

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
March 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building
Helena, MT

ACTION ITEMS

- 0324-1 Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks: Missouri Headwaters State Park Donation**
Location: Gallatin County
Benefits: N/A (non-trust land) **APPROVED 5-0**
- 0324-2 Timber Sales APPROVED 5-0**
- A. Buffalo Bill**
Location: Sanders County
Benefits: Common Schools and Public Buildings
- B. Cilly to Lost**
Location: Lake County
Benefits: Common Schools
- C. Lost Again**
Location: Lake County
Benefits: Common Schools
- D. Blacktail Again**
Location: Beaverhead County
Benefits: Common Schools
- 0324-3 Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale APPROVED 4-1**
Location: Lewis and Clark County
Benefits: Common Schools
- 0324-4 Oil and Gas Lease Sale: March 5, 2024 APPROVED 5-0**
Location: Richland, Roosevelt, and Toole Counties
Benefits: Common Schools
- 0324-5 Authority to Begin Rulemaking for Real Estate Management Projects APPROVED 5-0**
Location: State of Montana
Benefits: All
- 0324-6 Easements APPROVED 5-0**
Location: Chouteau, Hill, Park, Toole, and Wheatland Counties
Benefits: Common Schools, Pine Hills, and Public Land Trust

PUBLIC COMMENT

0324-1

DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, & PARKS:

Missouri Headwaters State Park Donation

**Land Board Agenda Item
March 18, 2024**

0324-1 Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks: Missouri Headwaters State Park Donation

Location: Gallatin County

Trust Benefits: N/A (non-trust land)

Trust Revenue: N/A

Item Summary

FWP proposes to accept a donation of 26.36 acres of land adjacent to Missouri Headwaters State Park. This acquisition would permanently secure and protect important habitat connectivity and cultural resources and provide additional recreational and interpretive opportunities for park visitors.

Background: Missouri Headwaters State Park is a National Historic Landmark due to its association with the Lewis and Clark Expedition and its status as one of North America's great crossroads in both pre- and post-contact times. The property to be donated partially bisects the park and is across the main access road from the park office and campground. The property is also adjacent to the remains of the 150+ year old Gallatin Hotel and includes several historic outbuildings. The Montana State Parks Foundation has secured a grant from the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust and purchased the property from its long-time owners and residents for \$930,000. The previous owners were very supportive of the property become part of the park.

Appraised Value, Budget: The property appraised for \$1,050,000 in January of 2024. If the donation is approved, FWP will accept title to the property and reimburse the Parks Foundation for its out-of-pocket costs for diligence, title insurance, closing fees, etc. Those costs are currently estimated at \$34,000 plus a possible additional \$10,000 for clean up prior to FWP accepting title. There is a house on the property that is in poor condition. FWP will explore the possibility of selling the house as surplus property and having it moved. If that is not possible the house will be razed – the cost of which has not been determined. Ongoing operating expenses are estimated to be under \$5,000/year. The addition will result in a more compact exterior boundary and thus reduced fence maintenance expense.

Public Involvement Process & Results: FWP held two public scoping meetings at Missouri Headwaters State Park to solicit input on future management of and amenities at the park. Public comment indicated a desire for additional trails, interpretative materials, and spaces for quiet reflection. The proposed acquisition would support all of those uses. FWP held a 2-week public comment period on a draft environmental assessment of the proposal between November 13 and November 26. Public comments were also received through the State Parks and Recreation Board's website prior to the Park Board's February 26th meeting. That board unanimously approved the donation acceptance at that meeting.

Recommendation

FWP recommends the Land Board approve FWP's acceptance of the donation of 26.36 acres of property adjacent to Missouri Headwaters State Park from the Montana State Parks Foundation.

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TIMBER SALES:

- A. Buffalo Bill
- B. Cilly to Lost
- C. Lost Again
- D. Blacktail Again

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0324-2A Timber Sale: Buffalo Bill

Location: Sanders County - Sections 20 and 28 of T21N R26W

Trust Benefits: Common Schools and Public Buildings

Trust Revenue: \$585,873 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

Location: The Buffalo Bill Timber Sale is located approximately 5 miles north of Plains, Montana.

