

## CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

<b>Project Name:</b>	School and Fire Department Easement Application(s) for Amsterdam Road Parcel
<b>Proposed Implementation</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Winter 2022/2023
<b>Proponent:</b>	Belgrade School District #44 & Central Valley Fire District
<b>Location:</b>	Section 11, Township 01 South, Range 04 East
<b>County:</b>	Gallatin County
<b>Trust:</b>	Common Schools

### I. TYPE AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Trust Land Management Division (TLMD), Central Land Office (CLO) is currently reviewing two easement applications from Belgrade School District #44 and Central Valley Fire District who are applying for two separate but adjacent easements to construct and operate a school campus and a fire department on state-owned Trust Land to accommodate the community need to expand public education services and fire department services in Belgrade, MT.

Belgrade School District #44 is seeking approval for the State of Montana to issue an easement to provide suitable property to Belgrade School District for campus expansion. This expansion is necessary based on current and expected community growth. The total acres to be encumbered by the easement is 60.00 acres of State Trust Land located in Gallatin County administered by the DNRC-Bozeman Unit, near Frank Road, southwest of Belgrade, MT. Please refer to the attached map.

Central Valley Fire District is seeking approval for the State of Montana to issue an easement to Central Valley Fires District to provide suitable property to build and maintain a 24 hour per day career staffed fire station and associated infrastructure. This expansion is necessary based on current and expected community growth. The total acres to be encumbered by the easement is 3.00 acres immediately west of the proposed Belgrade School District easement and located on State Trust Land located in Gallatin County administered by the DNRC-Bozeman Unit, near Frank Road, southwest of Belgrade, MT. Please refer to the attached map.

The total acres to be encumbered by the easement(s) for the Belgrade School for Central Valley Fire District is 63.00 acres.

Implementation of construction activities and the operation phases of the new school campus and fire department would consist of impactful actions that would result in the permanent transition from agricultural production to suburban development. The purpose of this document is to identify and analyze the impacts resulting from the proposed actions.

#### Appendixes:

- Appendix A-Vicinity Map/Arial Photo of Both Easements
- Appendix B- Vicinity Map/Arial Photo of CVFD Easement Area
- Appendix C- Vicinity Map/Arial Photo of Belgrade School District Easement Area
- Appendix D-Survey Exhibit 1 (Belgrade School District)
- Appendix E-Survey Exhibit 2 (Central Valley Fire District)

## II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

### 1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED:

*Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.*

The DNRC posted an official scoping notice for the Belgrade School District proposal on the DNRC webpage on September 26, 2022. Additional scoping notices were posted on October 19, 2022, and on October 25, 2022 regarding the Central Valley Fire District Proposal. Scoping letters were sent directly to the parties listed below:

Agencies, Groups or Individuals Scoped:	Response:
DNRC, Landowner	Neutral
Belgrade School District #44	Proponent is in favor of the project.
Larry Dyk and Michael Dyk (Lessee)	Lessee prefers alternate location due to conflicts with their Farming Operations on the parcel. Comments received electronically 10/23/22 . Refer to Item #15.
City of Belgrade	None received
Dept. of Environmental Quality	None received
Dept of Transportation	None received
Dept of Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Neutral
Gallatin County Commission	None received
Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent-OPI, Land Board	None received
Senator Gordan Vance	None received
Representative Jedediah Hinkle	None received
Cockerham, Gayle Lynn & Delores & Brian-adjacent neighbor	None received
Kuntz, Diana L & Douglas-adjacent neighbor	None received
Marchwick, Thomas E & Donna-adjacent neighbor	None received
Rider, Jenny Lynn-adjacent neighbor	None received
Cole, Sam G-adjacent neighbor	None received
Vanderhoff, William A & Marsh J-adjacent neighbor	None received
Smart, Paul A & Sheila M-adjacent neighbor	None received
Schuneman, Carl Trueworthy & Kadia Lynn-adjacent neighbor	None received
Chapman, Udo & Damaris-adjacent neighbor	None received

### 2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:

To DNRC's knowledge, all appropriate government agencies with jurisdiction have been informed of the project as indicated in the table above. The proponent(s) are responsible and qualified as public entities to obtain any and all necessary permits.

