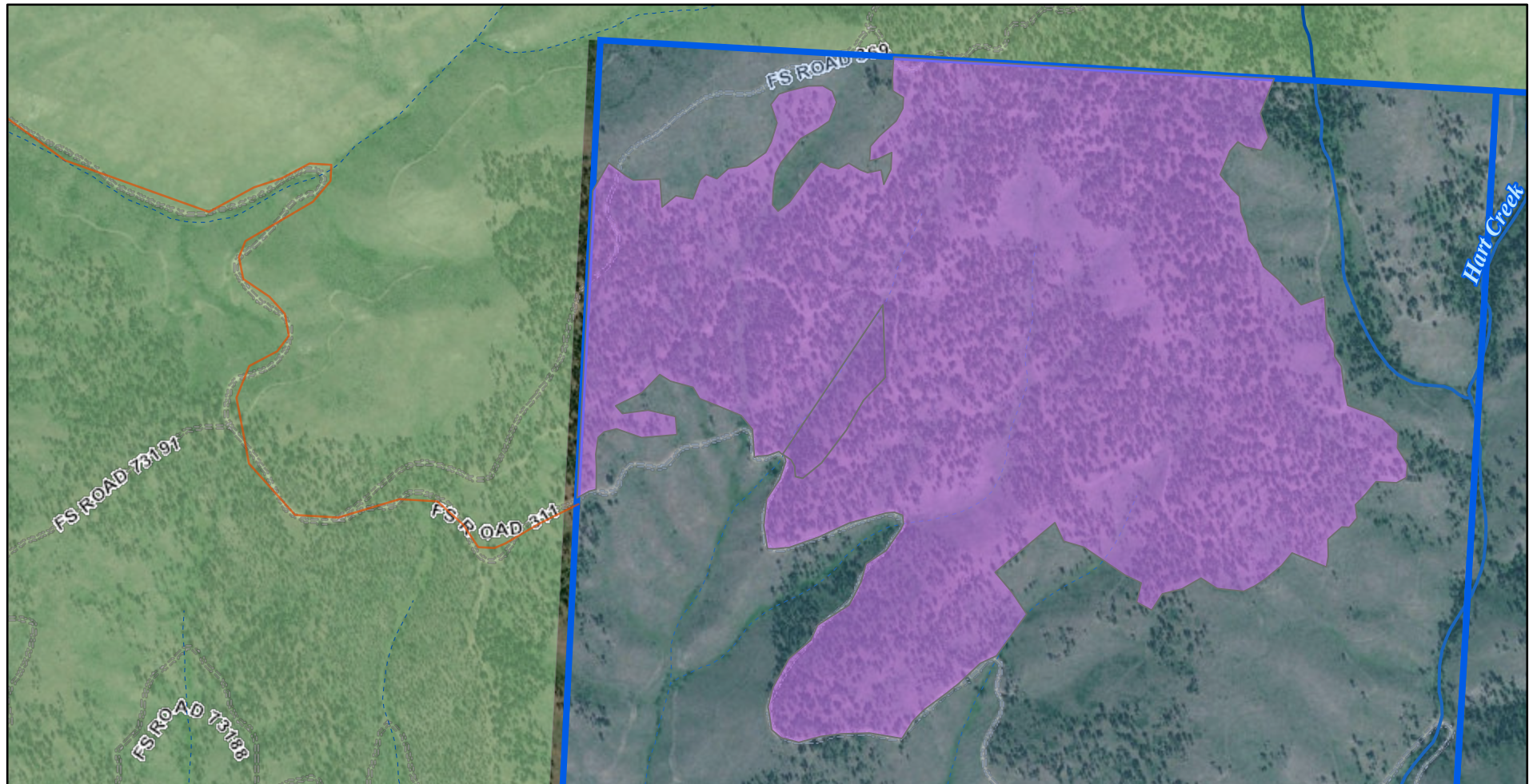
- Haul Route
- Intermittent Stream
- Hart Creek Harvest Units
- US Forest Service
- DNRC Trust Lands
- State of Montana Misc.
- Perennial Stream
- State of Montana Misc.
- Local Government

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## Hart Creek Harvest Units



- Haul Route
- Hart Creek Harvest Units
- DNRC Trust Lands
- Perennial Stream
- - - Intermittent Stream
- US Forest Service

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**0321-1B Timber Sale: Stryker Bull**

**Location: Flathead County - - Section 5 & 6 T33N R24W**

**Lincoln County - - Section 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, & 32 T34N R24W**

**Trust Beneficiaries: Common Schools**

**Trust Revenue: \$426,475 (estimated, minimum bid)**

**Item Summary:**

**Location:** The Stryker Bull Timber Sale is located approximately 2 miles east of Stryker, MT.

**Size and Scope:** The sale includes 22 harvest units (533.4 acres) of ground-based tractor logging.

**Volume:** The estimated harvest volume is 17,500 tons (2.467 MMBF) of sawlog material.

**Estimated Return:** The minimum bid is \$24.37 per ton, which would generate approximately \$426,475 for the Common Schools Trust and approximately \$73,325 in Forest Improvement fees.

**Prescription:** This sale has the following harvest prescriptions: Overstory Removal, Seedtree, Shelterwood, Commercial Thin, Intermediate, Clearcut and Shaded Fuel Break. These prescriptions encompass both even and uneven-aged management strategies that are designed to improve tree growth, regenerate stands with desired species mix, and reduce forest fuels within the Wildland Urban Interface.

**Road Construction/Maintenance:** The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 1.4 miles of new temporary road construction, 4.5 miles of road with site improvements, and 12.2 miles of road maintenance.

**Access:** Access is obtained through State-owned and cost share road systems.

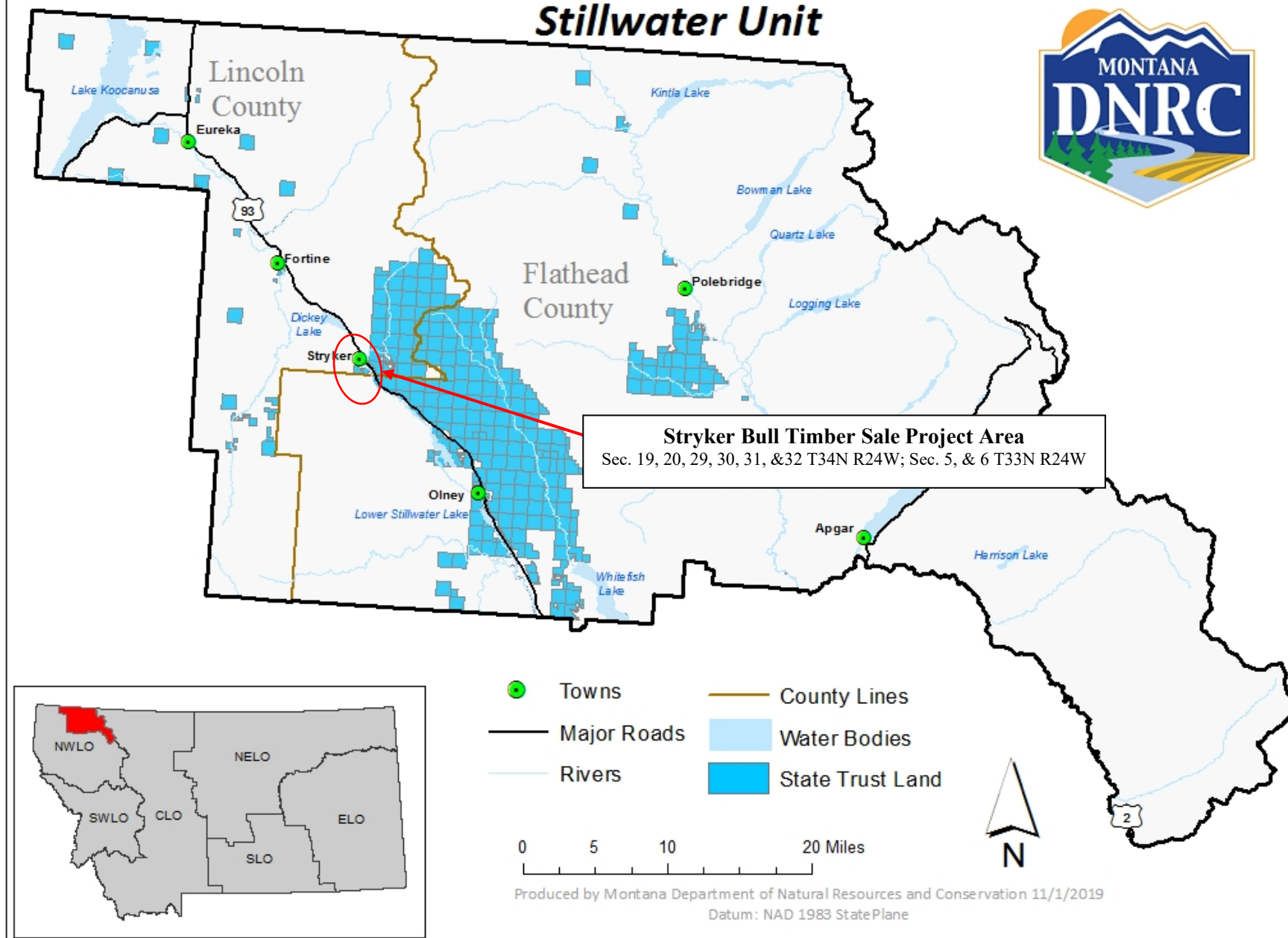
**Public Comments:** Two comments were received. One comment was received from a DNRC commercial recreational use license holder interested in allowing off-road ATV/UTV use 1-year post-harvest utilizing skid-trails. The request was dropped from further consideration as the activity would impact BMPs and Stillwater Unit's Forest Management commitments. The second comment was from Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks with concerns about timing of operations in mule deer winter range. Timing restrictions on four harvest units would be applied and limit operations.

**DNRC Recommendation**

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

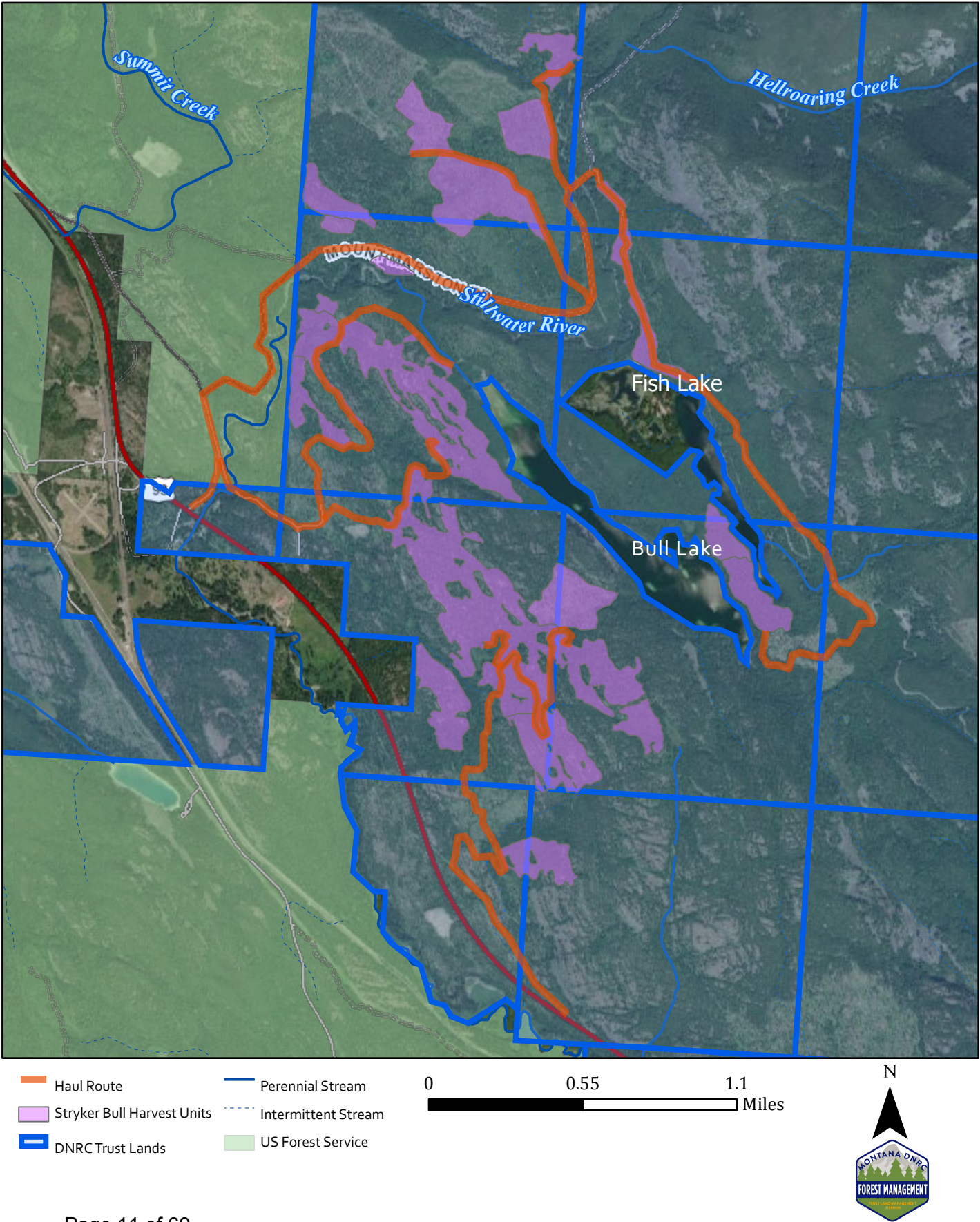
# State Trust Land Vicinity Map

## Stillwater Unit





# Stryker Bull Haul Route and Harvest Units







# 0321-2

OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE:

March 2, 2021



**Land Board Agenda Item  
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**0321-2   Oil and Gas Lease Sale (March 2, 2021)**

**Location: Richland, Rosebud, Treasure**

**Trust Benefits: Common Schools, Public Land Trust – Navigable Rivers**

**Trust Revenue: \$32,201.50**

**Item Summary**

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) held an oil and gas lease sale on March 2, 2021, in the Montana Room at the Montana DNRC building. A total of four tracts were offered for lease. Four tracts were leased for a total of \$32,201.50. The four tracts that were sold covered a total of 1921.30 acres. The average bid per acre was \$16.76.

