



Scoping Notice:

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Forestry & Trust Land Division (FTLD), Central Land Office (CLO) is currently reviewing a proposal from NorthWestern Energy to commercially develop a 20.0-acre parcel, to be designated for utility or industrial use, located on State Trust Land in Gallatin County administered by the DNRC-Bozeman Unit, near Buffalo Jump Road, approximately 1-mile south of Logan, MT. The location of the proposed public facility easement is on the State Trust Land parcel described below:

Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Section 02

The total acres proposed for development is 20.0 acres. Please refer to the attached map.

Purpose: The proposal seeks to commercially develop 20.0 acres of State Trust Land to build and maintain a natural gas compressor station with associated outbuildings and infrastructure, to include a small office building. The station would transfer natural gas from the main east-west pipeline and through the compressor station to customers and storage facilities across the state. According to NorthWestern Energy, this station is necessary based on current and expected community growth creating increased demand for natural gas.

The proposed action would be implemented as soon as July 1, 2026. The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project's environmental assessment and capability inventory. In preparation for this project, DNRC will be analyzing the impacts to the State Trust Land resulting from the proposal. The Montana DNRC invites comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Please respond in writing by end of business July 25, 2025 to:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Attn: Kara Huyser

MT DNRC—Bozeman Unit Office

2273 Boot Hill Court, Suite 110

Bozeman MT, 59715

or: khuyser@mt.gov



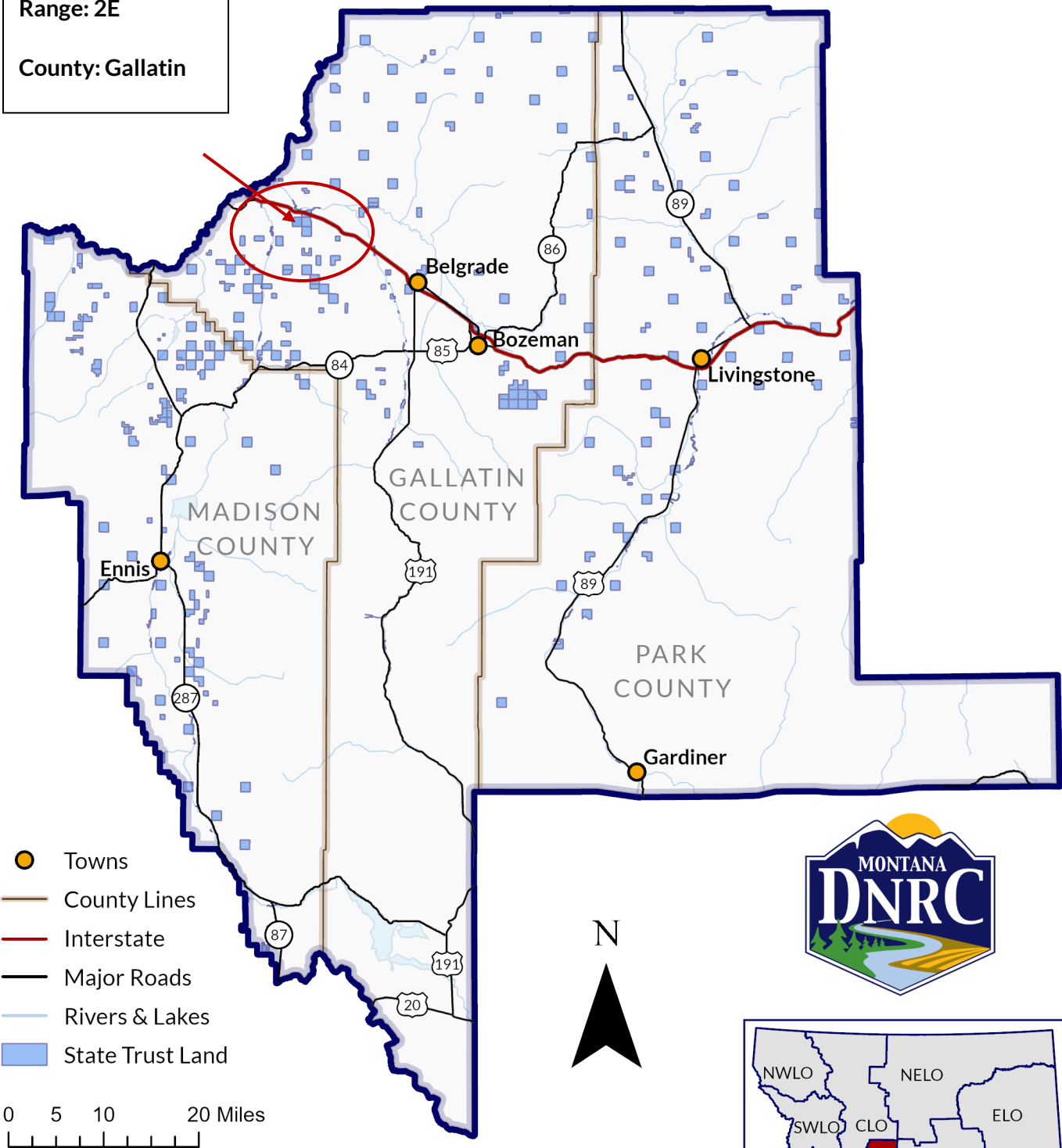
State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Bozeman Unit

Project Name: NorthWestern Energy Natural Gas Compressor Station, Commercial Lease

Section: 02
Township: 1N
Range: 2E

County: Gallatin





Vicinity map showing site location and existing pipelines