### 3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

**Alternative A (No Action)** – Deny the proposal to recommend issuance of easements to Belgrade School District and Central Valley Fire District for the construction and operation of a school campus and a fire department on State Trust Land to permanently encumber a combined 63.00 acres. The proposed facilities will not be located on state land and alternate site(s) must be located to provide the services intended.

**Alternative B (Proposed action)** – Approve the proposal to recommend issuance of easements to Belgrade School District and Central Valley Fire District for the construction and operation of a school campus and a fire department on State Trust Land to permanently encumber a combined 63.00 acres.

### III. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- *RESOURCES* potentially impacted are listed on the form, followed by common issues that would be considered.
- Explain **POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS** following each resource heading.
- Enter "NONE" If no impacts are identified or the resource is not present.

#### 4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE:

*Consider the presence of fragile, compactable or unstable soils. Identify unusual geologic features. Specify any special reclamation considerations. Identify any cumulative impacts to soils.*

The USDA soil survey for Gallatin County indicates the soils on the selected 158-acre area of interest are classified as 23.6% Beavwan loam, 0 to 2 % slopes, and 42.8% Beaverell-Beavwan complex, 0 to 2% slopes & 33.7% Beaverell cobbly loam, 0 to 2% slopes.

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No direct impacts to geology and soils will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – The proposed alternative would create permanent impacts to the geology and soil quality obviously associated with the construction and operation activities of the proposed facilities. The development would have direct, indirect, or cumulative effects to geological features, soils or minerals as a result of the project.

#### 5. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION:

*Identify important surface or groundwater resources. Consider the potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality. Identify cumulative effects to water resources.*

No groundwater wells are present in the project area. Surface water resources consist of weaver irrigation ditch and several lateral irrigation ditches which predate state ownership. These irrigation ditches, and associated water rights, service irrigation pivots and hand-pipe or wheel-line sprinkler systems. The construction activities under this proposal will be reviewed and permitted by the appropriate regulatory agencies as the responsibility of the proponent(s).

The State of Montana holds the following water rights associated with this tract:

WR#	Purpose	Source
41H 136938 00	Irrigation	WASTE & SEEPAGE, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WEST GALLATIN RIVER
41H 136939 00	Irrigation	WASTE & SEEPAGE, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WEST GALLATIN RIVER
41H 136940 00	Irrigation	WEST GALLATIN RIVER
41H 136941 00	Irrigation	WEST GALLATIN RIVER
41H 136950	Domestic	GROUNDWATER
41H 137041	Stock	GROUNDWATER

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No impacts to water quality, quantity and distribution will result.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – The proposed alternative would create permanent impacts to irrigation systems associated with proposed construction and operation activities. Irrigated agricultural land would be converted to

suburban development. No direct, indirect, or cumulative effects to water quality would occur as a result of the project.

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#### **6. AIR QUALITY:**

*What pollutants or particulate would be produced? Identify air quality regulations or zones (e.g. Class I air shed) the project would influence. Identify cumulative effects to air quality.*

The parcel is located just south of I-90 and Amsterdam Road in Belgrade. Residential, commercial activities, interstate travel, and other uses occur adjacent to this parcel. The parcel is currently crop land, and during agricultural management there can be an increase in particulate associated with harvest and planting. Current high use of Amsterdam Road results in increased vehicle emissions during high use periods.

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No impacts to air quality will result.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – The proposed alternative would create mostly temporary impacts to the air quality associated with the construction activities proposed. Increases in particulates in the air are expected from the permanent operation of these facilities, however, this impact is not expected to exceed critical or unhealthy thresholds typical of these operations in a suburban development adjacent to a municipality like Belgrade, MT.

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#### **7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY:**

*What changes would the action cause to vegetative communities? Consider rare plants or cover types that would be affected. Identify cumulative effects to vegetation.*

This general area consists of urban and suburban residential and commercial activities. This particular state parcel consists of vegetative ground cover which is predominantly cultivated fields of cereal crops and alfalfa. There are small vegetative areas on the parcel not in cropland infested with tame grass species and noxious weeds. There are no rare plants on the site as the parcel has been in agricultural production for many years.

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No impacts to vegetation cover, quantity and quality will result.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – Implementation of this alternative would create permanent impacts to vegetative cover (introduced species, invasive species, and crops) as expected in the transition from agricultural production to suburban development.

