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To Whom it May Concern:

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is soliciting input regarding a proposed land exchange involving state owned trust lands and private lands located in Garfield County, this exchange is located approximately 25 miles southwest of Jordan, Montana.

Under the proposal, approximately 640 acres of state trust land would be exchanged for approximately 640 acres of private land owned by Fitch Inc. Legal descriptions of the land being considered can be found at: <https://dnrc.mt.gov/TrustLand/land-transactions-easements/land-exchanges>. State trust lands are managed under specific constitutional and statutory requirements to maximize revenue for trust beneficiaries and often have multiple uses with different rules and regulations than general public lands. The trust beneficiary for this parcel is the Common Schools Trust.

The purpose of the proposed land exchange is to increase potential revenue to the trust, increase public access by 640 acres and add land to an existing block of state trust land. This proposed land exchange meets the state land exchange criteria that can be seen at: <https://dnrc.mt.gov/TrustLand/land-transactions-easements/land-exchanges>.

Please review the proposed land exchange and provide any comments or concerns by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. If additional information is needed, please contact the DNRC Eastern Land Office.

Submit all comments or concerns to:

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Sincerely,



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