Size and Scope: The sale includes 11 harvest units (*484.2 acres*) of tractor and cable logging.

Volume: The estimated harvest volume is 28,121 tons (*4.1 MMBF*) of sawlogs.

Estimated Return: The minimum bid is \$20.83 per ton, which would generate approximately \$585,873 for the Common Schools and Public Buildings Trust and approximately \$108,038 in Forest Improvement fees.

Prescription: This sale would utilize shelterwood, individual tree selection and old growth restoration treatment harvest prescriptions designed to move stands towards the desired future conditions and to help mitigate the effect of insects and disease.

Road Construction/Maintenance: Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 4.0 miles of new permanent road construction and 13.8 miles of road maintenance.

Access: Access is obtained through the North Plains-Buffalo Bill Reciprocal Access Agreement.

Public Comments: No comments were received during the scoping period.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Buffalo Bill Timber Sale.

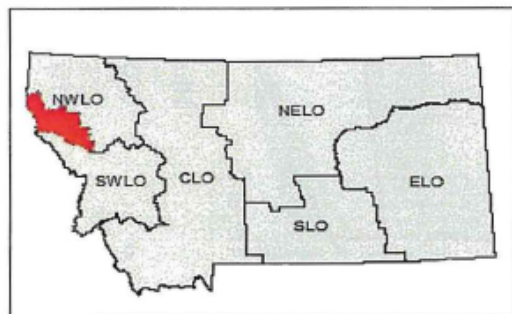
State Trust Land Vicinity Map Plains Unit

BUFFALO BILL VICINITY MAP



- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- State Trust Lands
- Towns
- Major Roads