The high competitive bid for the March 2, 2021 sale was \$155.00 per acre for Tract 1 in Richland County and the largest total bid was \$19,200.00 for Tract 3 in Rosebud County.

Oil and gas leases are granted for a primary term of 10 years. A lessee can develop the lease at any time within the primary 10 year term. If development is successful and oil is produced, the lease automatically extends beyond the primary 10 year term so long as oil and gas are produced in paying quantities.

**DNRC Recommendation**

The director requests Land Board approval to issue the leases from the March 2, 2021 oil and gas lease sale.

**State of Montana**  
**Oil & Gas Lease Sale - March 2, 2021**  
**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, March 2, 2021.

Tract	Stipulations	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description	Acres	Bid/Acre	Total Bid	Lessee
<b>Richland</b>									
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10	26.N	59.E	23	MISSOURI RIVERBED AND RELATED ACREAGE	1.30	\$155.00	\$201.50	KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC
<b>Rosebud</b>									
2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9.N	35.E	16	ALL	640.00	\$10.00	\$6,400.00	BTC OIL PROPERTIES, LLC
3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9.N	35.E	36	ALL	640.00	\$30.00	\$19,200.00	BTC OIL PROPERTIES, LLC
<b>Treasure</b>									
4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	8.N	36.E	16	ALL	640.00	\$10.00	\$6,400.00	WINDWALKER LAND SERVICES, INC.

## Summary by Lessor

	Total Acres	Total Tracts
Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation	1,921.30	4

## Oil and Gas Lease Sale Summary

Total Tracts	4
Total Acres	1,921.30
Total Bid Revenue	\$32,201.50
Average Bid Per Acre	\$16.76

**State of Montana**  
**Oil & Gas Lease Sale - March 2, 2021**  
**Stipulations**

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- 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 This lease is located within designated sage grouse core habitat. Proposed activities are subject to, and shall comply with, all provisions, stipulations and mitigation requirements of the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy, as implemented by Governor's Executive Orders 10-2014, 12-2015, and amendments thereto. Contact the TLMD prior to preparing a project proposal.
- 9 This tract contains navigable river beds and/or related acreage. No surface occupancy is allowed within the bed of the navigable river, abandoned channels, or on islands and accretions. In addition, upon completion of a successful well, where river title is disputed, the lessee will file an interpleader action under Rule 22, M.R.Civ.P. in the Montana District Court, or other court having jurisdiction, in which the leased lands are located for all acreage within the lease in which the title is disputed. The lessee shall name all potential royalty claimants as defendants.
- 10 If the lessee completes a successful oil and/or gas well, and if land title is disputed, the lessee shall fund professional land surveys as needed to determine the location and acreage encompassed by the spacing and/or pooling unit and the state lease acreage within that unit. Surveys shall be conducted by a licensed land surveyor acceptable to the Department, and shall be prepared pursuant to survey requirements provided by the Department.



# 0321-3

LAND BANKING PARCELS:

Preliminary Approval for Sale





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**0321-3 Land Banking Parcel: Preliminary Approval for Sale  
Rosebud County**

**Location: Rosebud County**

**Trust Benefits: Common Schools**

**Trust Revenue: Appraisal to be completed after preliminary approval**

**Item Summary**

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is requesting preliminary approval to sell one parcel totaling approximately 640 acres nominated for sale in Rosebud County. The sale was nominated by the lessee and is located approximately 8 miles east of Colstrip, Montana.

<b>Sale #</b>	<b># of Acres</b>	<b>Legal</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Trust</b>
1180	640±	ALL T2N-R42E, Sec. 36	Genie Land Co.	Common Schools

The sale parcel has been used primarily for livestock grazing purposes and has below average productivity for agricultural and grazing lands statewide.

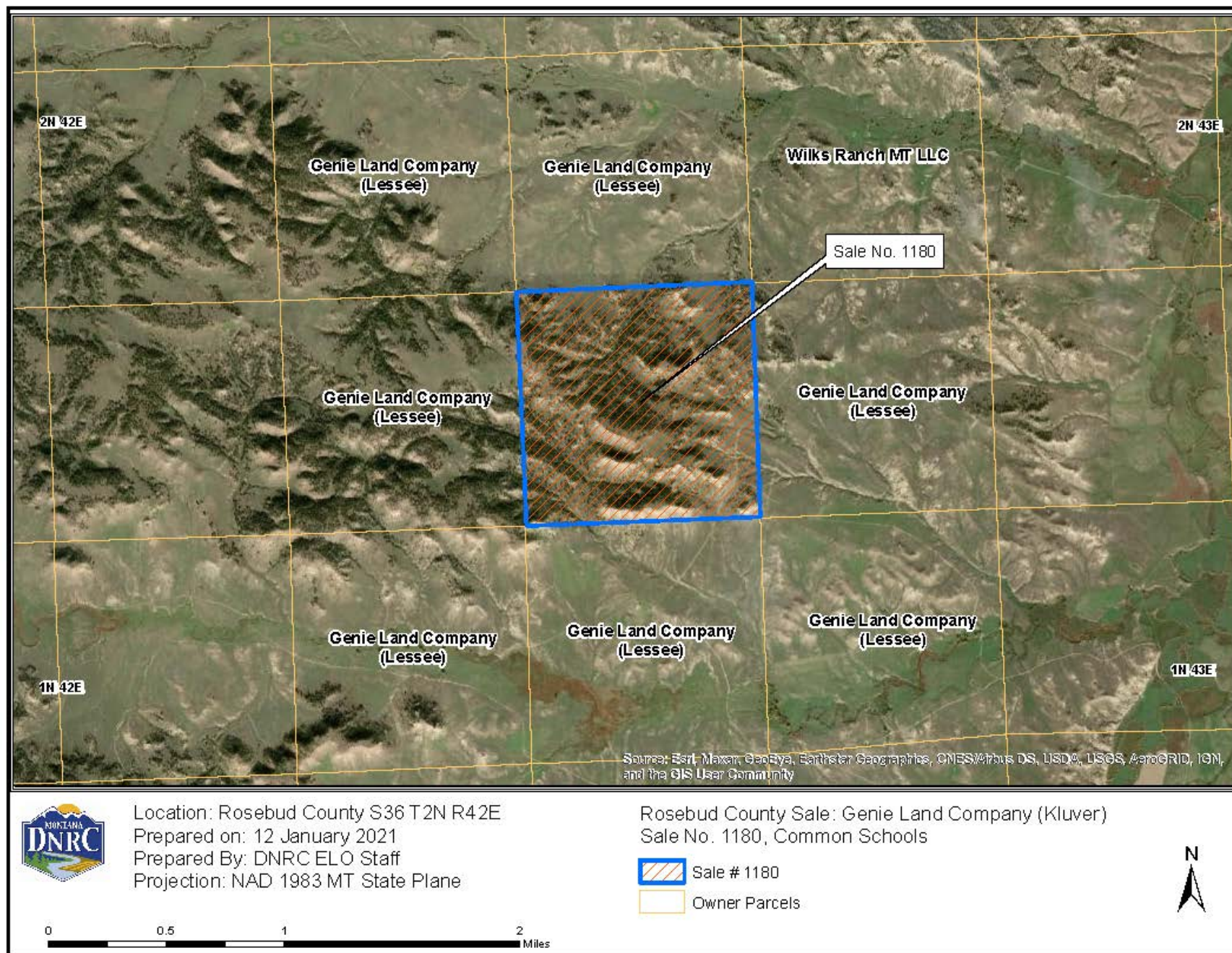
Sale No. 1180 is entirely surrounded by private land and is not legally accessible by the public. The sale of this parcel would not restrict or eliminate access to adjacent private land.

MEPA scoping has been completed, and no potentially negative issues related to the sale of this parcel have been identified.

With the Land Board's preliminary approval to sell this parcel, DNRC can continue the due diligence necessary to fully evaluate this parcel and process it for sale.

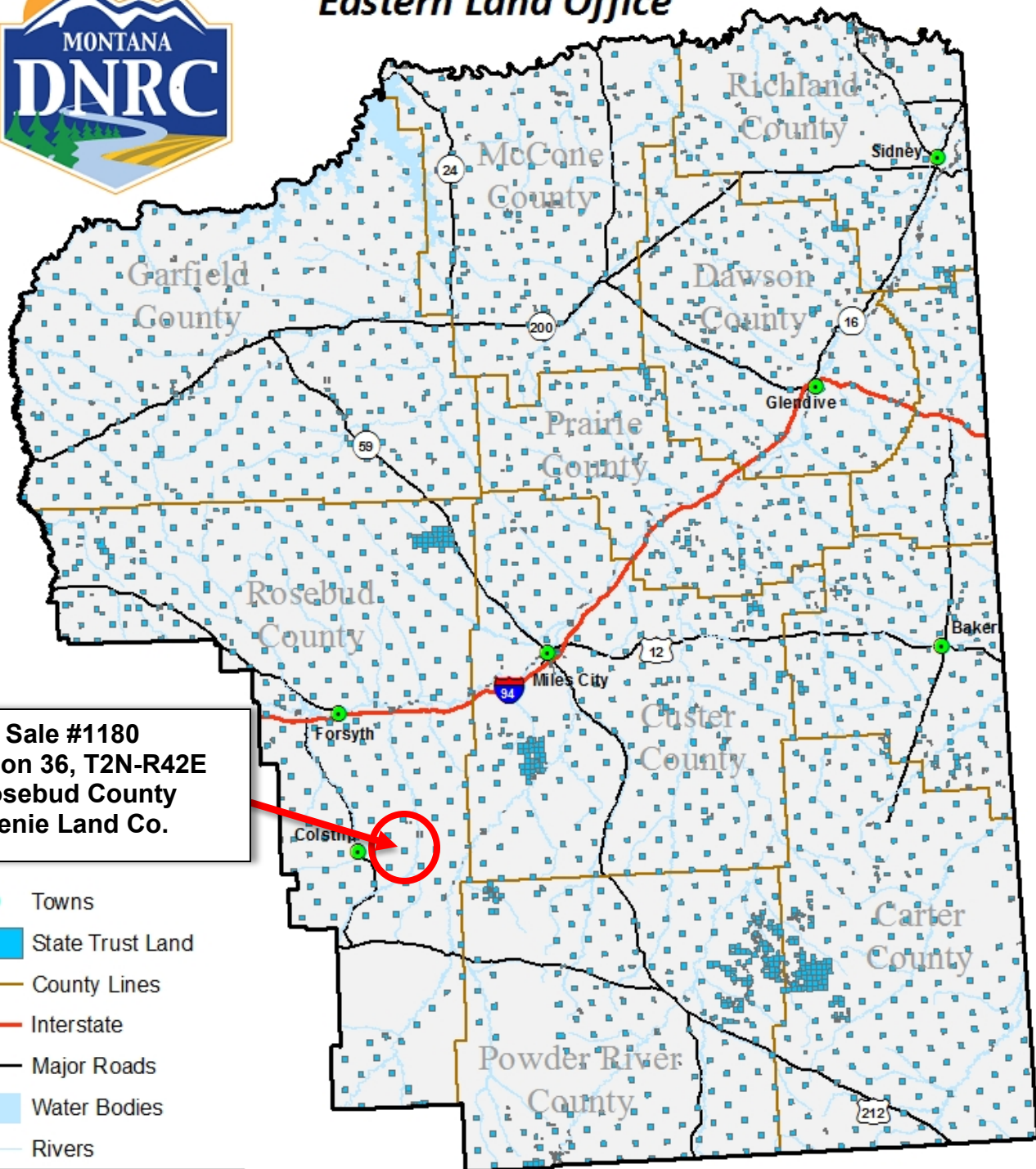
**DNRC Recommendation**

The director recommends preliminary approval to sell this parcel.



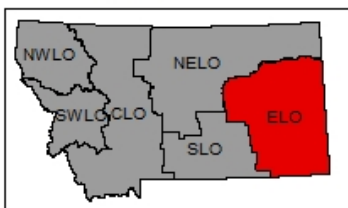


# State Trust land Vicinity Map Eastern Land Office



**Sale #1180  
Section 36, T2N-R42E  
Rosebud County  
Genie Land Co.**

- Towns
- State Trust Land
- County Lines
- Interstate
- Major Roads
- Water Bodies
- Rivers



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# 0321-4

CABIN AND HOME SITES:

Set Minimum Bid for Sale



**Land Board Agenda Item  
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**0321-4 Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale**

**Location:** Gallatin County  
**Trust Benefits:** University of Montana  
**Trust Revenue:** \$270,500

**Item Summary**

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is requesting to set the minimum bid for 1 home site nominated for sale in Gallatin County. This sale was nominated by the lessee in conjunction with the Cabin and Home Site Sale Program. Preliminary Land Board approval was granted in April of 2020 (Approved 5-0).

<b>Sale No.</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Trust</b>
<b>1117</b>	5.00±	Tract 1, COS 2955, Section 8, T1S-R4E	Michele Koenig & Brett Steinmann	University of Montana

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

**Economic Analysis**

Short term – The average rate of return on this sale parcel is 1.469%. The parcel will continue to receive this rate of return if it remains in state ownership.

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.

**Cultural/Paleontological Resources**

A Class I level of cultural resource inventory was conducted this proposed sale. 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. This sale 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.

### **Appraised Values of Land and Improvements**

Appraisal prepared by Montana General Certified Appraisers; Elliott M. Clark, MAI of Clark Real Estate Appraisal, Whitefish, Montana and assisting Elliott Clark was Sandra S Kennedy, MAI of Kennedy Real Estate Appraisal of Bozeman, Montana.