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#### **8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS:**

*Consider substantial habitat values and use of the area by wildlife, birds or fish. Identify cumulative effects to fish and wildlife.*

The project area includes limited, variable quantities and qualities of terrestrial and avian habitat due to the proximity of roads, highways, residential subdivisions, and commercial businesses. The project area's current agricultural use of the land provides seasonal habitat for fauna such as insects, small animals (which are prey for raptors, fox, and coyote), deer, geese and field birds.

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No impacts to terrestrial, avian and aquatic life and habitat will result.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – Implementation of this alternative would permanently impact terrestrial and avian habitat. Animals, birds, and insects that currently use this limited habitat will be pressured to move to nearby suitable lands as development occurs.

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#### **9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES:**

*Consider any federally listed threatened or endangered species or habitat identified in the project area. Determine effects to wetlands. Consider Sensitive Species or Species of special concern. Identify cumulative effects to these species and their habitat.*

A review, on 10/27/22, of Natural Heritage data through the NRIS conducted for Township 1 North, Range 4 East lists the following species of concern in the report: Grizzly Bear, Hoary Bat, Great Blue Heron, Bobolink, Cassin's Finch, Alberta Snowfly, and the Suckley Cuckoo Bumble Bee. Zero potential species of concern were listed. The Bald Eagle is the only special status species.

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No direct impacts to unique, endangered, fragile or limited resources will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – Due to the proximity of the City of Belgrade and the associated residential and commercial activities combined with the active agricultural operation on the tract, this parcel is not suited to be considered critical habitat for unique, sensitive, threatened, or endangered species. Animals, birds, and insects that currently use this limited habitat will be pressured to move to nearby suitable lands as development occurs.

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## **10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:**

*Identify and determine effects to historical, archaeological or paleontological resources.*

The DNRC Archeologist was consulted regarding the proposed project. A Class III cultural and paleontological resources inventory was conducted of the area of potential effect (APE) on state land in 2007 for proposed residential and commercial development. Despite a detailed examination, no cultural or fossil resources were identified in the APE. No additional archaeological or paleontological investigative work is recommended. The proposed project will have *No Effect* to *Antiquities* as defined under the Montana State Antiquities Act. A formal report of findings is on file with the DNRC and the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer. The report citation is: Rennie, Patrick J. 2077 Cultural Resources Inventory of a Portion of Section 11, T1S R4E: Gallatin County, Montana. Compliance report prepared for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Helena. Document on file with both the DNRC and the Montana State Preservation Office, Helena. DNRC Project # 2007-3-5.

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No direct impacts to historical and archaeological sites or resources will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – No direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts to historical and archaeological sites or resources will occur within the APE on state managed lands.

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## **11. AESTHETICS:**

*Determine if the project is located on a prominent topographic feature, or may be visible from populated or scenic areas. What level of noise, light or visual change would be produced? Identify cumulative effects to aesthetics.*

The project area and the surrounding lands are relatively flat and are currently used for irrigated agriculture. There is a residential subdivision located to the east and south, Commercial and residential development to the west and I-90 to the North.

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No direct impacts to aesthetics will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – The proposed alternative would result in permanent impacts to aesthetics during project implementation and operation of finished facilities. The project would result in heavy equipment and construction vehicles in the area. Staging areas containing construction materials will also be present. Project implementation would also cause a temporary increase in noise levels due to the number and type of equipment used. There would be continuous noise during work hours. There are existing residences, heavy traffic occurrences, and/or commercial operations in the vicinity of the project area. The proposed action would add to the existing noise levels and introduce new constructed facilities as expected in the transition from agricultural production to suburban development.

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**12. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY:**

*Determine the amount of limited resources the project would require. Identify other activities nearby that the project would affect. Identify cumulative effects to environmental resources.*

The area does not contain limited resources. Nearby activities consist mostly of residential, commercial, interstate travel, farming and ranching operations.

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No direct impacts to demands on environmental resources will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – Implementing the Proposed Alternative is not expected to result in any significant impact on environmental resources.

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**13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA:**

*List other studies, plans or projects on this tract. Determine cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of current private, state or federal actions in the analysis area, and from future proposed state actions in the analysis area that are under MEPA review (scoped) or permitting review by any state agency.*

The DNRC is aware of new utilities (forced sewer and water main) being brought to this parcel of State Trust Land just outside of the project area being analyzed in this Environmental Assessment Checklist. DNRC completed an Environmental Assessment related to this new utility easement in the Summer of 2022. The permits required by other local, state and federal agencies or departments for the proposed project must be obtained by the proponent(s).

