Montana Grass Conservation Commission

Zoom Meeting Agenda

April 10th, 2023 - 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order - Chairman, Richard Stuker

- A. Minutes from Montana Grass Conservation Commission previous meeting on December 21st, 2023 in Terry. Action Item **Public Comment**
- B. Elect Vice Chairman for the Montana Grass Conservation Commission Action Item **Public Comment**
- C. Solicit Attorney General Opinion Action Item Public Comment
- D. Fink Transfers from Indian Butte Coop State Grazing District Action Item **Public Comment**
- E. Proposed Procurement qualifications for Montana Grass Conservation Commission Projects – Action Item **Public Comment**
 - 1. Uniform Policy Frame work for Counties and State Grazing Districts
 - 2. TGA Reserved Grazing State Grazing Districts and Hearding Districts (Maps, Legal Descriptions, and Purpose).
 - 3. Demarcation of LU lands from Public Domain Lands (Maps, Description and Purpose)
- F. New lead person to represent Montana Grass Conservation Commission for the Cooperative Agencies MOU's Action Item **Public Comment**
 - 1. Development of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and Associated Resource Management Plan Amendments for Utility-Scale Solar Energy Development on Public Lands.
 - 2. Development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Amendment of Resource Management Plans for Greater Sage-Grouse management.
 - 3. Conduction and an environmental analysis and preparing an Environmental Impact Statement to disclose the potential effects of updating the Federal regulations for grazing, exclusive of Alaska.
- G. Budget for Montana Grass Conservation Commission Earmarked money Action Item **Public Comment**
- H. Identify any New Legislative Issues Action Item Public Comment

- Evaluation Process for Montana Grass Conservation Commission Executive Secretary. Public Comment
- J. Montana Grass Conservation Commission Executive Secretary Report **Public Comment**
- K. Public Comment or any other business that comes before the Montana Grass Conservation Commission Board

Indian Butte CSGD

73530 Hwy 191 N

Roy, MT 59471

January 30, 2024



MT Grass Conservation Commission

Box 622

Terry, MT 59349

Please consider the four enclosed Applications for Transfer of Grazing Preference and supporting documentation. If approved, please send the approved Resolutions back to Indian Butte CSGD.

Thank you.

Cathy Whitney, Secretary

Indian Butte CSGD

Certified copies to:

Jeff Willmore Roy, MT

Cathy Whitney

Kirk Donsbach Roy. MT

Mark Robbins Roy. MT

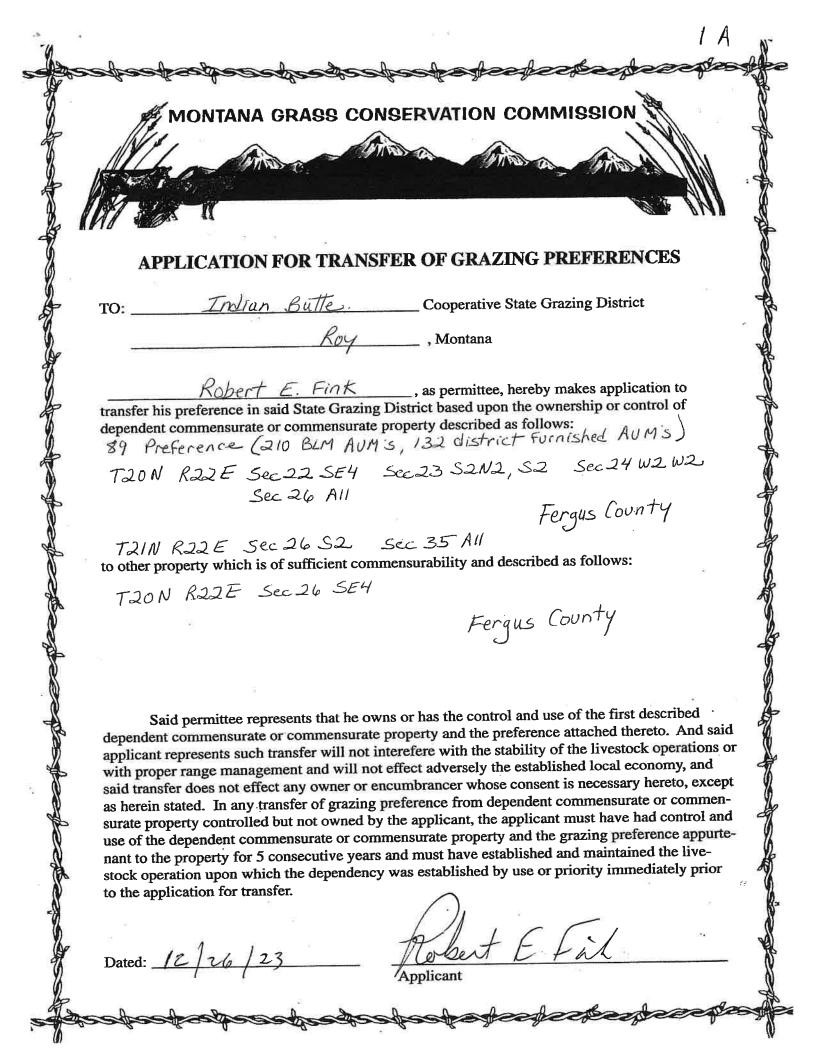
Phil Schuman Roy, MT

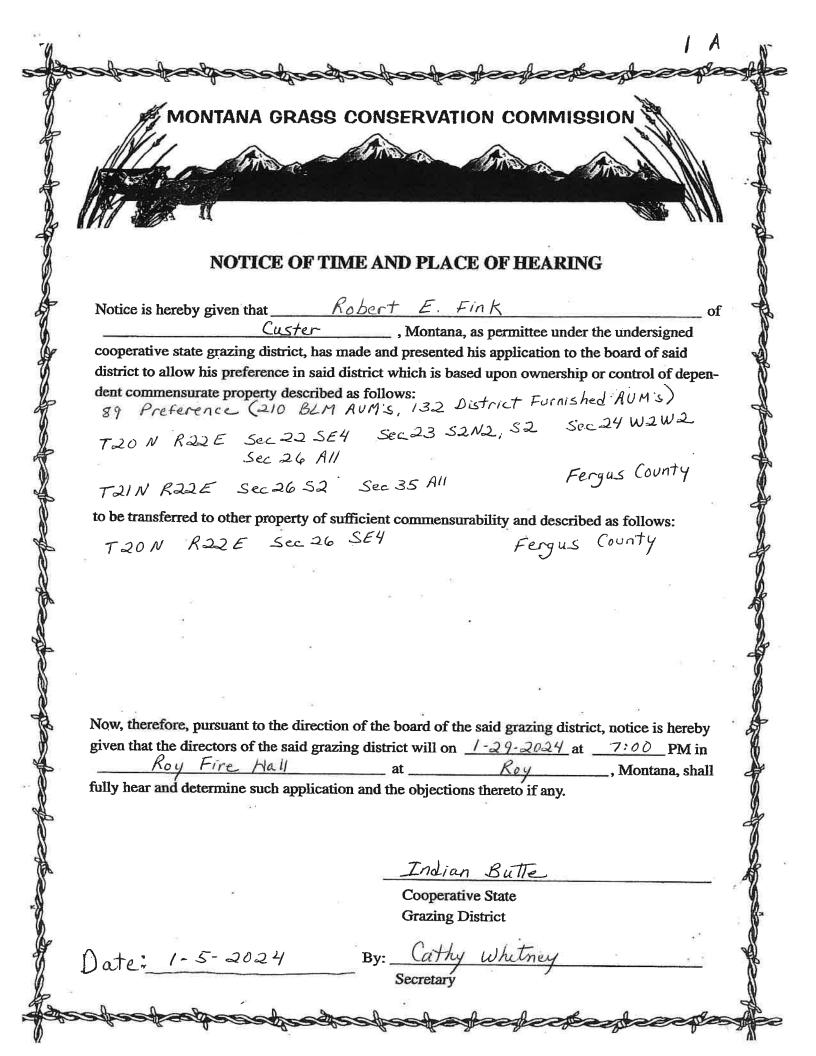
Rod McClure Roy, MT

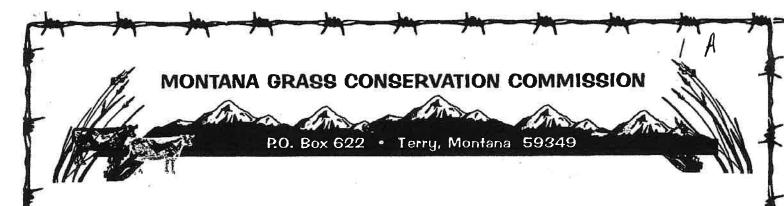
Robert E. Fink Custer, MT

Bozeman, MT Peter Taylor

Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown, Mt Office







AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF MONTANA)	1
County of Fergys) SS	
The undersigned of said county, being duly sworn, says that he/she is the duly qualified	i
and acting Secretary of the <u>Indian</u> Butte	_
Cooperative State Grazing District; that he/she is over the age of 21 years; that on the 9 44	•
day of <u>January</u> , 20 <u>24</u> , he/she posted true and correct copies of the	
notice hereto attached in three of the most public places within said grazing district, to-wit:	
One of the said copies on the Roy Post Office one on the Roy Grocery; and one on the	_;
one on the Roy Grocery; and one on the	
, in said county.	
Cathy Whitney	
Secretary – Treasurer	
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, THIS 9th DAY OF	F
Januay , 20 24.	
TORI METCALF NOTARY PUBLIC for the	
SEAL Residing at Lewistown, Montana Notary Public for the State of Montana Notary Public for the State of Montana	
My Commission Expires March 16, 2027 Residing at Bank of the Rockers, Monta	'nа
My Commission expires March 16 2027	

· Na	/ A	
	MONTANA GRASS CONSERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION	The standard of the standard o
	The application of Robert E. Fink , a permittee under the Indian Buttle Cooperative State Grazing District, duly presented to the Board of said District for the transfer of preferences in said District from the lands described as follows: 89 Preference (210 BLM Rum's, 132 District Fornished Rum's) T20 N R22E Sec 22 SE4 Sec 23 S2N2, S2 Sec 24 W2W2 Sec 26 All T21N R 22E Sec 26 S2 Sec 35 All Fergus (ounty)	age of the same
	to lands described as follows and which are of sufficient commensurability: T20 N R22 E Sec 26 SE4 Fergus County	A A A
ababab	and the Secretary of the Board, pursuant to the direction thereof, has given notice of said application and the time and place of hearing thereon as fixed by the Board, and a copy of said Notice, having been given to the applicant and having been published once a week for two successive weeks prior to such time and place of hearing in a newspaper published and generally circulated within the District and said Notice having been posted at least two full weeks prior to said time and place of hearing in three (3) public places within said District and the date of hearing being at least fifteen (15) days from the first publication of said notice, and due hearing having been had upon said application, and the same having been fully heard and determined and there being no objections thereto except as follows:	The state of the s
and a	See attached and the said application being found true, and there being no other owner or encumbrancer of the	The second
A STATE OF THE STA	dependent commensurate or commensurate property from which the said transfer is sought, the said application is granted as applied for. Dated:	
Se sales	By Cathy Whitney Secretary APPROVED: MONTANA GRASS CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
	By Date: Chairman Montana Grass Conservation Commission	popul
	appealed the feet of the feet	*

Objections and comments concerning Fink Applications to transfer grazing preference

Mark Robbins said the transfers will affect the control of livestock water in the West Indian Butte Common Pasture. Indian Butte CSGD has water rights and development in West Indian Butte Common. Mark Robbins said Indian Butte CSGD does not control all of the water rights in West Indian Common. Kirk Donsbach said if the livestock water is inadequate, Indian Butte CSGD can reduce livestock numbers to utilize less water. The reduction would be on equal percentage and apply to all West Indian Butte Common permittees. Deanna Robbins said the problem is distribution of water in order to use the pasture properly. Indian Butte can adjust livestock numbers, but can't control private water.