<b>Sale No.</b>	<b>Appraised Land Value</b>	<b>Appraised Improvements Value</b>
<b>1117</b>	\$270,500	\$207,900

### **DNRC Recommendation**

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



## Amsterdam Road, Gallatin County





# 0321-5

EASMENTS:



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**0321-5 Easements**

**Location: Flathead, Garfield, Golden Valley, Liberty, Phillips, Ravalli, Richland, Yellowstone**

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

**Trust Revenue: Common Schools = \$17,313  
Public Land Trust = \$743**

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## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant:	Sleeping Child Management, LLC 1100 Sleeping Child Road Hamilton, MT 59840
Application No.:	18960
R/W Purpose:	a private access road to a single-family residence and associated outbuildings and to conduct normal farming and ranching operations
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.19
Compensation:	\$3,570.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through SW4NW4, Sec. 36, Twp. 7N, Rge. 20W, Ravalli County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

### Item Summary

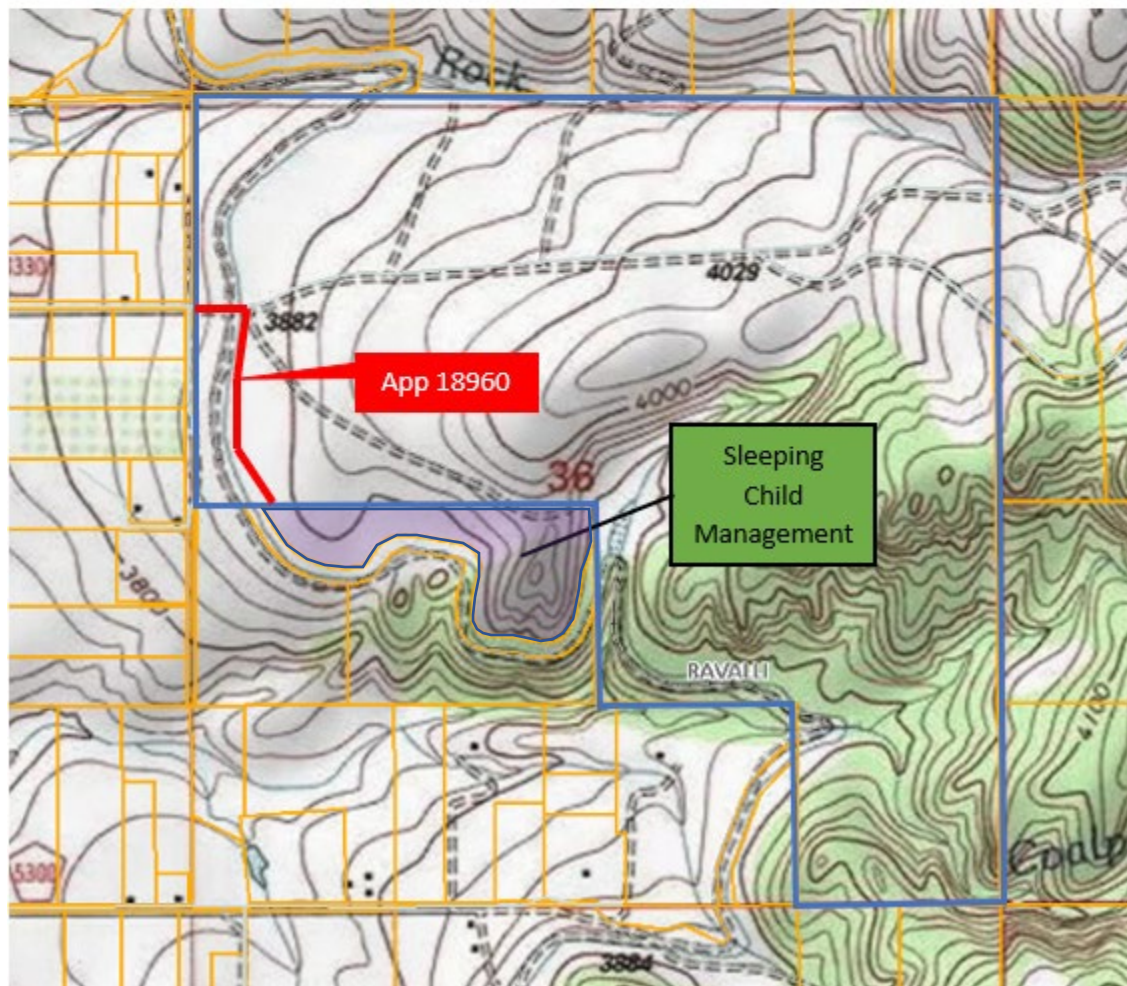
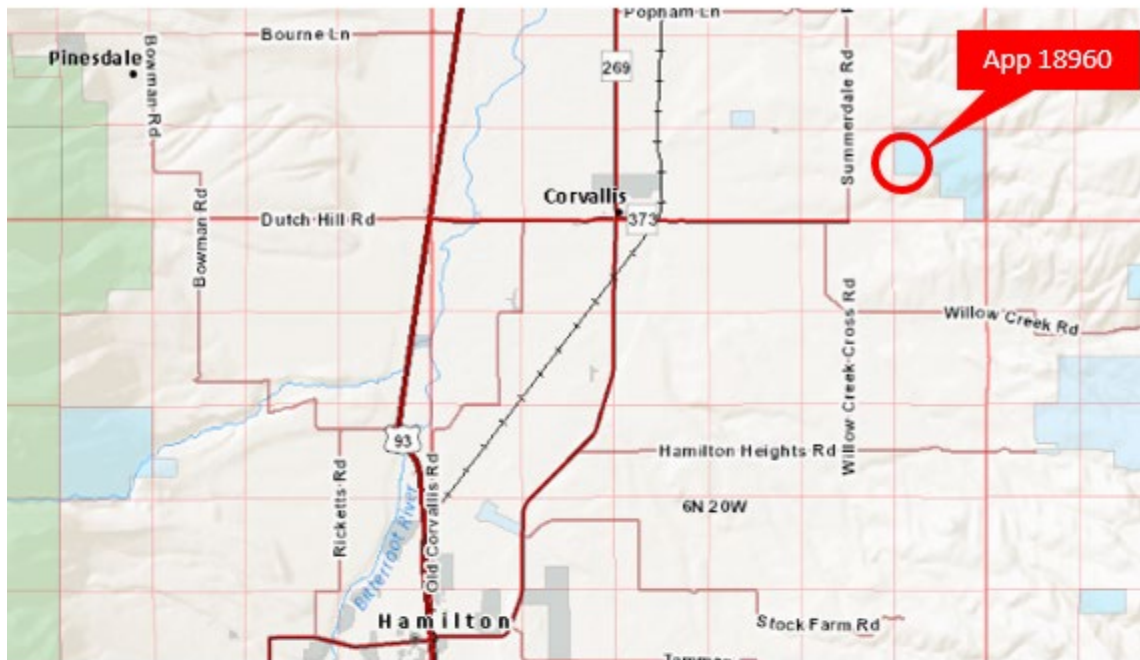
Sleeping Child Management has made application under the Private Access Policy for an easement to access private lands for a single-family residence and associated outbuildings and to conduct normal farming and ranching operations. The State Trust land impacted is legally accessible by Soft Rock Road, a County maintained road, therefore a reciprocal opportunity is not available. The proposed access easement will utilize an existing two-track trail that parallels the eastern boundary of the Bitterroot Irrigation District Ditch. Regular vehicular use may necessitate the clearing of some vegetation along the road, although impacts are expected to be minimal. The private property of Sleeping Child Management is inaccessible as a result of being bounded on the west and south by the irrigation ditch. To access the property from other routes would require easements from other private landowners and the irrigation district with construction of a bridge that would provide adequate access for emergency vehicles. Use of the existing trail on the State Trust Land parcel is least impactful to surrounding lands and the irrigation ditch and will cause little impact to State management. The State Trust land parcel is heavily used by recreationists, however, use of roads other than the county road are restricted for recreational purposes. Sleeping Child Management will be required to gate and lock the trail at its intersection with the County Road to ensure off-road use by the public does not occur. Further, stipulations would be inserted within the easement document that prohibit off-road use by the applicant and compliance with State Land recreational use rules. The following property is to be accessed from this easement.

- Parcel A of CS# 473507-TR, Sec. 36, Twp. 7N, Rge. 20W

### DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of Sleeping Child Management, LLC

## R/W Application 18960



## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative PO Box 280 Circle, MT 59215
Application No.:	19002
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.53
Compensation:	\$265.00
Legal Description:	16-foot strip through NE4NE4 and a 16-foot strip through E2NE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 8N, Rge. 21E, Golden Valley County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

### Item Summary

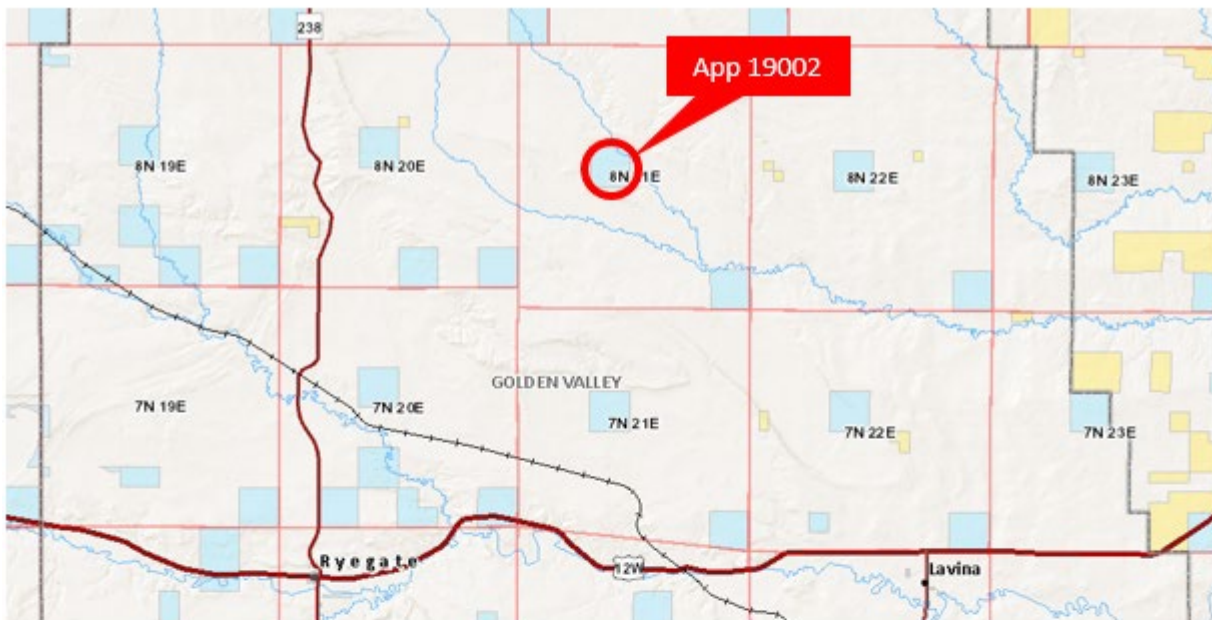
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative is requesting an easement to place a fiber optic cable across State Trust land in rural Golden Valley County. This easement is part of an 89 mile project to provide upgraded services north of Ryegate and Lavina. The cable will be installed using a direct plow method and is located along existing roadways where ground disturbance has previously occurred. The project is within Sage Grouse habitat and has received approval from MSGOT. Mid-Rivers has agreed to mitigation, including seasonal construction.

### DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative.



## R/W Application 19002



## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. PO Box 1220 Havre, MT 59501
Application No.:	19023
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	4.28
Compensation:	\$2,996.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through Gov. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 16, Sec. 9, Twp. 37N, Rge. 32E, Phillips County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

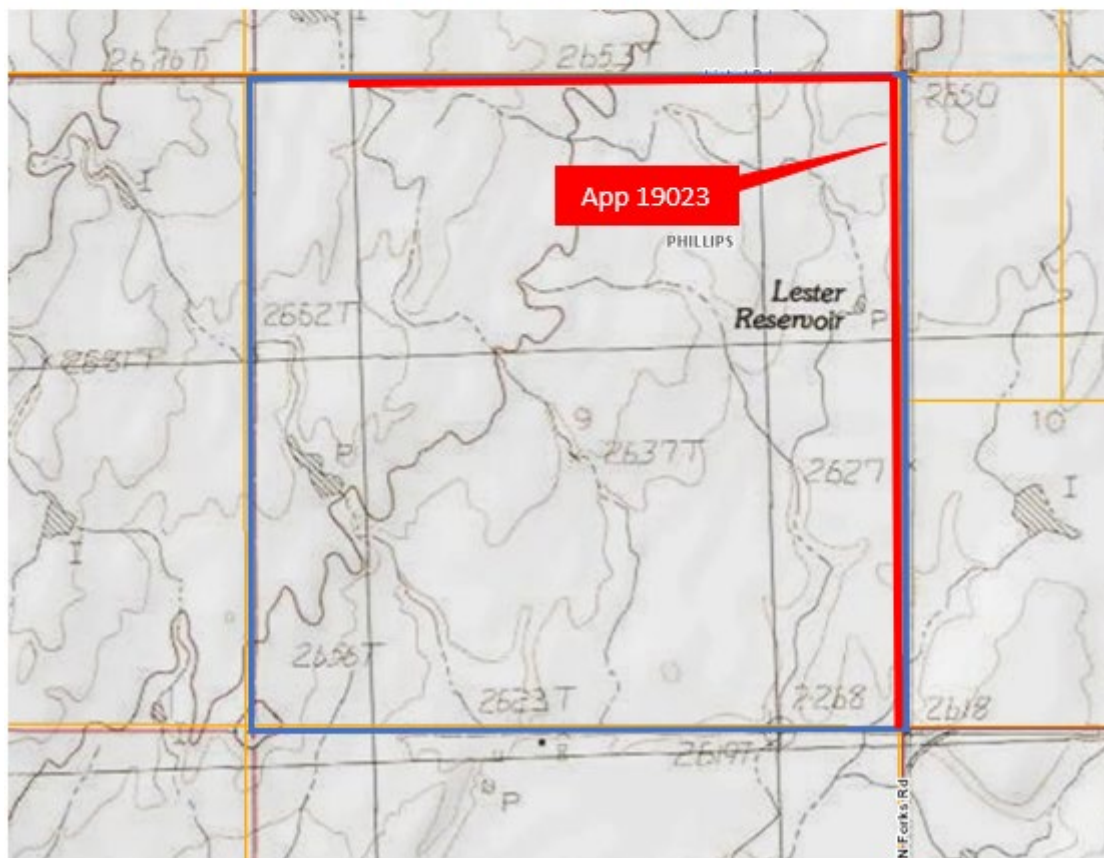
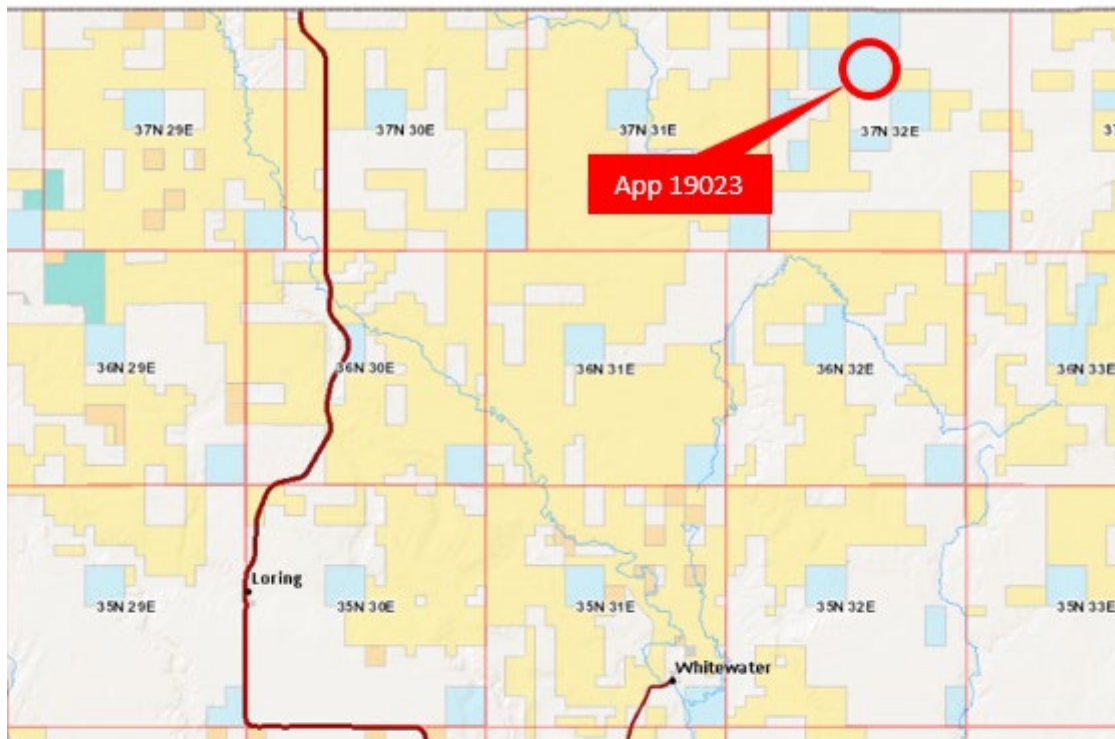
### Item Summary