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IV. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RESOURCES potentially impacted are listed on the form, followed by common issues that would be considered.</li><li>• Explain POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS following each resource heading.</li><li>• Enter "NONE" if no impacts are identified or the resource is not present.</li></ul>

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**14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

*Identify any health and safety risks posed by the project.*

The proposed project would create human health and/or safety risks associated with the project's construction activities and proposed future operation of a school campus and fire department. Issues associated with heavy traffic during ingress and egress to the school and during emergency response from the fire department are anticipated and are the proponents' responsibility to mitigate and resolve.

Alternative A (No Action) – No work will occur. Existing conditions will persist. No direct impacts to Human Health and Safety will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) –The proponents, including their employees and contractors, are responsible to identify and mitigate the risks associated with the action alternative and coordinate with local authorities and jurisdictions as the project(s) demand.

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**15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION:**

*Identify how the project would add to or alter these activities.*

Nearby activities consist mostly of residential, commercial, interstate travel, farming and ranching operations. The site is in irrigated agriculture and bordered by residential development to the south and west with commercial development to the east. Written comments were received by the surface lessee on October 23, 2022. The proposed easements would convert 63 acres of agricultural production land (both irrigated agriculture and grazing) to developed commercial land. The lessee appealed to the DNRC to consider alternate locations on the same

parcel to protect Montana agricultural culture and heritage. The lessee stated there are better sites on the same parcel which would reduce conflicts with existing farming operations. The proposed easements will render current irrigation operations unserviceable. The lessee also mentioned possible safety concerns with the existence of a school and a fire department on the proposed site.

Alternative A (No Action) – No impacts to industrial, commercial and agricultural activities/production will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – The proposed action will enhance the City of Belgrade's educational and emergency fire and medical response capacity. Other future residential, commercial and industrial development will benefit from the proposed easement. Agricultural activities and production will be negatively impacted as development occurs as a result of the project. This parcel has been considered for commercial and suburban development for many years. There has been ample contact with the lessee where discussions occurred describing the Department's intent to potentially develop the parcel. Agricultural improvements were addressed in 2001 as part of Department approval of the Improvement Request to install irrigation infrastructure including a new pivot, water pipeline, pump, and electricity. These negative impacts to current agricultural production are offset by the new services provided to the community of Belgrade as it undergoes significant growth. In addition, increased revenues to the trust fulfill DNRC's mandate to employ the highest and best use of State Trust Land for the benefit of the School Trust Beneficiaries. Regarding Safety concerns to the public regarding the location of the proposed school campus and fire station, DNRC expects the proponents to mitigate risks by coordinating, cooperating, and adhering with appropriate local jurisdictions, laws, permitting processes, etc.

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#### **16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT:**

*Estimate the number of jobs the project would create, move or eliminate. Identify cumulative effects to the employment market.*

The projects are expected to expand public education services and fire department services in Belgrade, MT.

Alternative A (No Action) – No impacts to quantity and distribution of employment will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – The project may create permanent jobs in addition to those already provided by the Belgrade School District and the Central Valley Fire department and its private contractors.

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#### **17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES:**

*Estimate tax revenue the project would create or eliminate. Identify cumulative effects to taxes and revenue.*

State School Trust Land is exempt from property taxation. Improvements placed on the property may be subject to local, state and federal taxes.

Alternative A (No Action) – No impacts to the state tax base and/or tax revenues will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – The proposed easements and subsequent development will likely increase tax revenues.

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#### **18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES:**

*Estimate increases in traffic and changes to traffic patterns. What changes would be needed to fire protection, police, schools, etc.? Identify cumulative effects of this and other projects on government services*

The parcel currently has a very low demand for government services. The area roads are public as county roads, state highways or federal interstate. The proponent is responsible to communicate impacts to Gallatin County and other pertinent agencies in regard to the use of roads accessing the project. Increases in traffic including associated attributes and hazards resulting from the work associated with this project will occur. Both projects(s) are expected to enhance public, government services in education and emergency response.