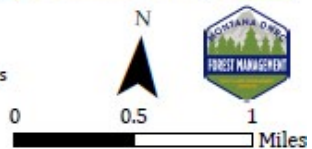
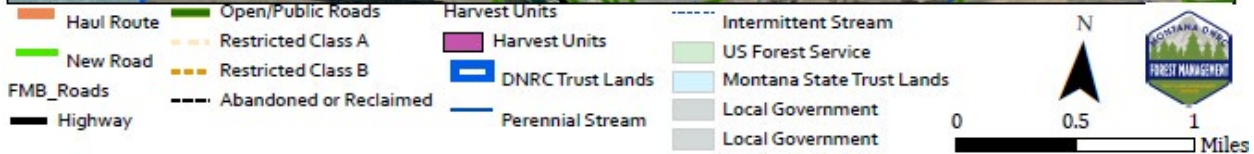
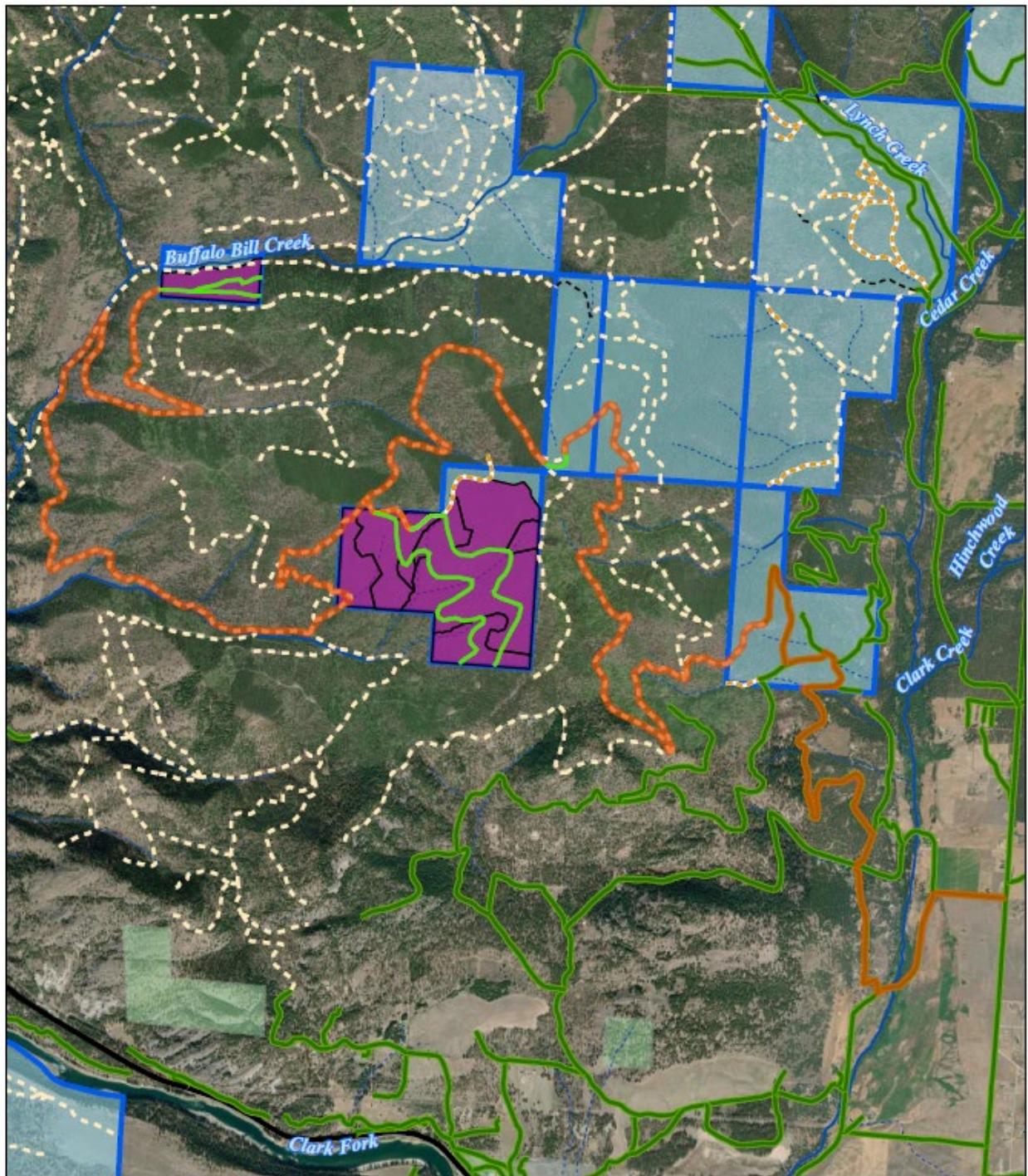
Project Name: Buffalo Bill
Project Location: Plains, MT
Sections: 28 & 20
Township: 21N
Range: 26W
County: Sanders



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Buffalo Bill Timber Sale Haul Route and Harvest Units



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0324-2B Timber Sale: Cilly to Lost

Location: Lake County - Sections 4 and 16 T24N, R17W

Trust Benefits: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: \$104,758 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

Location: The Cilly to Lost Timber Sale is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Swan Lake, Montana.

Size and Scope: The sale includes 6 harvest units (113 *acres*) of ground-based logging.

Volume: The estimated harvest volume is 4,265 tons (596 *MBF*) of sawlogs.

Estimated Return: The minimum bid is \$24.56 per ton, which would generate approximately \$104,758 for the Common School Trust and approximately \$15,842 in Forest Improvement fees.

Prescription: This sale would utilize seed tree, overstory removal, and commercial thinning harvest prescriptions designed to reduce insect and disease issues, reduce fuel loading and to promote forest health.

Road Construction/Maintenance: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 10.3 miles of road maintenance.

Access: Access is obtained through State-owned roads and a United States Forest Service cost share road.

Public Comments: Five comments were received in response to the Lost Napa Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). All public concerns were taken into consideration during project development and are presented in the Final EIS document.