Triangle Telephone Coop. is proposing to upgrade existing telecommunications facilities in the Whitewater Exchange area in Phillips County. The project only affects the State Trust land parcel described above and involves laying 9.477 feet of new cable within existing roadway corridors along the north and east section lines. The line will be installed using a "knife" method which causes disturbance of 12" or less. The State Trust land is within Sage Grouse habitat and the program has been consulted. No special stipulations are recommended by MSGOT.

### DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of Triangle Telephone Coop.

## R/W Application 19023



## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc PO Box 648 Eureka, MT 59917
Application No.:	19028
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Nav. River)
Acreage:	0.05
Compensation:	\$163.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip across the Stillwater River in SE4NE4, Sec. 10, Twp. 31N, Rge. 23W, Flathead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Public Land Trust - Nav. River

### Item Summary

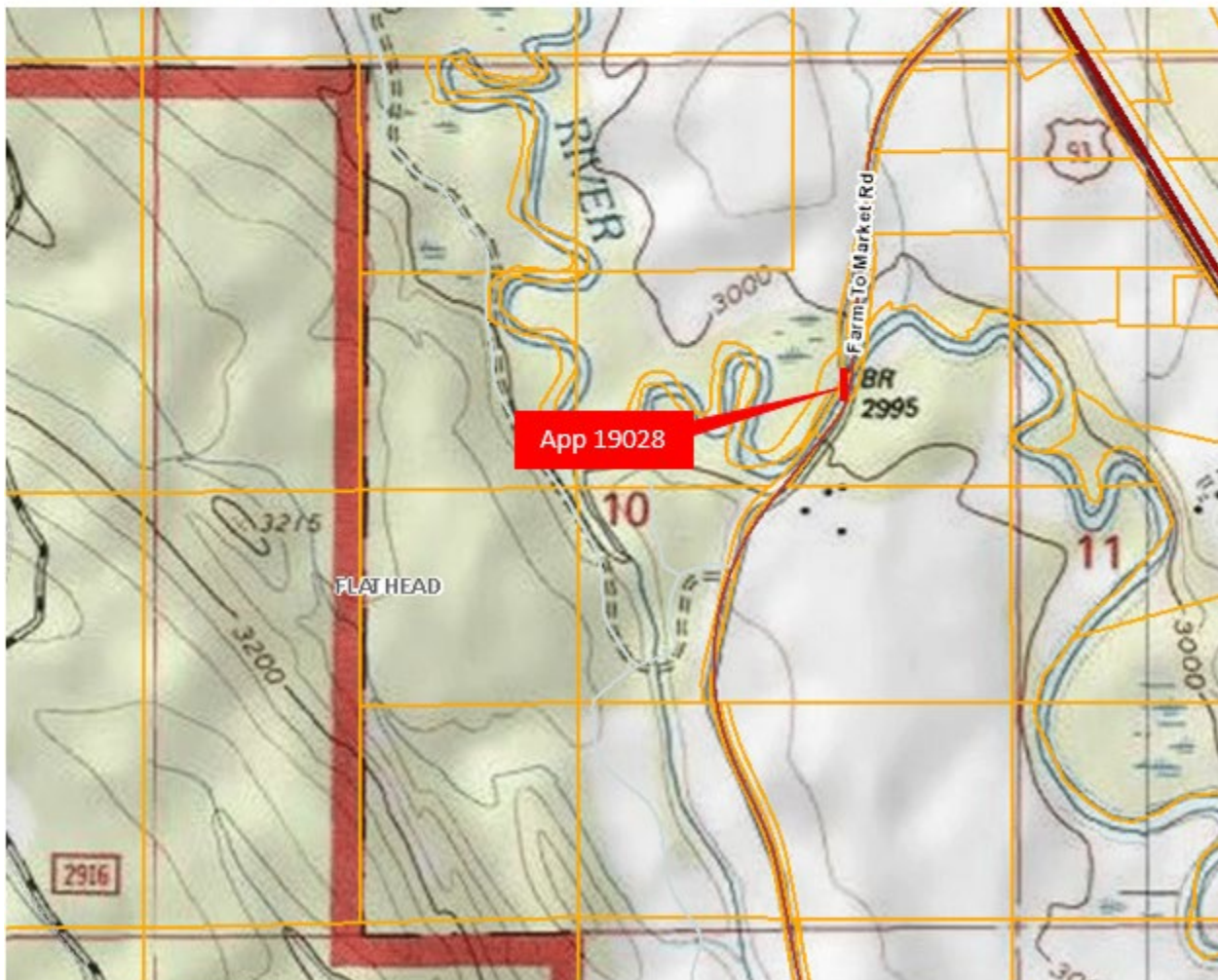
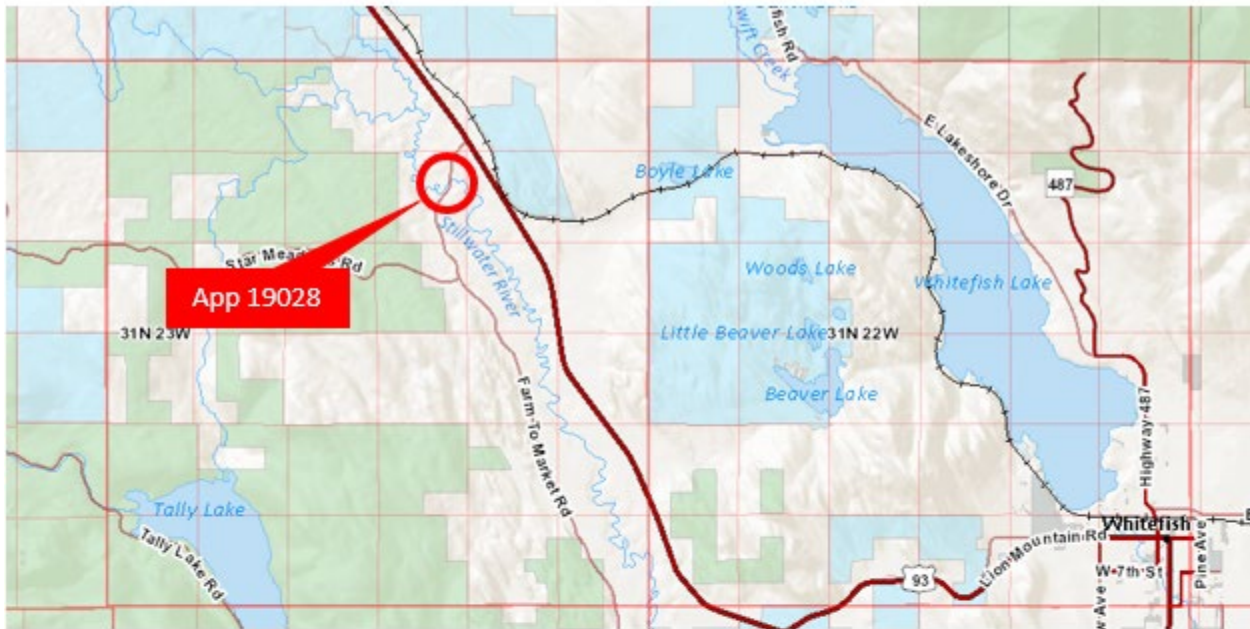
InterBel Telephone Cooperative is requesting an easement to install a buried fiber optic cable under the Stillwater River near a bridge on the Farm to Market Road. The line will be directionally bored approximately 4 feet under the bed of the river. This line is a part of a larger project extending from Olney to Kalispell to extend existing transport network to a new interconnect, improving network reliability and provide additional paths between themselves and other carriers.

### DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



## R/W Application 19028



## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. PO Box 1220 Havre, MT 59501
Application No.:	19029
R/W Purpose:	a buried telecommunications cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.26
Compensation:	\$130.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip through Gov. Lot 14, Sec. 16, Twp. 1N, Rge. 23E, Yellowstone County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

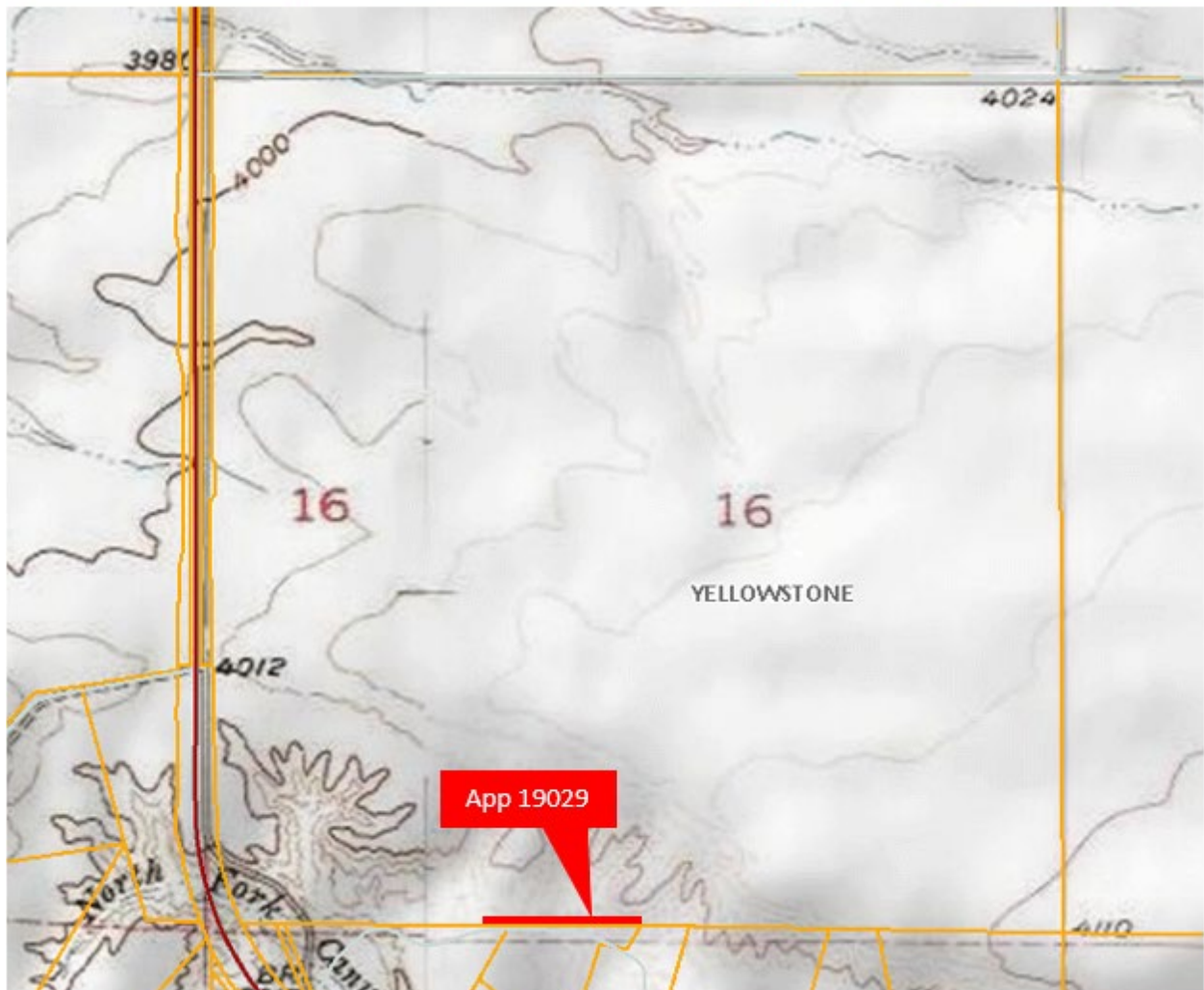
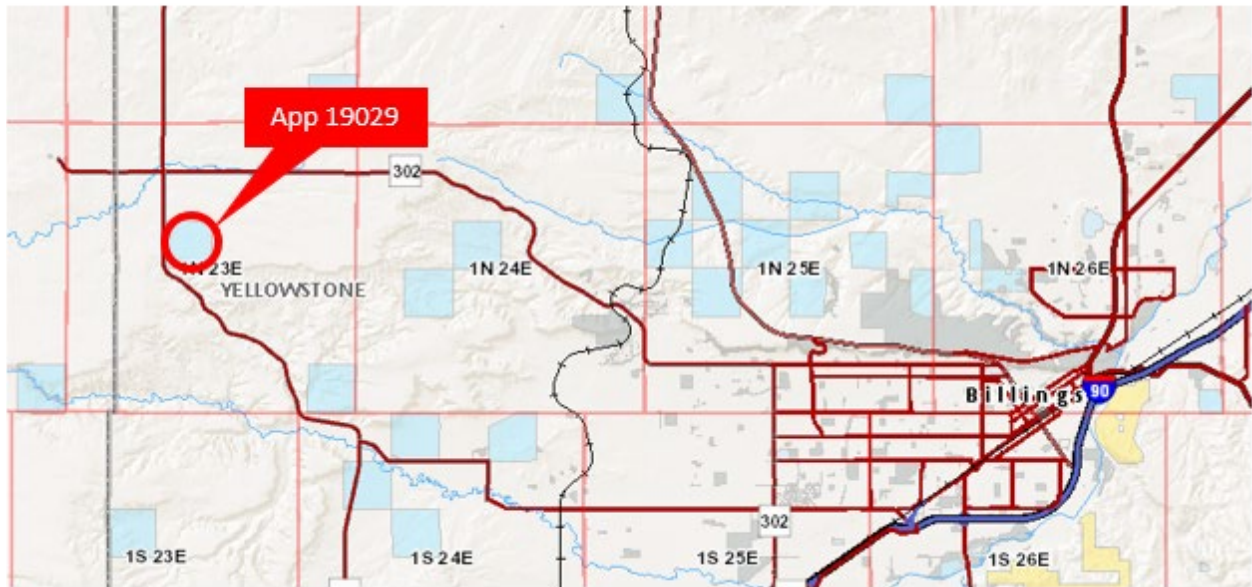
### Item Summary