Alternative A (No Action) – No impacts to traffic, road uses, or government services will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – The proposal may have permanent, adverse impacts on traffic or government services.

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**19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS:**

*List State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, and other zoning or management plans, and identify how they would affect this project.*

The parcel is not within the Belgrade city limits, but it is within the city of Belgrade's extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction. Any proposed use will have to go through the City's conditional use process, and a conditional use permit issued. DNRC is not aware of other plans or projects in the area.

Alternative A (No Action) – No impacts to local environmental plans and goals will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – No impacts to local environmental plans and goals are anticipated occur.

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**20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES:**

*Identify any wilderness or recreational areas nearby or access routes through this tract. Determine the effects of the project on recreational potential within the tract. Identify cumulative effects to recreational and wilderness activities.*

This tract of state land is not considered prime recreational property because of its urban nature, proximity to development, and intense agricultural activities occurring annually. The 63-acre project area within the 427-acre state parcel, adjacent to residential & commercial development, offers minimal recreational opportunities. Since the parcel is predominantly in cultivated agriculture, it is closed to recreation by statute when in crop (occurrence of a growing crop).

Alternative A (No Action) – No impacts to the quality of recreational and wilderness activities will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – Impacts to the quality of recreational and wilderness activities are not anticipated to significantly increase or decrease as a result of the project(s).

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**21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING:**

*Estimate population changes and additional housing the project would require. Identify cumulative effects to population and housing*

The proposal does not directly include any specific changes to housing. The area is currently facing housing shortage due increased demand because of recent population growth. The results of the project will improve the opportunity for further development and provide enhanced services to existing development and the community.

Alternative A (No Action) – No impacts to the density and/or distribution of population and housing will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – The proposal does not include any changes to housing. The proposed easement and developments in the area will likely increase demand for housing. No direct impact is expected. Cumulative effects to population or housing are anticipated.

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**22. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES:**

*Identify potential disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities.*

There are no native, unique or traditional lifestyles or communities in the vicinity.

Alternative A (No Action) – No impacts to social structures, native/traditional lifestyles, or communities will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – No impacts to the area's social structures, native/traditional lifestyles, or communities are anticipated to occur



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**23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY:**

*How would the action affect any unique quality of the area?*

The proposed action is in the area where major development is occurring and is not considered unique land.

Alternative A (No Action) – No impacts to cultural uniqueness and diversity will occur.

Alternative B (Proposed Action) – No impacts to the area's cultural uniqueness and/or diversity are anticipated to occur.

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**24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES:**

*Estimate the return to the trust. Include appropriate economic analysis. Identify potential future uses for the analysis area other than existing management. Identify cumulative economic and social effects likely to occur as a result of the proposed action.*

These easements, if granted, will provide opportunities for the proponents to enhance existing public services in education and emergency response within the Belgrade Community. This expansion is necessary based on current and expected community growth. Acres to be encumbered by the Belgrade School District easement total 60.00 acres of State Trust Land located in Gallatin County administered by the DNRC-Bozeman Unit, near Frank Road, southwest of Belgrade, MT. Acres to be encumbered by the fire department easement totals 3.00 acres immediately west of the proposed Belgrade School District easement and located on State Trust Land located in Gallatin County administered by the DNRC-Bozeman Unit, near Frank Road, southwest of Belgrade, MT. Please refer to the attached map. The total acres to be encumbered by the easement(s) for the Belgrade School for Central Valley Fire District is 63.00 acres. An appraisal, completed on February 9, 2022, established the following value: \$100,000/per acre. 60 acres x \$100,000 = \$6,000,000 to be attributed to the Common Schools Trust. 3.00 acres x \$100,000 = \$300,000 to be attributed to the same Trust. Combined this revenue figure totals \$ 1.3 million. Current revenue generated for the Common Schools Trust from the State Trust Land proposed to be encumbered come largely from agricultural license rates. This revenue is a fixed cash rate of \$55.00/acre for the acres in agricultural production.

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## V. FINDING

### 25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:

#### Alternative B (Proposed action) –

**Alternative B (Proposed action)** – Approve the proposal to recommend issuance of easements to Belgrade School District and Central Valley Fire District for the construction and operation of a school campus and a fire department on State Trust Land to permanently encumber a combined 63.00 acres.