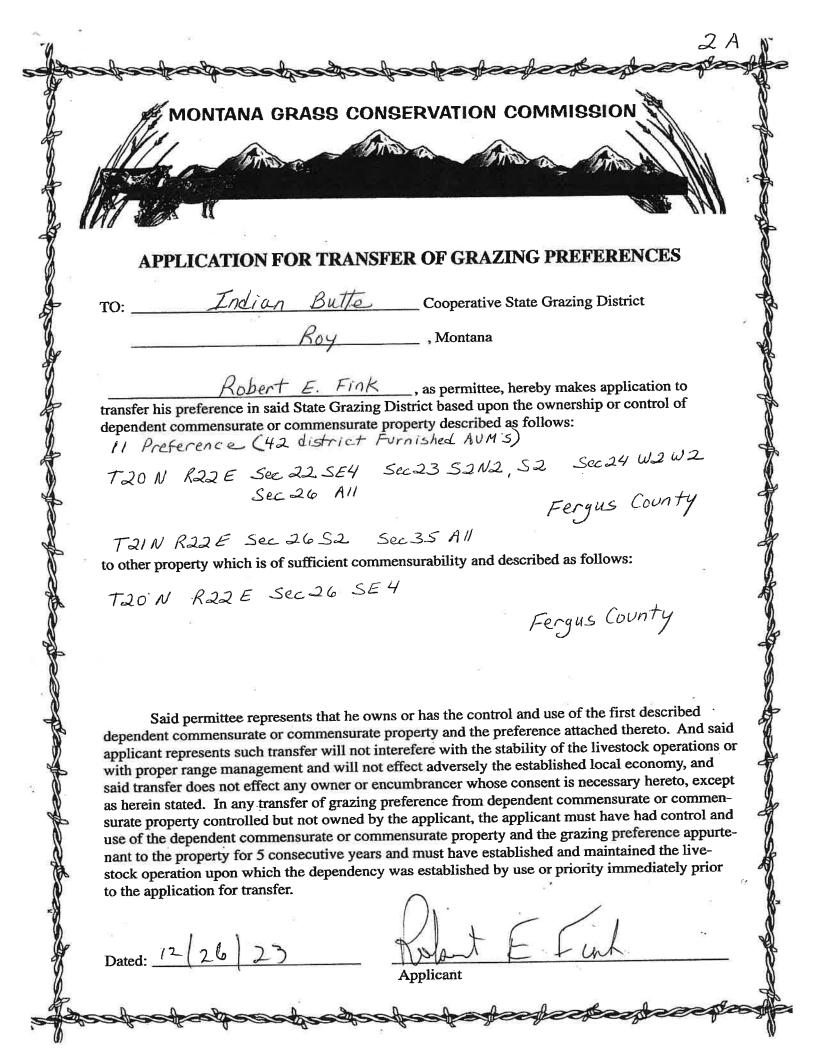
Kirk Donsbach asked to see the consents to transfer grazing preference signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins and signed by Grant Munro. Mark Robbins objects to the consent to transfer signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins. Peter Taylor asked how these transfers are different and why the consent to transfer is not valid. Deanna Robbins asked if the Secretary had to accept new applications to transfer preference for this Hearing. The Secretary affirmed that was true. Peter Taylor said the legal descriptions were exactly the same as the previous transfer applications. Deanna Robbins said these are new transfer applications. The Secretary previously contacted Attorney Bryant Martin to ask if we needed to send the consents to transfer back to Mark and Deanna Robbins. Bryant Martin called the Secretary and said the consents to transfer are still valid and don't need to be sent back to the Robbins. Mark Robbins objection only applies to the Mark and Deanna Robbins consent to transfer.

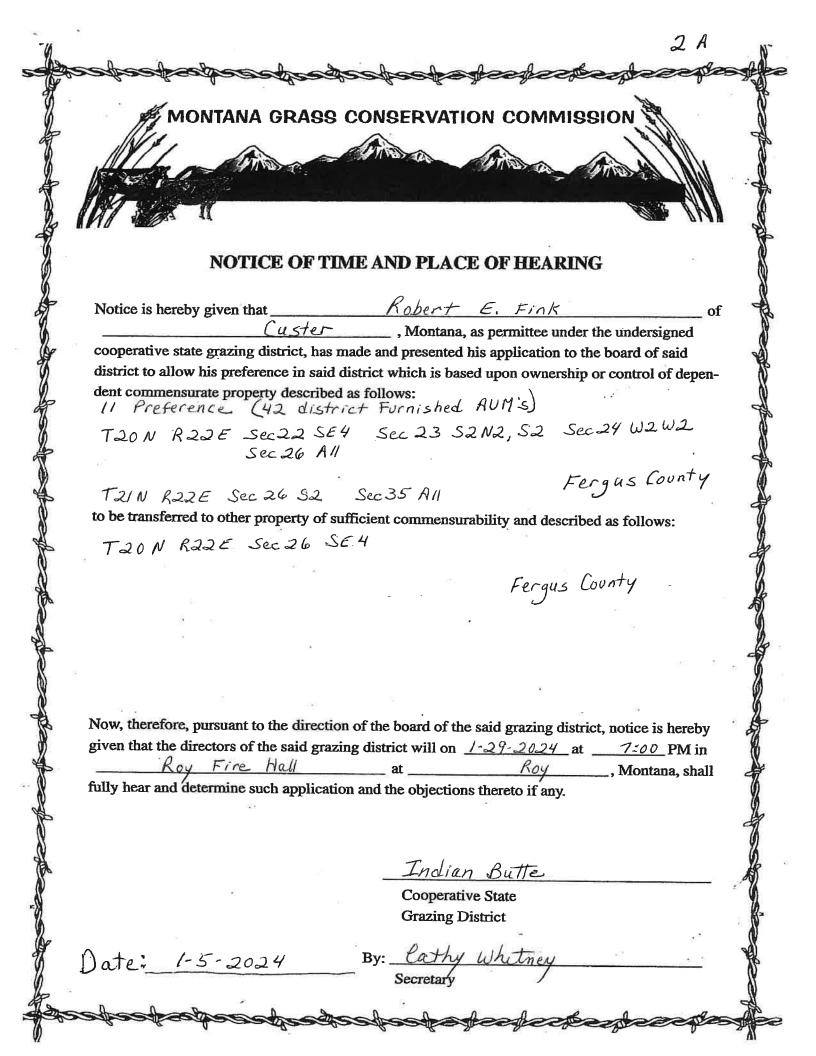
Peter Taylor said the consents to transfer are still valid. The previous Fink applications to transfer were denied by the MT Grass Conservation Commission because of procedural violations, not the substance or nature of the transfers.

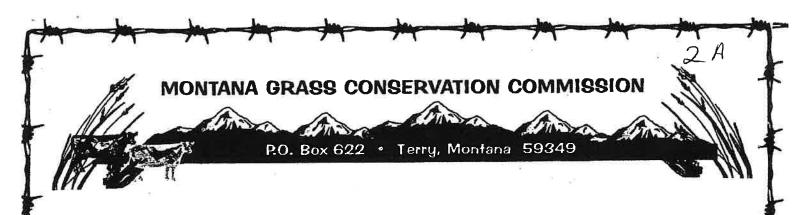
Mark Robbins said these are new transfers and the Robbins consent to transfer does not apply to these new transfers

Peter Taylor asked if Robbins had ever objected to the Fink permit in the past. Robbins have never received a permit for the Fink permit. Robbins have never received a non-use permit for the Fink permit.