Triangle Telephone Coop. is proposing to install new telecommunications facilities in the Molt Exchange area in Yellowstone County. The cable will be installed using a direct plow method and is located along an existing roadway where ground disturbance has previously occurred. The new telecommunications cable will provide improved service to rural customers and provide future growth capabilities. The State Trust land parcel is not located within Sage Grouse habitat, therefore consultation with MSGOT was not necessary.

### DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of Triangle Telephone Coop.

## R/W Application 19029



## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Liberty County PO Box 459 Chester, MT 59522
Application No.:	19036
R/W Purpose:	a public county road known as Dugout Road (Hwy 218)
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Historic)
Acreage:	2.72
Compensation:	\$1,006.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through SW4SE4, Sec. 21 and a 30-foot strip through NE4NW4, NW4NE4, Sec. 28, Twp. 28N, Rge. 6E, Liberty County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

### Item Summary

Liberty 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 Liberty County.



## R/W Application 19036



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Liberty County PO Box 459 Chester, MT 59522
Application No.:	19037
R/W Purpose:	a public county road known as Hill School Road
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Historic)
Acreage:	3.35
Compensation:	\$1,508.00
Legal Description:	60-foot strip through S2SE4, Sec. 16, Twp. 35N, Rge. 5E, Liberty County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

Item Summary

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DNRC Recommendation

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Liberty County PO Box 459 Chester, MT 59522
Application No.:	19038
R/W Purpose:	a public county road known as Rock Road
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Historic)
Acreage:	1.24
Compensation:	\$558.00
Legal Description:	60-foot strip through SE4NW4, Sec. 22, Twp. 35N, Rge. 5E, Liberty County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

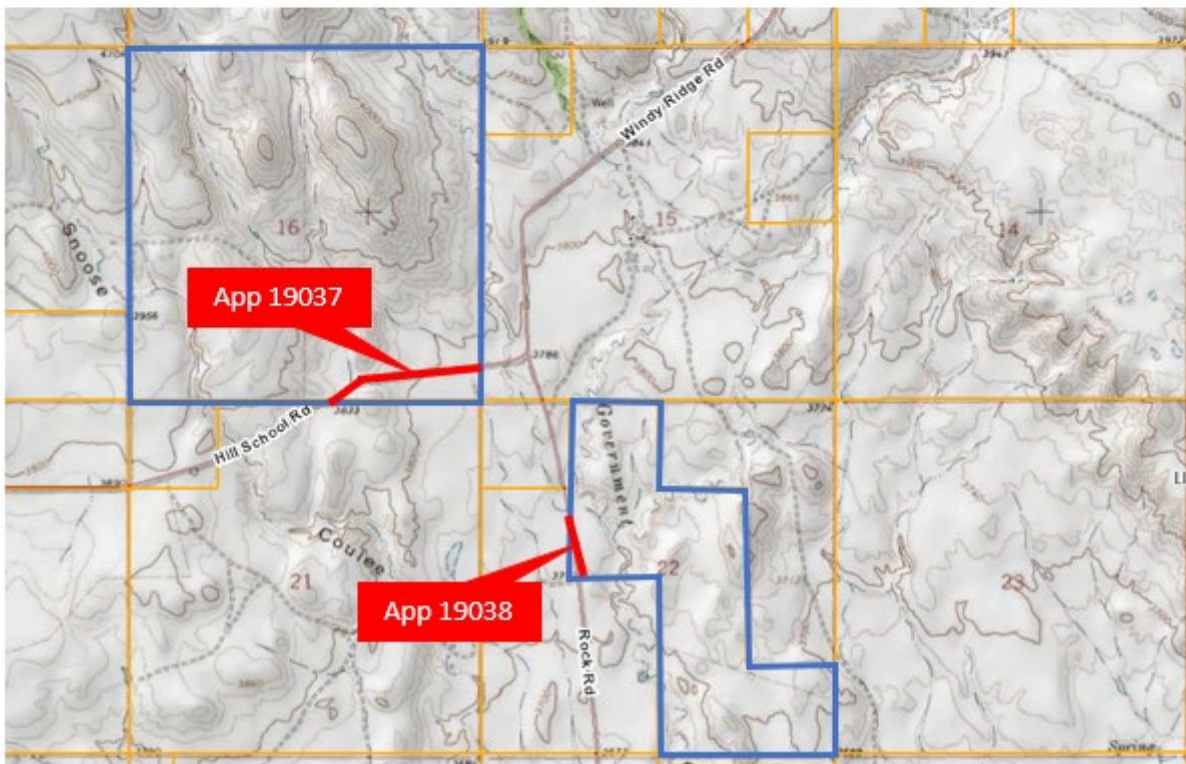
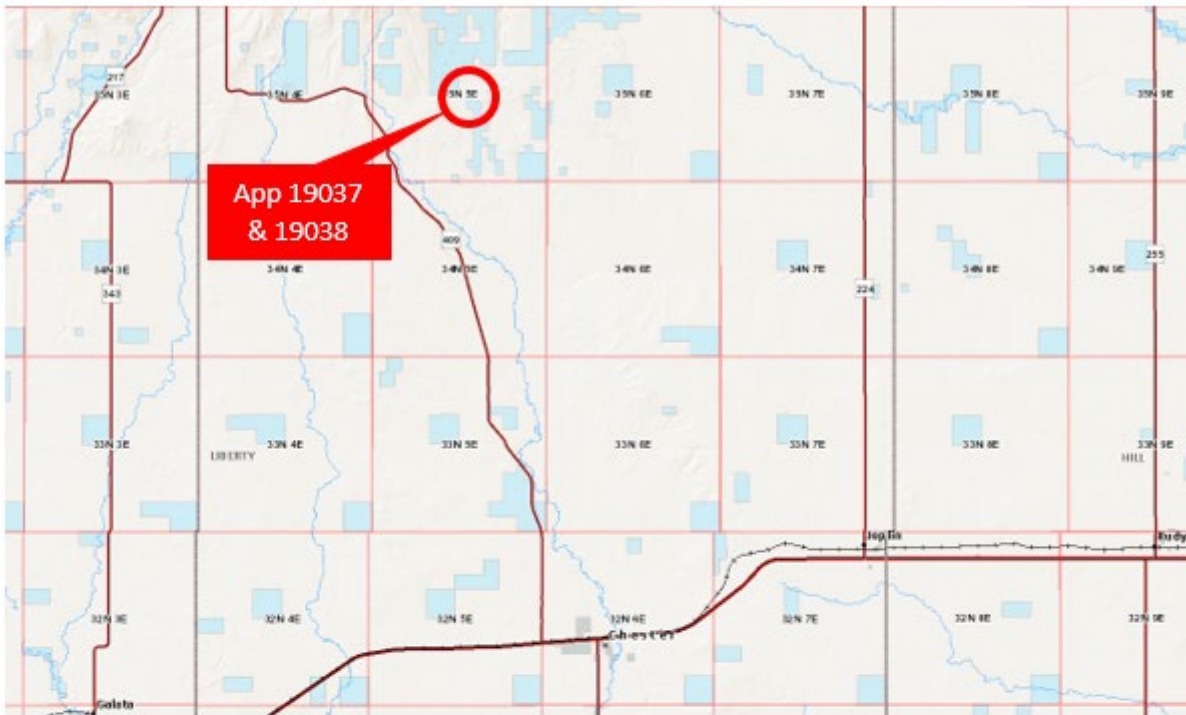
Item Summary

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DNRC Recommendation

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## R/W Application 19037 &amp; 19038



## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc PO Box 648 Eureka, MT 59917
Application No.:	19039
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Nav. River)
Acreage:	0.04
Compensation:	\$580.00
Legal Description:	20-foot strip across the Stillwater River in SE4SW4, Sec. 30, Twp. 29N, Rge. 21W, Flathead County
Trust Beneficiary:	Public Land Trust - Nav. River

### Item Summary

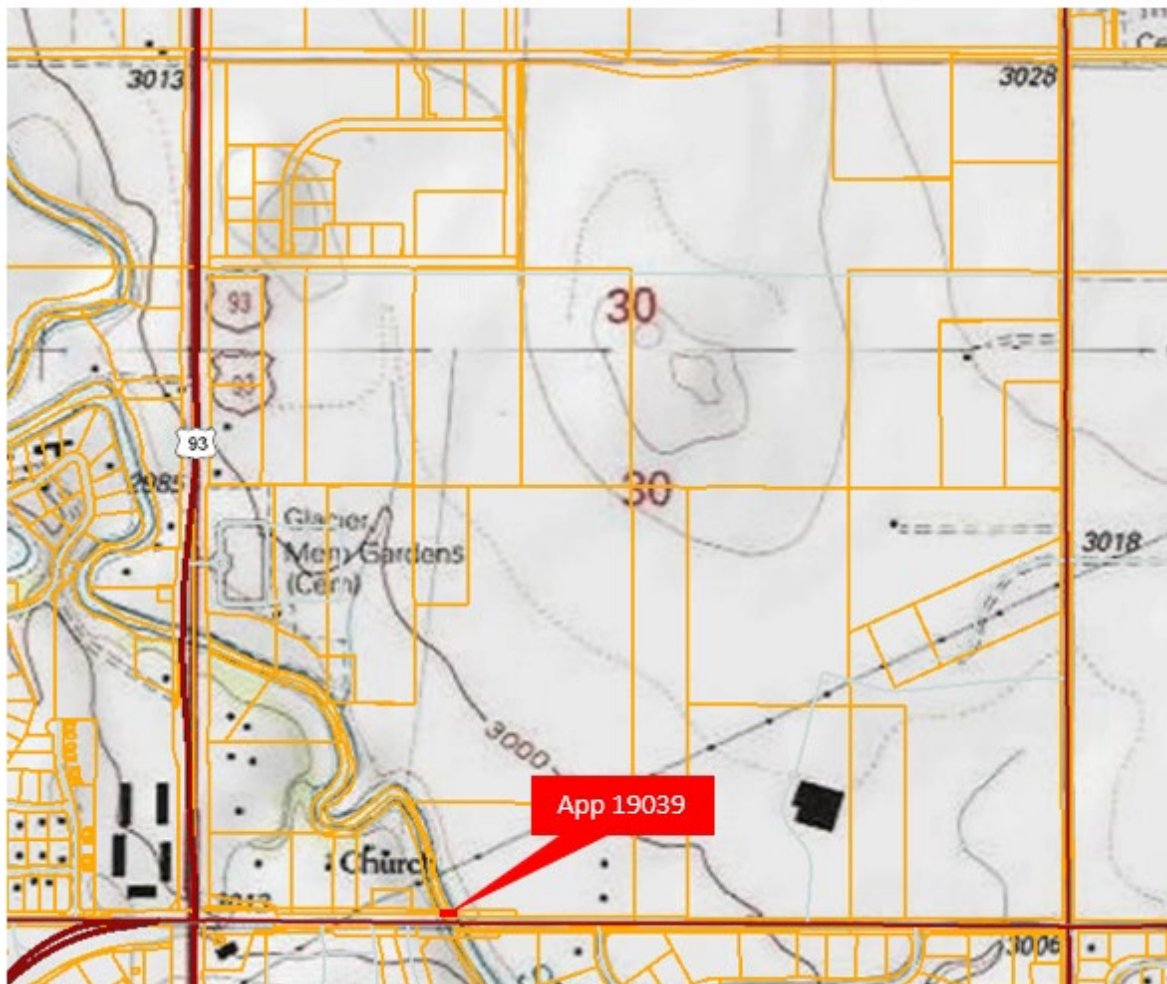
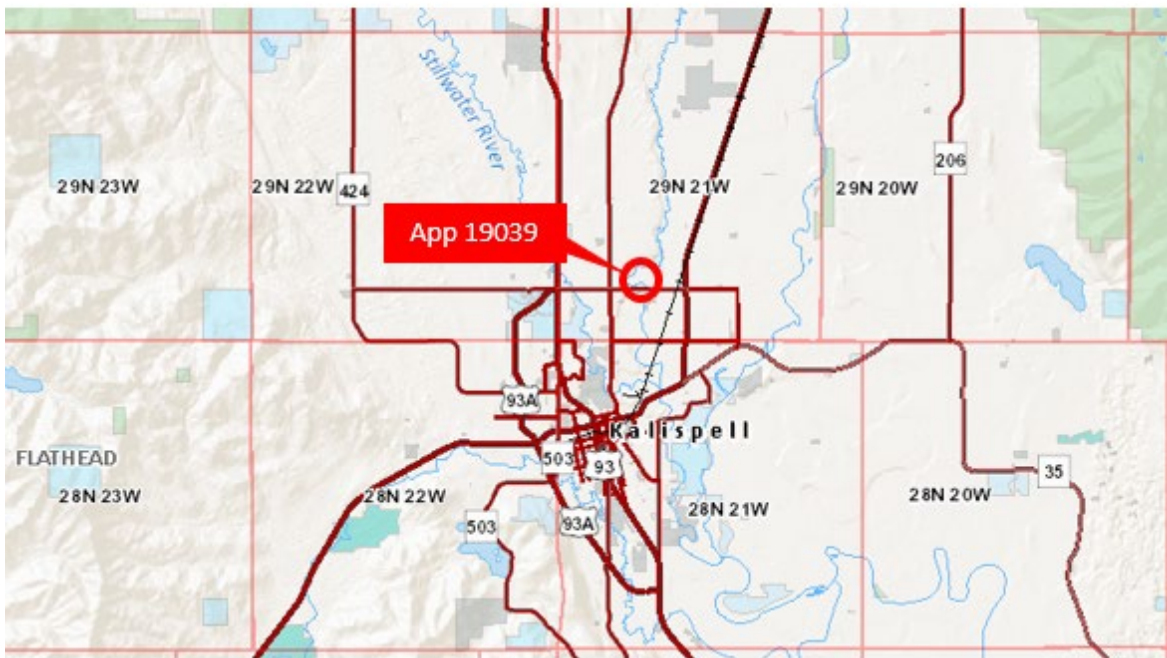
InterBel Telephone Cooperative is requesting an easement to install a buried fiber optic cable under the Stillwater River on Reserve Street, near the Flathead Valley Community College campus. The line will be directionally bored approximately 4 feet under the bed of the river. This line is a part of a larger project extending from Olney to Kalispell MT to extend existing transport network to a new interconnect, improving network reliability and provide additional paths between themselves and other carriers.

### DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of InterBel Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



## R/W Application 19039



## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative PO Box 280 Circle, MT 59215
Application No.:	19040
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.77
Compensation:	\$620.00
Legal Description:	16-foot strip through SW4NW4 and a 16-foot strip through SW4NW4, N2SW4, SE4SW4 Sec. 36, Twp. 23N, Rge. 57E, Richland County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

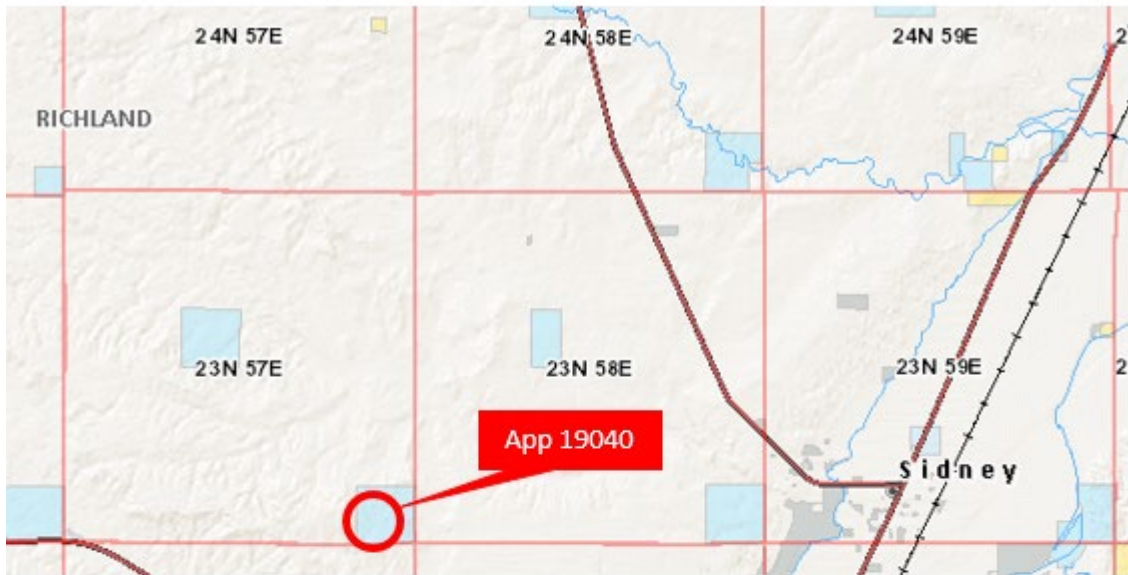
### Item Summary

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative is proposing to install new fiber optic cable in the West Sidney exchange area in Richland County to provide improved service to rural customers. The cable will be installed using a rip trench/static plow and is located along existing roadways in previously disturbed ground to avoid drainage areas and limit potential erosion in some locations. The State Trust land parcels are not located within Sage Grouse habitat, therefore consultation with MSGOT was not necessary.

### DNRC Recommendation

The director recommends approval of the application of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative

R/W Application 19040





APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative PO Box 280 Circle, MT 59215
Application No.:	19041
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	1.66
Compensation:	\$581.00
Legal Description:	16-foot strip through SW4NW4, W2SW4, SE4SW4, Sec. 12, Twp. 23N, Rge. 56E, Richland County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

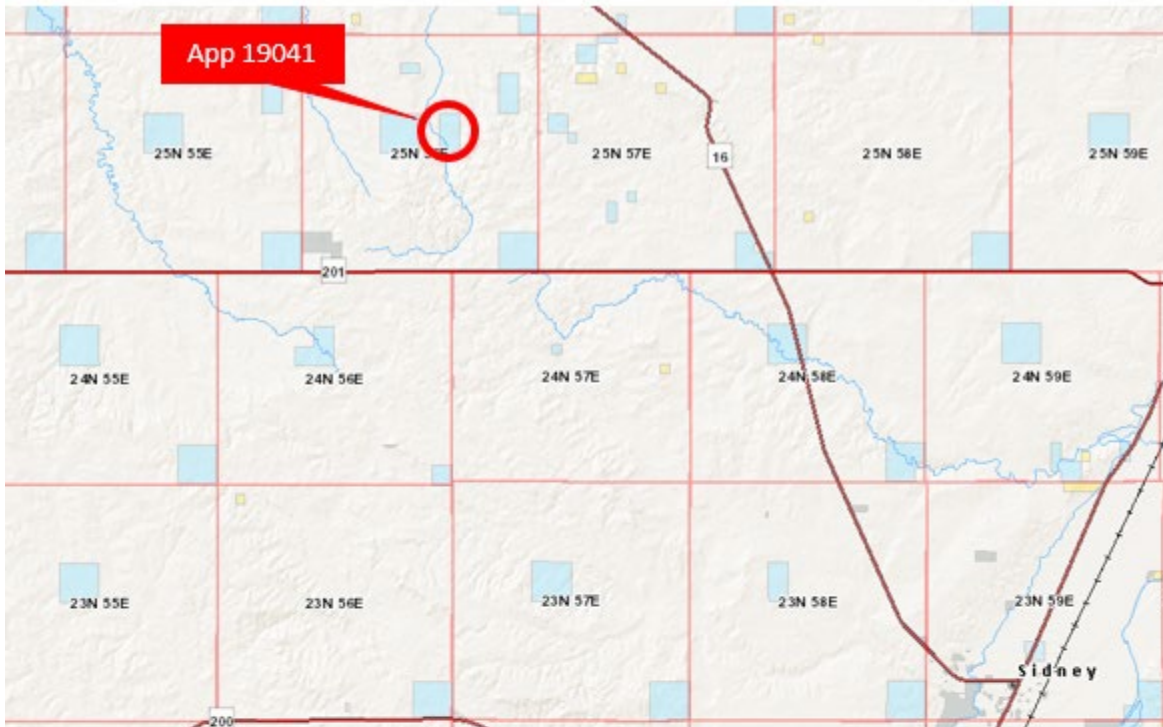
Item Summary

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DNRC Recommendation

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## R/W Application 19041



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative PO Box 280 Circle, MT 59215
Application No.:	19042
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	2.16
Compensation:	\$756.00
Legal Description:	16-foot strip through S2SW4; 16-foot strip through SE4SW4, W2SW4, SW4NW4; and 16-foot strip through NWSW4 Sec. 32, Twp. 21N, Rge. 58E, Richland County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

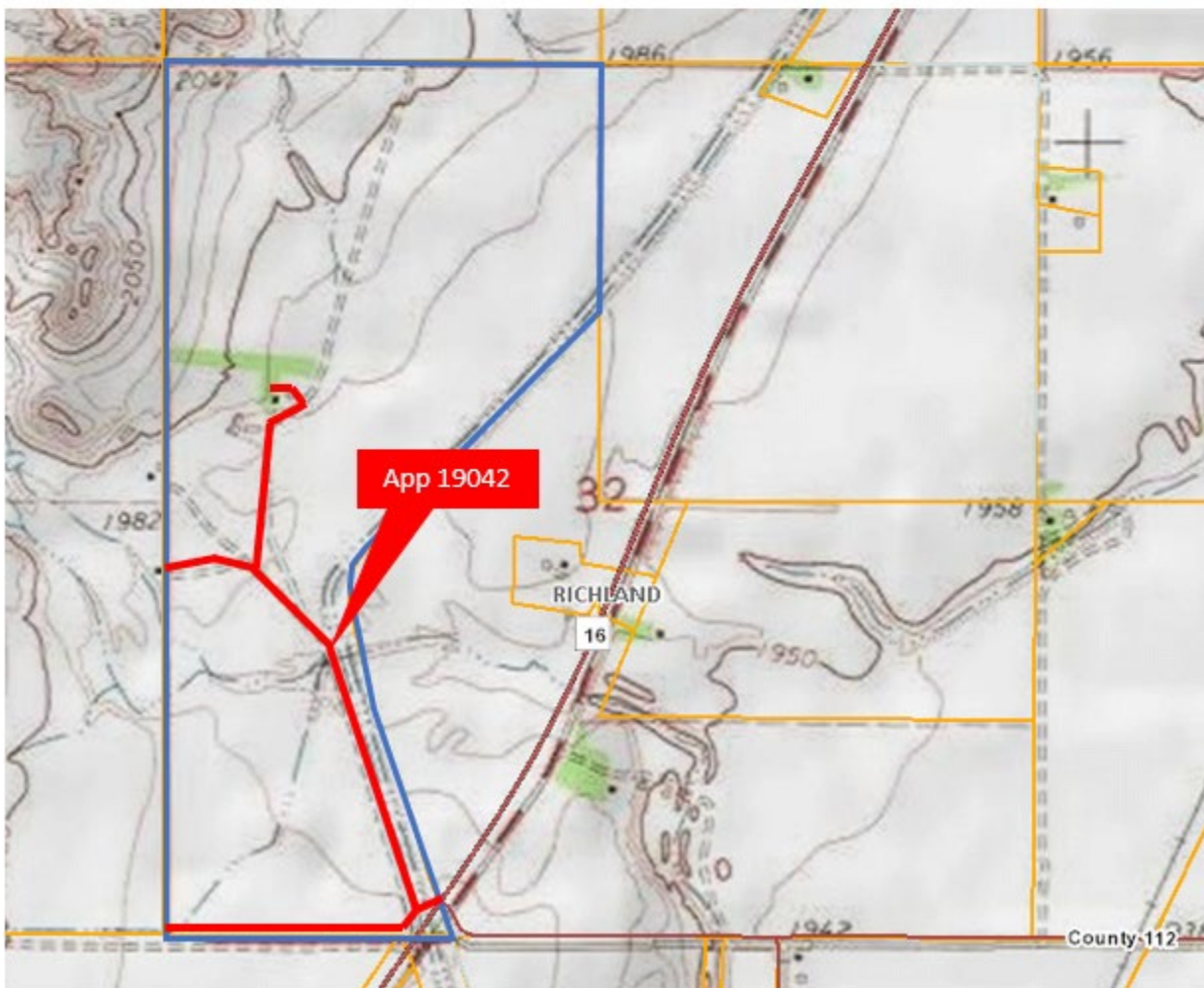
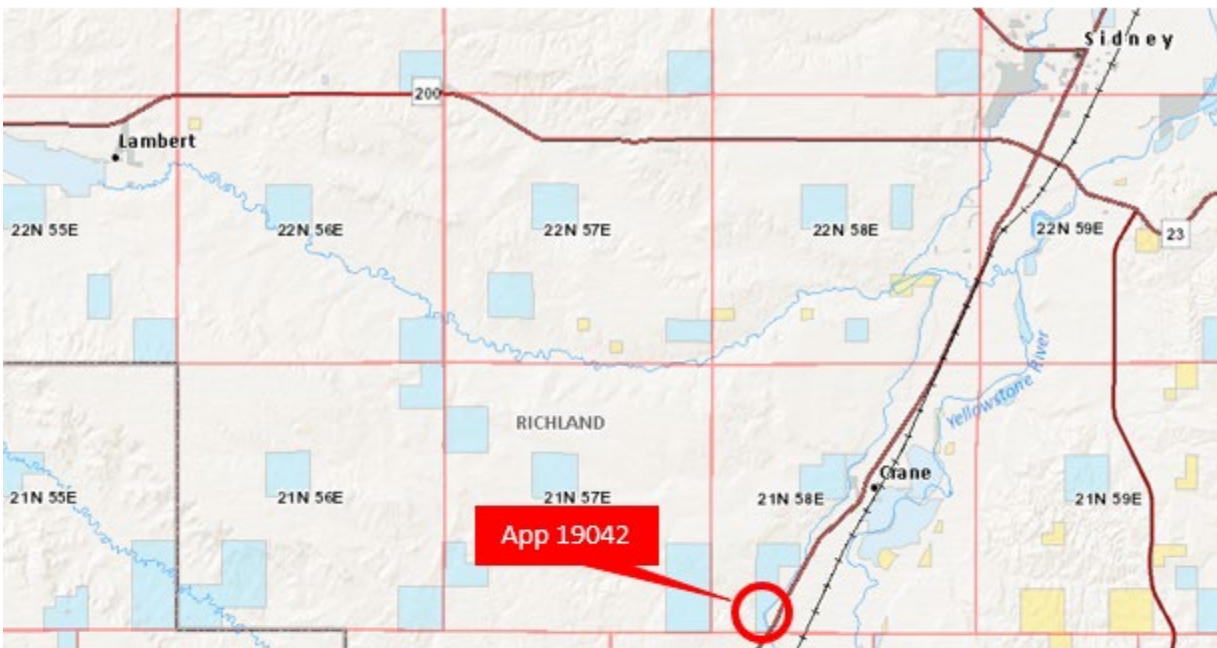
Item Summary