### 26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:

Significant environmental impacts are not expected to occur as a result of the proposed easements on state land. The parcel is located within the city annexation area and is suitable to be used by the Belgrade Public Schools and Central Valley Fire District. The easement complies with all known state, county, and local laws and regulations. Granting this easement will allow for infrastructure to be placed on state land to accommodate for the growing population in the area while satisfying the fiduciary responsibility of the Department.

### 27. NEED FOR FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

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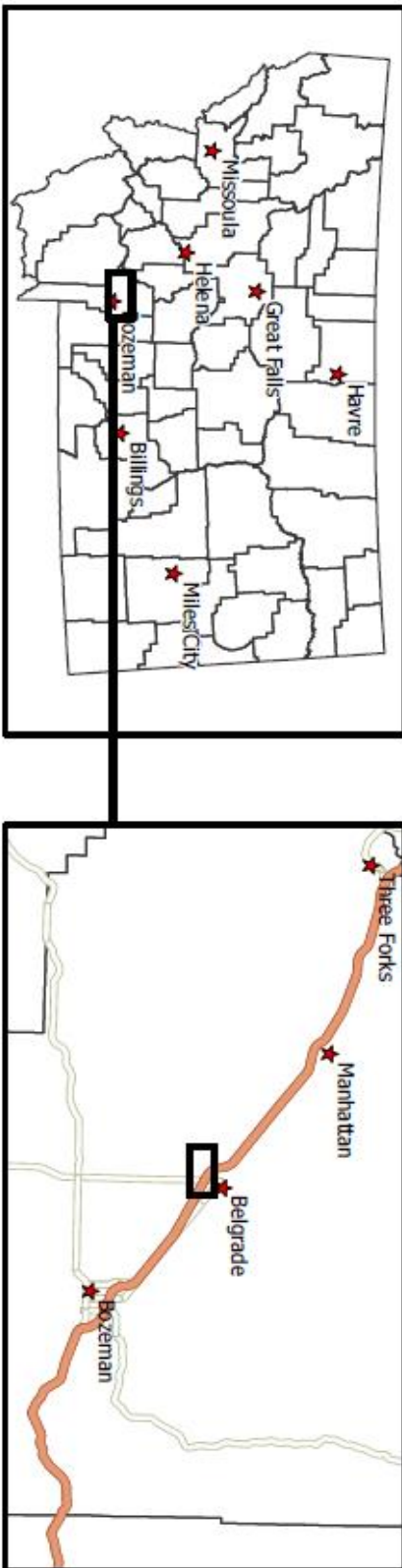
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No Further Analysis

<b>EA Checklist Approved By:</b>	<b>Name:</b> Erik Eneboe <b>Title:</b> Conrad Unit Manager and Acting Bozeman Unit Manager
<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> November 9, 2022