Mark Robbins objected to transfer #1A based on the water situation in West Indian Butte Common. Mark Robbins objected the validity of the Robbins consent to transfer signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins. Peter Taylor said that the livestock water situation in West Indian Butte Common is not specific to this transfer. It is an issue that pertains to all grazing permittees in West Indian Butte Common.







AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF MONTANA)	
	A CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF TH
_ , •••	eing duly sworn, says that he/she is the duly qualified
and acting Secretary of the <u>Indian</u>	Butte
	e/she is over the age of 21 years; that on the
day of <u>January</u> , 202	, he/she posted true and correct copies of the
notice hereto attached in three of the most	t public places within said grazing district, to-wit:
One of the said copies on the	Roy Post Office; and one on the
one on the Roy Grocery	; and one on the
65 Oil	, in said county.
2	
27	의 기계
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	Cathy Whitney
2) 7) V V 200	Secretary - Treasurer
	# 8
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFO	ORE ME, THIS OTH DAY OF
Sanvary	. 20 24 .
	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
	11
TORI METCALF NOTARY PUBLIC for the	MY
SEAL State of Montana Residing at Lewistown, Montana	Notary Public for the State of Montana
My Commission Expires March 16, 2027	Residing at Bank of the Rockies, Montana
	My Commission expires March 10 20 27

MONIAN	NA GRASS CONSERVA	ATION COMMISSIO	N H
W.		•	18/1/
	The state of the s	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	
	RESOLUTI	ON	AN IN
	XXXX 0210 XX		
The application of	Robert E. Fink	, a pen	mittee under the
	Indian Butte	Cooperative State Grazin	ng District, duly
presented to the Board described as follows: /	of said District for the transfer 1 Preference (42 Distr 2 SE4 Sec. 23 S2N2, S	of preferences in said District Furnished AUM'S)	ct from the land
T21N RZZE Sec 20			
Ĉ'a		Fergus Count	9
	llows and which are of sufficie	ent commensurability:	
T20N R22E S	ec 26 SE4		,
3	2		
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and s	Board, pursuant to the direction as fixed ace of hearing thereon as fixed applicant and having been pute and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within s	l by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two rspaper published and general at least two full weeks prior	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and sand place of hearing in least fifteen (15) days from the place of the sand place	ace of hearing thereon as fixed e applicant and having been put e and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within som the first publication of said and the same having been fully	I by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two repaper published and general at least two full weeks prior aid District and the date of he lotice, and due hearing have	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time earing being at ing been had
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and s and place of hearing in least fifteen (15) days frupon said application, a	ace of hearing thereon as fixed e applicant and having been put e and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within som the first publication of said and the same having been fully	I by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two expaper published and general at least two full weeks prior aid District and the date of he inotice, and due hearing have heard and determined and the	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time earing being at ing been had
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and s and place of hearing in least fifteen (15) days frupon said application, a objections thereto except	e applicant and having been pure and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within some the first publication of said and the same having been fully of as follows: See attached the property from the property from the first publication of said and the same having been fully of as follows:	by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two expaper published and general at least two full weeks prior aid District and the date of hel notice, and due hearing have heard and determined and the date of the determined and the de	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time earing being at ing been had ere being no
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and s and place of hearing in least fifteen (15) days frupon said application, a objections thereto except and the said application dependent commensurate	lace of hearing thereon as fixed the applicant and having been pure and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within some the first publication of said and the same having been fully of as follows: See attached the being found true, and there being found true, and there being a applied for.	by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two espaper published and general at least two full weeks prior aid District and the date of he notice, and due hearing have heard and determined and the date of the notice, and determined and the heard and determined and the notice are not the notice and the notice and determined and the notice are not	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time earing being at ing been had ere being no
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and sand place of hearing in least fifteen (15) days frupon said application, a objections thereto except and the said application dependent commensurates aid application is granted.	ace of hearing thereon as fixed applicant and having been pure and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within some the first publication of said and the same having been fully of as follows: See attached being found true, and there being found true, and there being en applied for.	by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two espaper published and general at least two full weeks prior aid District and the date of he notice, and due hearing have heard and determined and the date of the notice, and determined and the heard and determined and the notice are not the notice and the notice and determined and the notice are not	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time earing being at ing been had ere being no
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and sand place of hearing in least fifteen (15) days frupon said application, a objections thereto except and the said application dependent commensurates aid application is granted.	ace of hearing thereon as fixed applicant and having been pure and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within some the first publication of said and the same having been fully of as follows: See attached being found true, and there being found true, and there being en applied for.	by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two espaper published and general at least two full weeks prior aid District and the date of he notice, and due hearing have heard and determined and the date of the notice	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time earing being at ing been had ere being no abrancer of the sought, the
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and sand place of hearing in least fifteen (15) days frupon said application, a objections thereto except and the said application dependent commensurates aid application is granted.	ace of hearing thereon as fixed applicant and having been pure and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within some the first publication of said and the same having been fully of as follows: See attached being found true, and there being found true, and there being en applied for.	by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two espaper published and general at least two full weeks prior aid District and the date of he notice, and due hearing have heard and determined and the date of the notice	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time earing being at ing been had ere being no brancer of the sought, the trict President
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and sand place of hearing in least fifteen (15) days frupon said application, a objections thereto except and the said application dependent commensurates aid application is granted: Dated: 1-29-202	lace of hearing thereon as fixed the applicant and having been pure and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within some the first publication of said and the same having been fully of as follows: See attached the or commensurate property freed as applied for. India	by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two espaper published and general at least two full weeks priorisal District and the date of his notice, and due hearing have heard and determined and the date of the notice	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time earing being at ing been had ere being no brancer of the sought, the trict President Secretary
having been given to the weeks prior to such time within the District and sand place of hearing in least fifteen (15) days from upon said application, a objections thereto except and the said application dependent commensurates aid application is granted: \[\frac{1-29-202}{202} \]	ace of hearing thereon as fixed applicant and having been pure and place of hearing in a new said Notice having been posted three (3) public places within some the first publication of said and the same having been fully of as follows: See attached being found true, and there being found true, and there being en applied for.	by the Board, and a copy of ablished once a week for two espaper published and general at least two full weeks priorisal District and the date of his notice, and due hearing have heard and determined and the date of the notice	said Notice, successive ally circulated to said time earing being at ing been had ere being no brancer of the sought, the trict President Secretary

Objections and comments concerning Fink Applications to transfer grazing preference

Mark Robbins said the transfers will affect the control of livestock water in the West Indian Butte Common Pasture. Indian Butte CSGD has water rights and development in West Indian Butte Common. Mark Robbins said Indian Butte CSGD does not control all of the water rights in West Indian Common. Kirk Donsbach said if the livestock water is inadequate, Indian Butte CSGD can reduce livestock numbers to utilize less water. The reduction would be on equal percentage and apply to all West Indian Butte Common permittees. Deanna Robbins said the problem is distribution of water in order to use the pasture properly. Indian Butte can adjust livestock numbers, but can't control private water.