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DNRC Recommendation

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## R/W Application 19042



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative PO Box 280 Circle, MT 59215
Application No.:	19043
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	3.06
Compensation:	\$1,071.00
Legal Description:	16-foot strip through S2S2 and a 16-foot strip through W2SW4, SW4NW4, Sec. 16, Twp. 21N, Rge. 58E, Richland County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

Item Summary

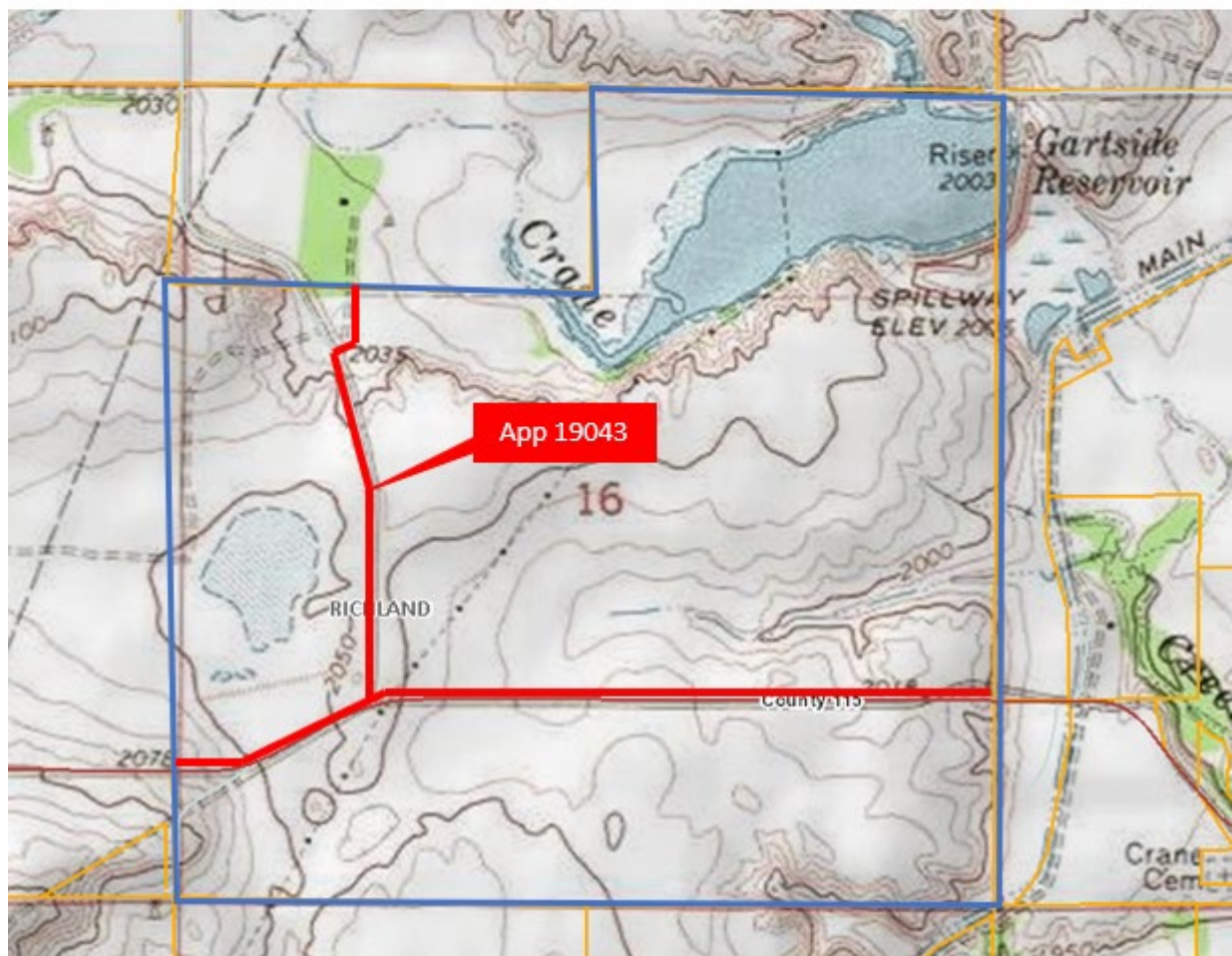
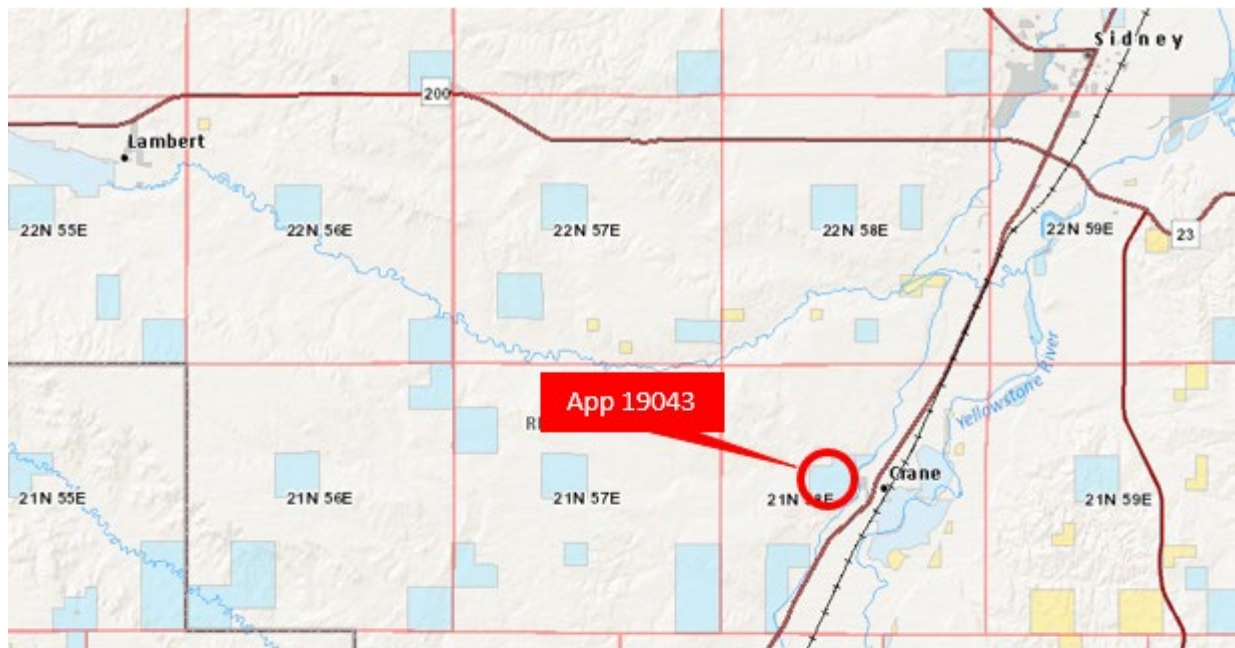
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## R/W Application 19043



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative PO Box 280 Circle, MT 59215
Application No.:	19044
R/W Purpose:	a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement:	ok
Acreage:	0.92
Compensation:	\$322.00
Legal Description:	16-foot strip through N2NE4, Sec. 36, Twp. 23N, Rge. 58E, Richland County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

Item Summary

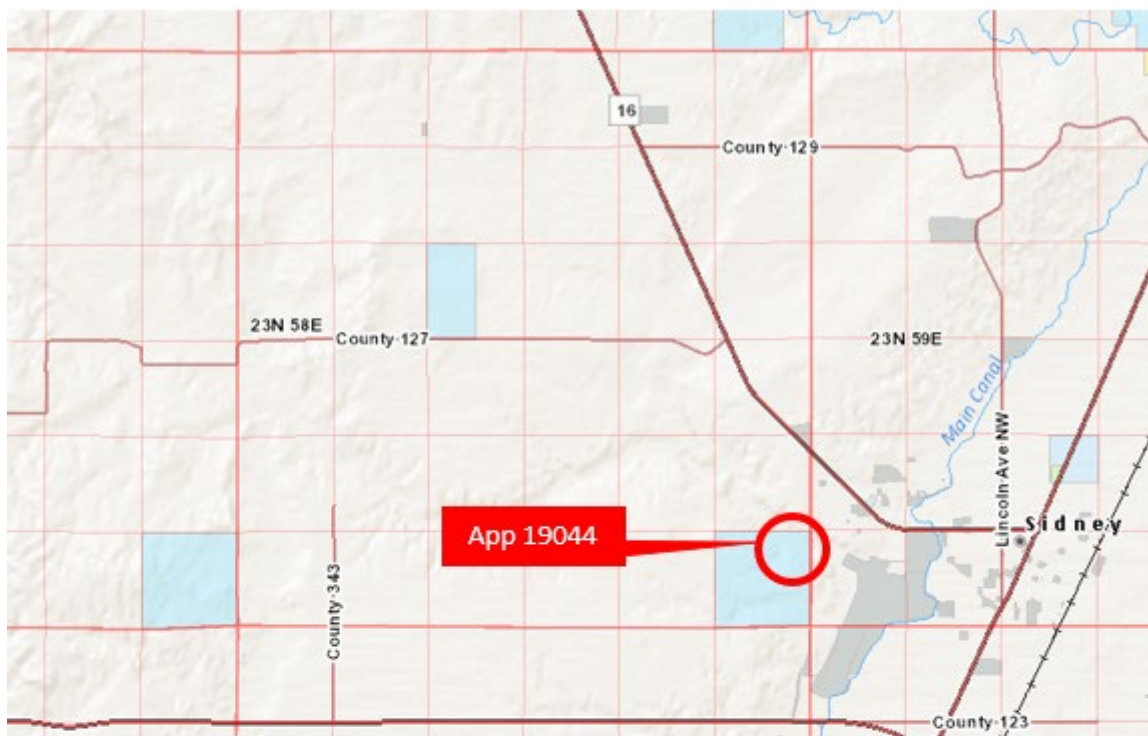
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DNRC Recommendation

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## R/W Application 19044





## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Garfield County PO Box 7 Jordan, MT 59337
Application No.:	19045
R/W Purpose:	a public county road known as Pride Rock Road
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Historic)
Acreage:	0.02
Compensation:	\$100.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through SW4SW4, Sec. 36, Twp. 22N, Rge. 35E, Garfield County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

### 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.

APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Garfield County PO Box 7 Jordan, MT 59337
Application No.:	19046
R/W Purpose:	a public county road known as Hubbard road
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Historic)
Acreage:	1.88
Compensation:	\$846.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through S2SW4, SE4NE4, Sec. 36, Twp. 22N, Rge. 35E, Garfield County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

Item Summary

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DNRC Recommendation

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APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Garfield County PO Box 7 Jordan, MT 59337
Application No.:	19047
R/W Purpose:	a public county road known as East Ft. Billing Road
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Historic)
Acreage:	0.43
Compensation:	\$194.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through SE4SW4, Sec. 36, Twp. 22N, Rge. 35E, Garfield County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