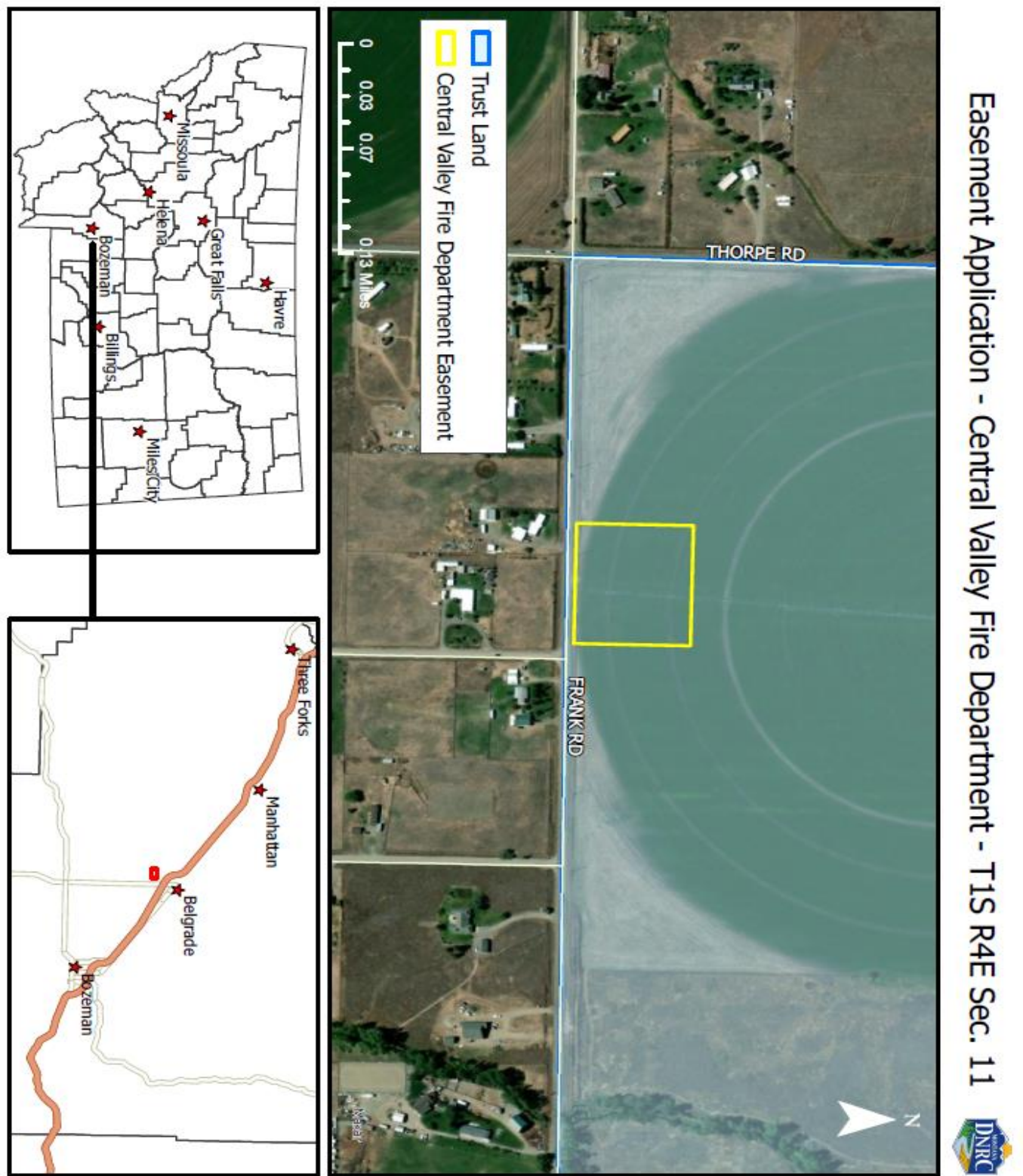
Appendix A-Vicinity Map/Arial Photo of Both Easements

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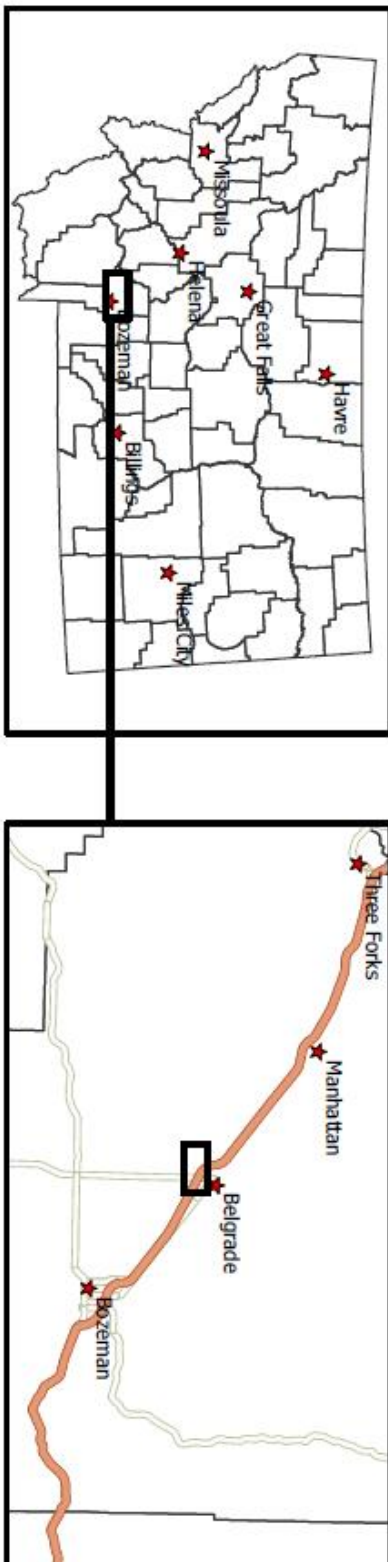