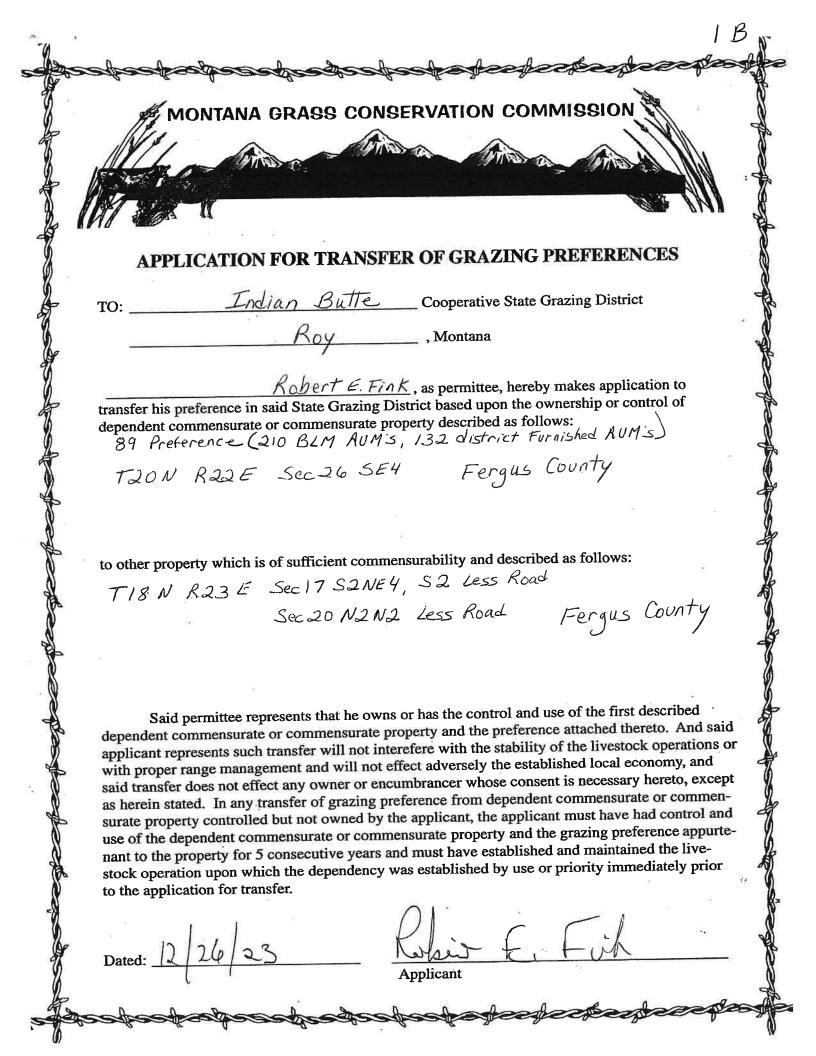
Kirk Donsbach asked to see the consents to transfer grazing preference signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins and signed by Grant Munro. Mark Robbins objects to the consent to transfer signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins. Peter Taylor asked how these transfers are different and why the consent to transfer is not valid. Deanna Robbins asked if the Secretary had to accept new applications to transfer preference for this Hearing. The Secretary affirmed that was true. Peter Taylor said the legal descriptions were exactly the same as the previous transfer applications. Deanna Robbins said these are new transfer applications. The Secretary previously contacted Attorney Bryant Martin to ask if we needed to send the consents to transfer back to Mark and Deanna Robbins. Bryant Martin called the Secretary and said the consents to transfer are still valid and don't need to be sent back to the Robbins. Mark Robbins objection only applies to the Mark and Deanna Robbins consent to transfer.

Peter Taylor said the consents to transfer are still valid. The previous Fink applications to transfer were denied by the MT Grass Conservation Commission because of procedural violations, not the substance or nature of the transfers.

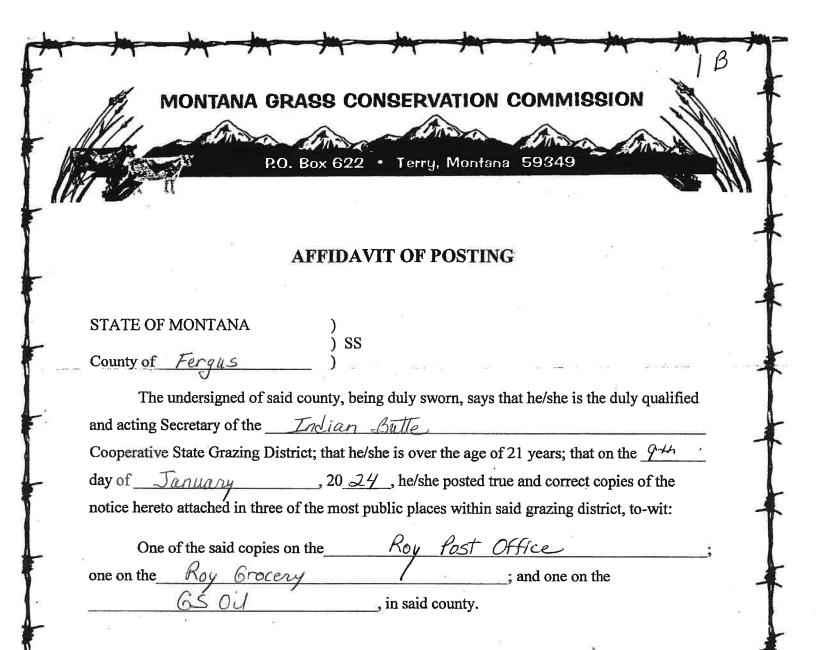
Mark Robbins said these are new transfers and the Robbins consent to transfer does not apply to these new transfers

Peter Taylor asked if Robbins had ever objected to the Fink permit in the past. Robbins have never received a permit for the Fink permit. Robbins have never received a non-use permit for the Fink permit.