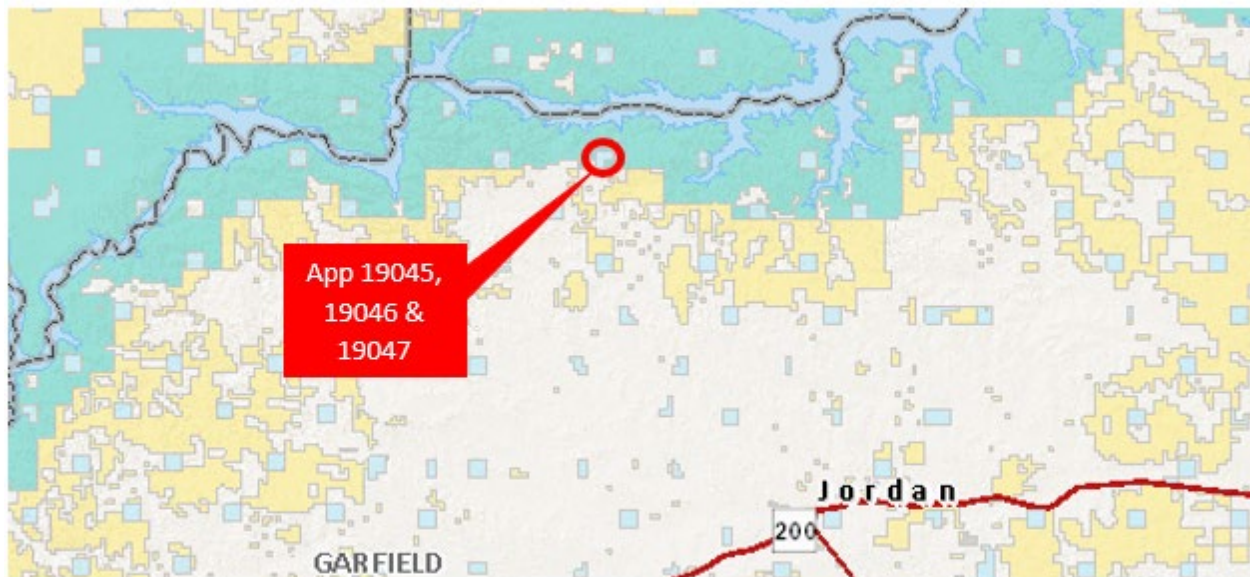
Item Summary

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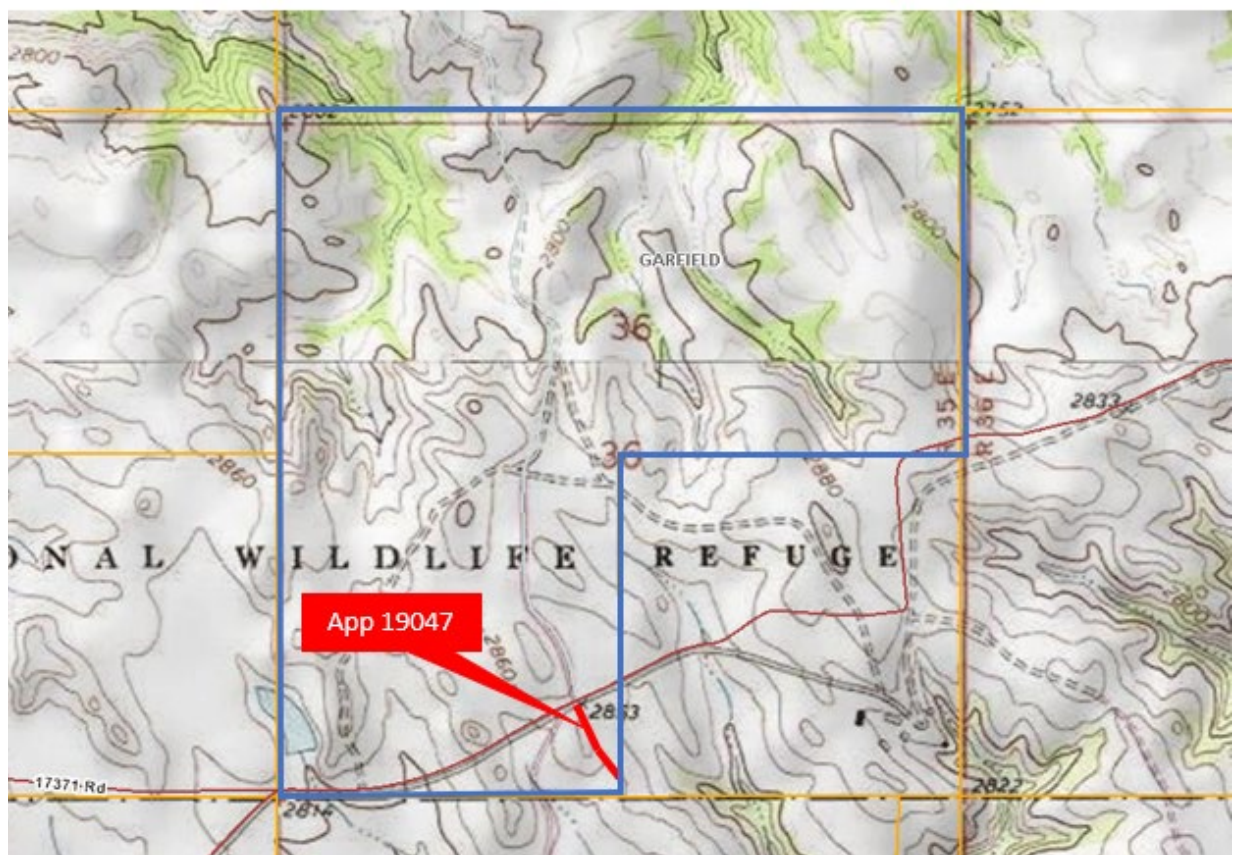
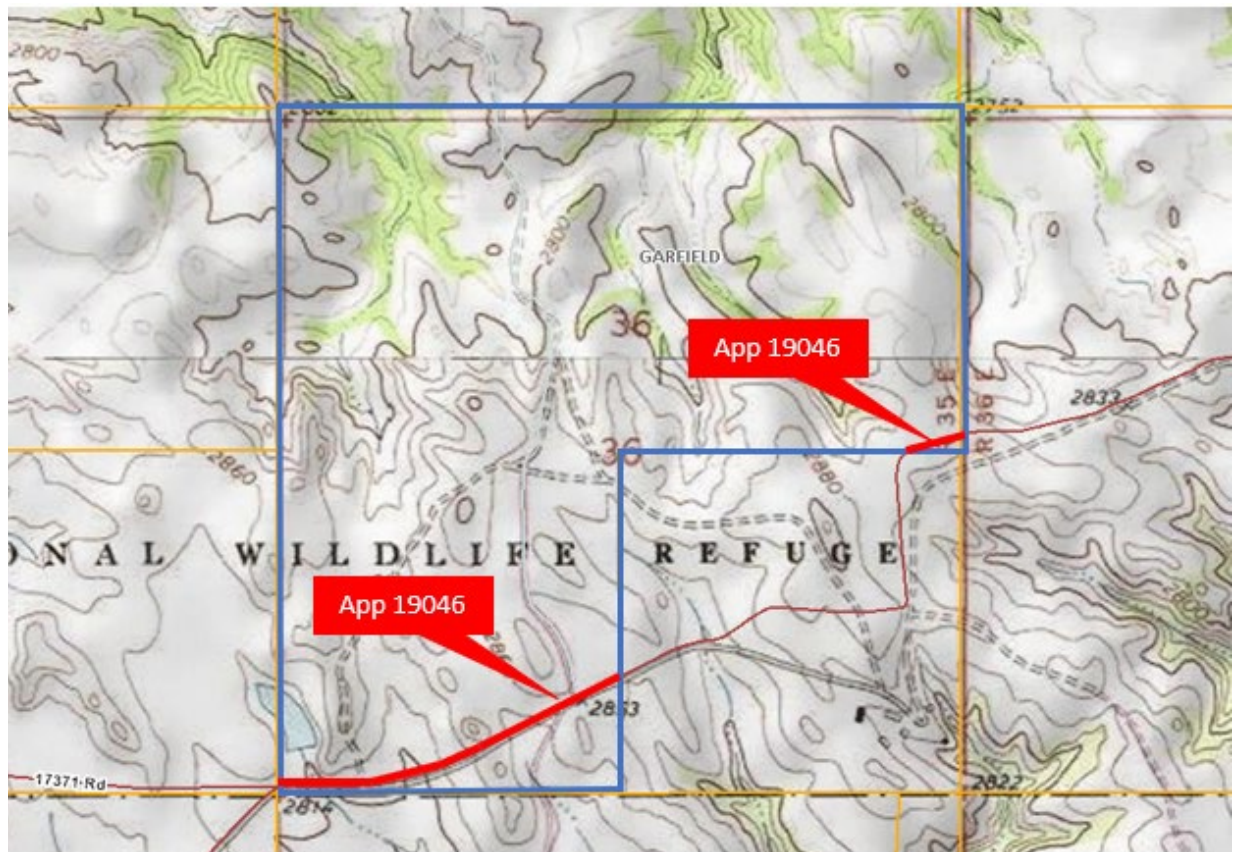
DNRC Recommendation

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## R/W Application 19045, 19046, &amp; 19047







## APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Garfield County PO Box 7 Jordan, MT 59337
Application No.:	19048
R/W Purpose:	a public county road known as Crow Rock Road
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Historic)
Acreage:	3.60
Compensation:	\$1,620.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through NE4NW4, W2NE4, SE4NE4, E2SE4, Sec. 36, Twp. 14N, Rge. 44E, Garfield County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

### Item Summary

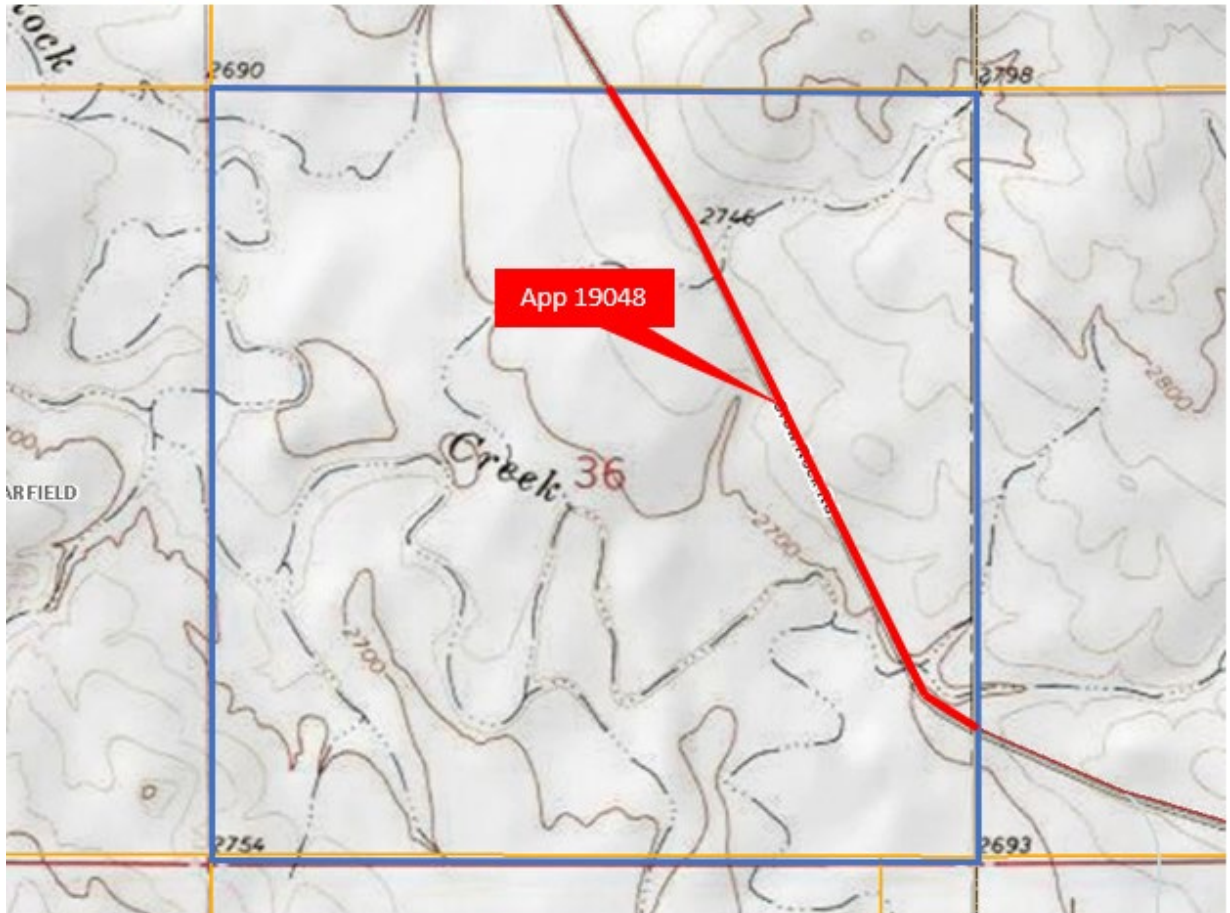
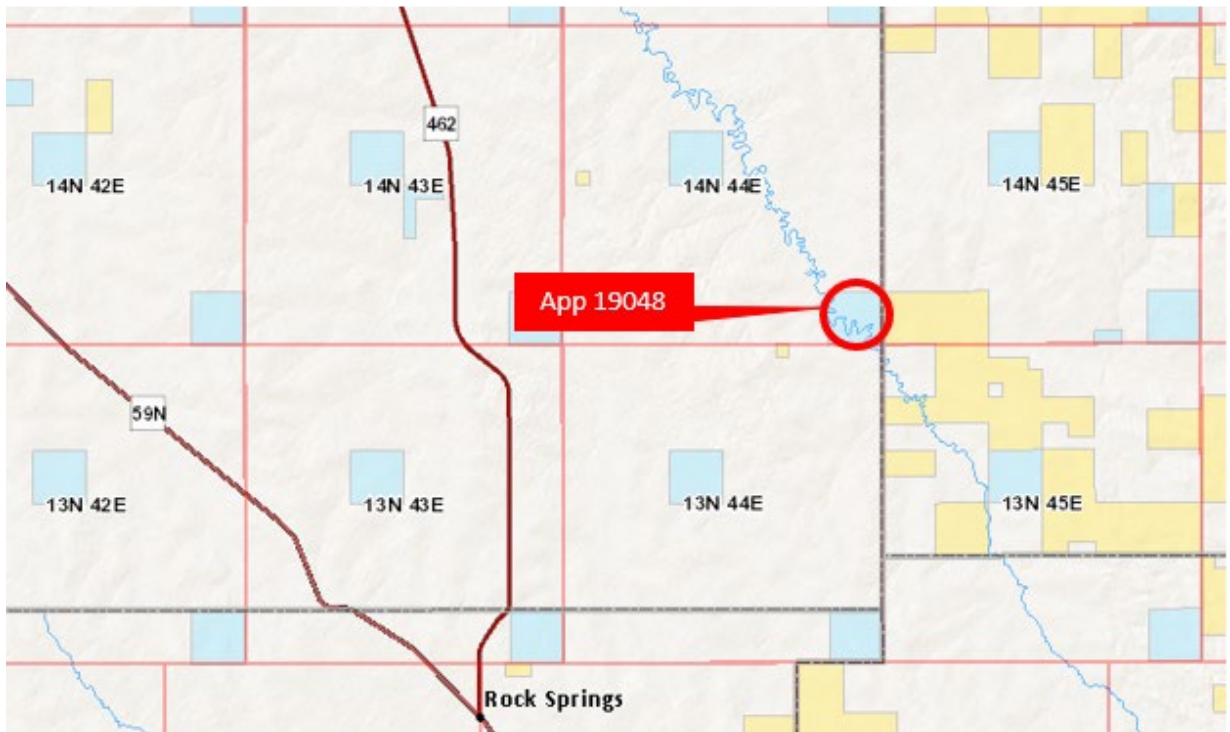
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### DNRC Recommendation

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## R/W Application 19048





APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

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Applicant:	Garfield County PO Box 7 Jordan, MT 59337
Application No.:	19049
R/W Purpose:	a public county road known as Sutherland Road
Lessee Agreement:	N/A (Historic)
Acreage:	2.60
Compensation:	\$1,170.00
Legal Description:	30-foot strip through SW4SE4, S2SW4, Sec. 16, Twp. 13N, Rge. 44E, Garfield County
Trust Beneficiary:	Common Schools

Item Summary

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DNRC Recommendation

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## R/W Application 19049