Appendix B- Vicinity Map/Arial Photo of CVFD Easement Area

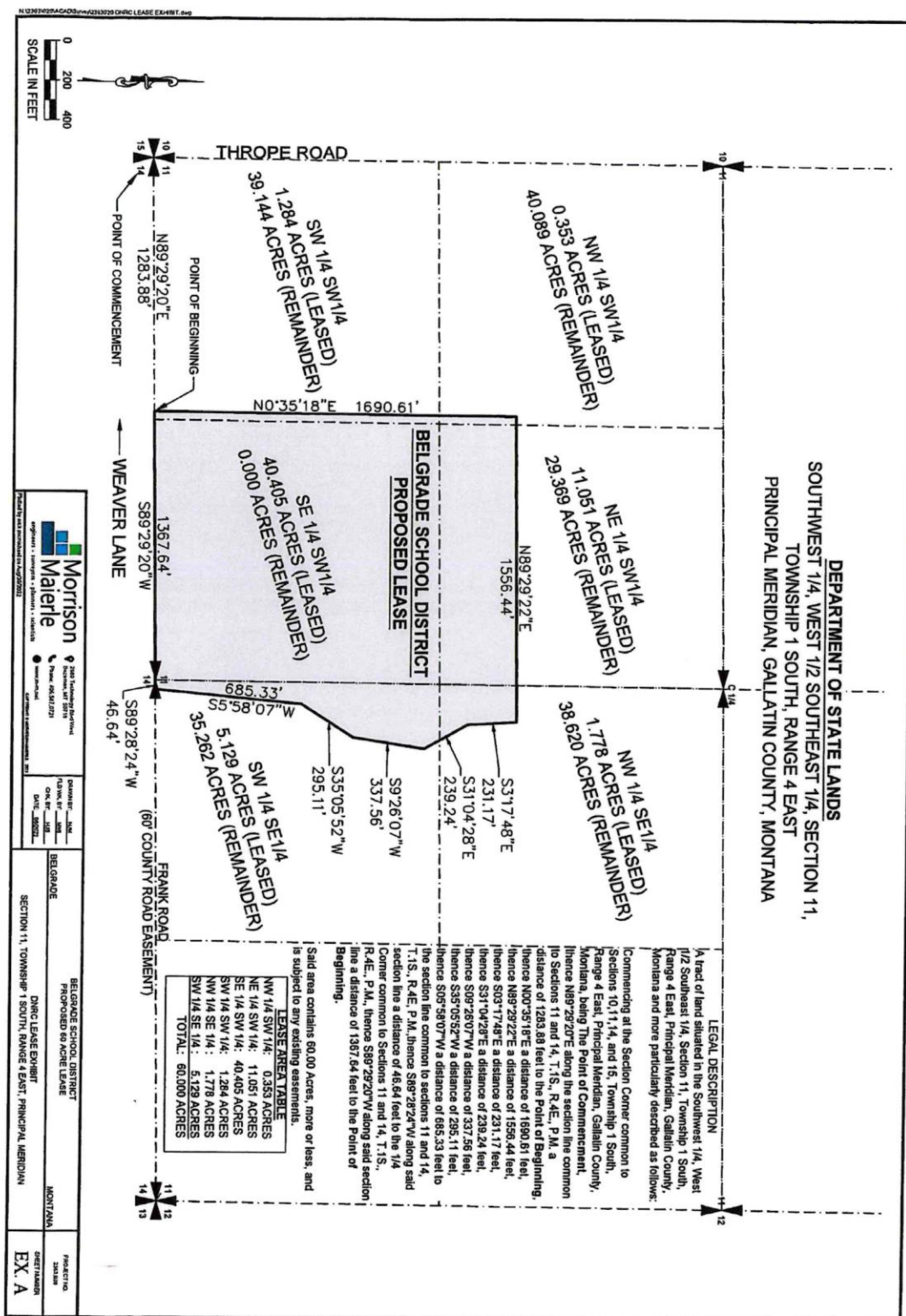


Appendix C- Vicinity Map/Arial Photo of Belgrade School District Easement Area

Easement Application - Belgrade School District - T1S R4E Sec. 11







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