Mark Robbins objected to transfer #1A based on the water situation in West Indian Butte Common. Mark Robbins objected the validity of the Robbins consent to transfer signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins. Peter Taylor said that the livestock water situation in West Indian Butte Common is not specific to this transfer. It is an issue that pertains to all grazing permittees in West Indian Butte Common.



feede	decepes	sedestes	and the state of t	ed and a series
Æ,		120	RVATION COMM	
N/J				William
	A THOR			
	A II			
	NOTICE O	OF TIME AND	PLACE OF HEA	PINC
				Kuito
Notice is he	ereby given that	Kober	T E. FINK	under the undersigned
district to a	e state grazing distric llow his preference i	ct, has made and pre in said district whic	esented his application h is based upon owne	n to the board of said rship or control of depen
T20 A	1 R22 E Sec	c 26 SE 4	Fergus Coun	ty
· 100 (100 (100 (100 (100 (100 (100 (100		1 0	¥	9
			mensurability and de	scribed as follows:
T18 N	R23E Sec	17 SQNE4, 20 NQNQ L	32 Zess Noua	
	Sec	= 20 N X N X Z		A +11
	(E) • =		Fergus	County
	167	13		
			60	ea 1
≇ ∪}	i.	į.	a¥	150
	_			district, notice is hereby _at _7:00 PM in
B. , our man in	Roy Fire Ha			, Montana, shall
fully hear an	nd determine such ap	oplication and the o	bjections thereto if an	y.
			Tuli a 4	
	82		Indian Butte	
			razing District	
Λ. 1 .	1 /	ъ. С	athy Whitney	gen La companya
Jate:	1-5-2024		retary	



Cathy Whitney
Secretary - Treasurer



TORI METCALF
NOTARY PUBLIC for the
State of Montana
Residing at Lewistown, Montana
My Commission Expires
March 16, 2027

Notary Public for the State of Montana

Residing at Bank of The Rockies, Montana

My Commission expires March 16 2027

Objections and comments concerning Fink Applications to transfer grazing preference

Mark Robbins said the transfers will affect the control of livestock water in the West Indian Butte Common Pasture. Indian Butte CSGD has water rights and development in West Indian Butte Common. Mark Robbins said Indian Butte CSGD does not control all of the water rights in West Indian Common. Kirk Donsbach said if the livestock water is inadequate, Indian Butte CSGD can reduce livestock numbers to utilize less water. The reduction would be on equal percentage and apply to all West Indian Butte Common permittees. Deanna Robbins said the problem is distribution of water in order to use the pasture properly. Indian Butte can adjust livestock numbers, but can't control private water.

Kirk Donsbach asked to see the consents to transfer grazing preference signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins and signed by Grant Munro. Mark Robbins objects to the consent to transfer signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins. Peter Taylor asked how these transfers are different and why the consent to transfer is not valid. Deanna Robbins asked if the Secretary had to accept new applications to transfer preference for this Hearing. The Secretary affirmed that was true. Peter Taylor said the legal descriptions were exactly the same as the previous transfer applications. Deanna Robbins said these are new transfer applications. The Secretary previously contacted Attorney Bryant Martin to ask if we needed to send the consents to transfer back to Mark and Deanna Robbins. Bryant Martin called the Secretary and said the consents to transfer are still valid and don't need to be sent back to the Robbins. Mark Robbins objection only applies to the Mark and Deanna Robbins consent to transfer.

Peter Taylor said the consents to transfer are still valid. The previous Fink applications to transfer were denied by the MT Grass Conservation Commission because of procedural violations, not the substance or nature of the transfers.

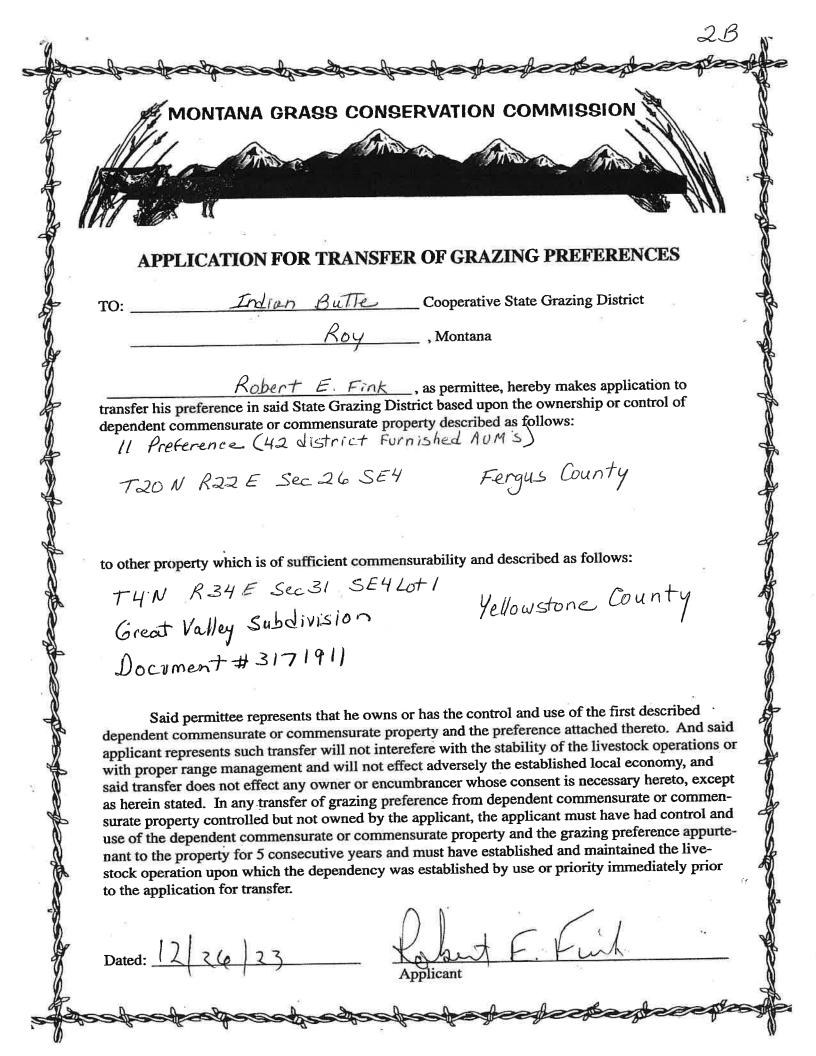
Mark Robbins said these are new transfers and the Robbins consent to transfer does not apply to these new transfers

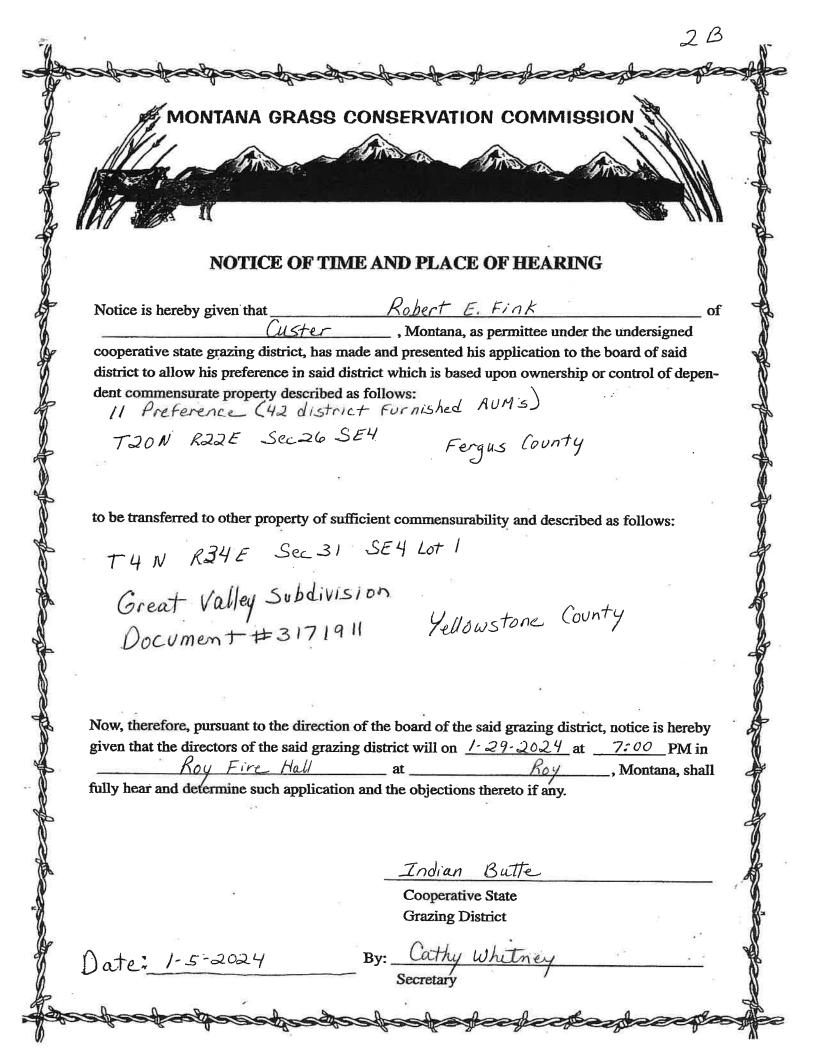
Peter Taylor asked if Robbins had ever objected to the Fink permit in the past. Robbins have never received a permit for the Fink permit. Robbins have never received a non-use permit for the Fink permit.

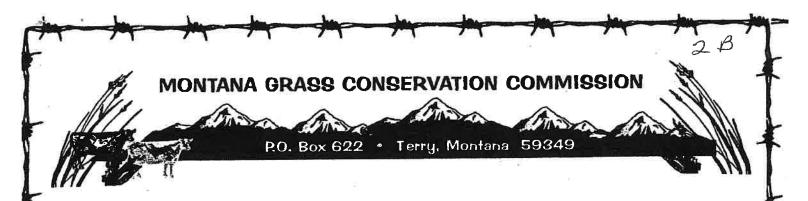
Mark Robbins objected to transfer #1A based on the water situation in West Indian Butte Common.

Mark Robbins objected the validity of the Robbins consent to transfer signed by Mark and Deanna

Robbins. Peter Taylor said that the livestock water situation in West Indian Butte Common is not specific to this transfer. It is an issue that pertains to all grazing permittees in West Indian Butte Common.







AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF MONTANA)
County of Fergus) SS
The undersigned of said county, being duly sworn, says that he/she is the duly qualified
and acting Secretary of the <u>Indian</u> Butte
Cooperative State Grazing District; that he/she is over the age of 21 years; that on the 945
day of January, 2024, he/she posted true and correct copies of the
notice hereto attached in three of the most public places within said grazing district, to-wit:
One of the said copies on the Roy Post Office; one on the Roy Grocery; and one on the GSOIL, in said county.
one on the Roy Grocery; and one on the
GS Oil , in said county.
* 02
Cothe Whitness
Secretary – Treasurer
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, THIS DAY OF
January , 20 24.
1018
TORI METCALF NOTARY PUBLIC for the
State of Montana Notary Public for the State of Montana Notary Public for the State of Montana
My Commission Expires My Commission Expires Residing at Pank of the Packies, Montana

My Commission expires March 16 2027

Montana Grass Conservation Commission

desdess feet feet feet feet

#28

Objections and comments concerning Fink Applications to transfer grazing preference

Mark Robbins said the transfers will affect the control of livestock water in the West Indian Butte Common Pasture. Indian Butte CSGD has water rights and development in West Indian Butte Common. Mark Robbins said Indian Butte CSGD does not control all of the water rights in West Indian Common. Kirk Donsbach said if the livestock water is inadequate, Indian Butte CSGD can reduce livestock numbers to utilize less water. The reduction would be on equal percentage and apply to all West Indian Butte Common permittees. Deanna Robbins said the problem is distribution of water in order to use the pasture properly. Indian Butte can adjust livestock numbers, but can't control private water.

Kirk Donsbach asked to see the consents to transfer grazing preference signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins and signed by Grant Munro. Mark Robbins objects to the consent to transfer signed by Mark and Deanna Robbins. Peter Taylor asked how these transfers are different and why the consent to transfer is not valid. Deanna Robbins asked if the Secretary had to accept new applications to transfer preference for this Hearing. The Secretary affirmed that was true. Peter Taylor said the legal descriptions were exactly the same as the previous transfer applications. Deanna Robbins said these are new transfer applications. The Secretary previously contacted Attorney Bryant Martin to ask if we needed to send the consents to transfer back to Mark and Deanna Robbins. Bryant Martin called the Secretary and said the consents to transfer are still valid and don't need to be sent back to the Robbins. Mark Robbins objection only applies to the Mark and Deanna Robbins consent to transfer.

Peter Taylor said the consents to transfer are still valid. The previous Fink applications to transfer were denied by the MT Grass Conservation Commission because of procedural violations, not the substance or nature of the transfers.

Mark Robbins said these are new transfers and the Robbins consent to transfer does not apply to these new transfers

Peter Taylor asked if Robbins had ever objected to the Fink permit in the past. Robbins have never received a permit for the Fink permit. Robbins have never received a non-use permit for the Fink permit.

Mark Robbins objected to transfer #1A based on the water situation in West Indian Butte Common.

Mark Robbins objected the validity of the Robbins consent to transfer signed by Mark and Deanna

Robbins. Peter Taylor said that the livestock water situation in West Indian Butte Common is not specific to this transfer. It is an issue that pertains to all grazing permittees in West Indian Butte Common.

Indian Butte Cooperative State Grazing District 73530 Hwy 191 N Roy, MT 59471

December 29, 2023

Bryant Martin Lucas and Tonn Law Firm 513 Main St Miles City, MT 59301

Dear Mr. Martin,

I am secretary of the Indian Butte Cooperative State Grazing District. I contacted you in June 2023 with a grazing district question regarding transfer of preference by Robert E. Fink. Indian Butte CSGD thanks you for your opinion and advice.

We are still struggling to get this transfer completed. Indian Butte CSGD Board of Directors held a Hearing on October 16, 2023 and approved the transfers contingent to Lonesome Ridge Ranch (Mark and Deanna Robbins) and Grant Munro (another new owner of original base property) signing consents to transfer of grazing preference. When these consents were received, Resolutions to Transfer were signed on October 31, 2023 by Jeff Willmore, President of Indian Butte CSGD and Cathy Whitney, Secretary. These Resolutions, including all supporting documents, were submitted to the MT Grass Conservation Commission for their approval. The transfers were not approved by the MT Grass Conservation Commission.

Now we are preparing to start the process over with application, hearing, etc.

Deanna Robbins asked me to return the Lonesome Ridge Ranch Consent to Transfer of Grazing Preference. She said it would no longer apply to a transfer of preference by Robert E. Fink.

Indian Butte CSGD is asking you for your opinion. Is the Lonesome Ridge Ranch Consent to Transfer still valid for our upcoming transfer hearing? Do we need to return the Consent to Transfer to Mark and Deanna Robbins?

Thank you for advising us on this matter.

Thank you. My phone is 406-464-2296

Sincerely,

Cathy Whitney, Secretary Indian Butte CSGD

Phone reply the consent the reply the should skill be should should skill be s

undersigned cooperative state grazing district, has made and presented his application to the board of said district to allow his preference in said district which is based upon ana, as permittee under the Notice is hereby given that Robert E Fink of Custer, Mon-SERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF TIME AND MNAXLP Publish: January 13, 17, 20 & , 2024)

89 Preference (210 BLM AUM's, 132 District Furnished SE4 c 24 AUM's, AUM's) allow his preference in said district which is based upon ownership or control of dependent commensurate property described as follows: presented his application to the board of said district to grazing district, has made and F20N R22E Sec26 SE4 Ferundersigned cooperative state tana, as permittee under the Notice is hereby given that Robert E Fink of Custer, Mon-Preference eference (210) BLM 132 district furnished

erty of sufficient commensura-bility and described as follows: T20N-R22E Sec26 SE4 Fer-

to be transferred to other prop-

All Fergus County

T21N R22E Sec26 S2 Sec35

gus County

T20N R22E S Sec23 S2N2, S W2W2 Sec26 All

Sec22 Sec

dent commensurate property

ownership or control of depen-

described as follows:

PLACE OF HEARING

the direction of the board of the said grazing district, notice is hereby given that the directors of the said grazing district will on 1-29-2024 at 7:00 PM in Roy Fire Hall at Roy, Montana, shall fully hear and determine erty of sufficient commensura-bility and described as follows: T18N R23E Sec17 S2NE4, S2 to be transferred to other propgus County ess road Sec 20 N2N2

11 Preference

Grazing District Date: 1-5-2024 such application and the ob-jections thereto if any. By: /s/ Cathy Whitney, Secrendian Butte Cooperative State

Roy Fire Hall at Roy, Montana, shall fully hear and determine Grazing District Date: 1-5-2024 such application and the obections thereto if any. ndian Butte Cooperative State

By: /s/ Cathy Whitney, Secre-Publish: January 13, 17, 20 &

MNAXLP

ownership or control of depenallow his preference in said district which is based upon MONTANA GRASS CON-SERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF TIME AND dent commensurate property described as follows: presented his application to the board of said district to Notice is hereby given that Robert E Fink of Custer, Mongrazing district, has made and undersigned cooperative state ana, as permittee under the LACE OF HEARING

Legal

the said grazing district, notice is hereby given that the directors of the said grazing district will on 1-29-2024 at 7:00 PM in road Fergus County Now, therefore, pursuant the direction of the board 악하 erty of sufficient commensura-bility and described as follows: T4N R34E Sec31 SE4 Lot 1

Grazing District Indian Butte Cooperative State ections thereto if any

By: /s/ Cathy Whitney, Secre-Date: 1-5-2024 Publish: January 13, 17, 20 &

undersigned cooperative state grazing district, has made and presented his application to Notice is hereby given that Robert E Fink of Custer, Mon-PLACE OF HEARING ana, as permittee under the

Legals

to be transferred to other propgus County ished AUM's) F20N R22E Sec26 SE4 Fer-

Now, therefore, pursuant to the direction of the board of the said grazing district, notice is hereby given that the directors of the said grazing district will on 1-29-2024 at 7:00 PM in Roy Fire Hall at Roy, Montana, shall fully hear and determine such application and the obellowstone County

MNAXLP

MONTANA GRASS CON-SERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF TIME AND

Legals

LEWISTOWN NEWS-ARGUS

allow his preference in said district which is based upon ownership or centrol of dependent commensurate property 11 Preference described as follows: the board of said district to

nished AUM's)
T20N R22E Sec22 SE4 Sec23
S2N2, S2 Sec 24 W2W2 Sec
26 All
T21N R22E Sec26 S2 Sec 35

(42 district fur-

erty of sufficient commensura-bility and described as follows: T20N R22E Sec26 SE4 Ferto be transferred to other prop-All Fergus County

Now, therefore, pursuant to the direction of the board of the said grazing district, notice is hereby given that the directors of the said grazing district will on 1-29-2024 at 7:00 PM in Roy Fire Hall at Roy, Montana, shall fully house and determined. shall fully hear and determine such application and the obgus County Now, there Indian Butte Cooperative State ections thereto if any Now, therefore, the direction of

By: /s/ Cathy Whitney, Secretary (Publish: January 13, 17, 20 &

Grazing District Date: 1-5-2024