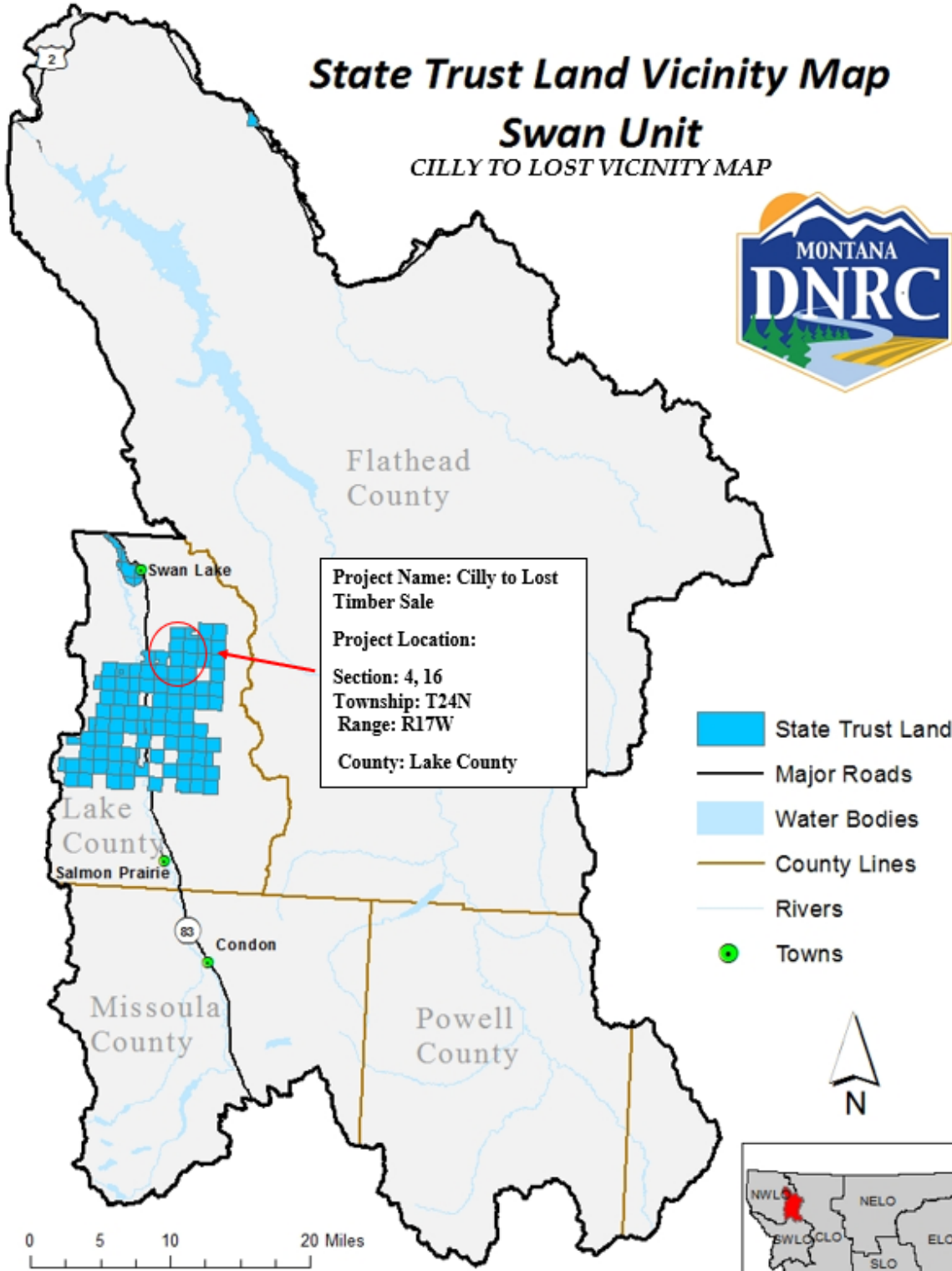
DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Cilly to Lost Timber Sale.

State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Swan Unit

CILLY TO LOST VICINITY MAP



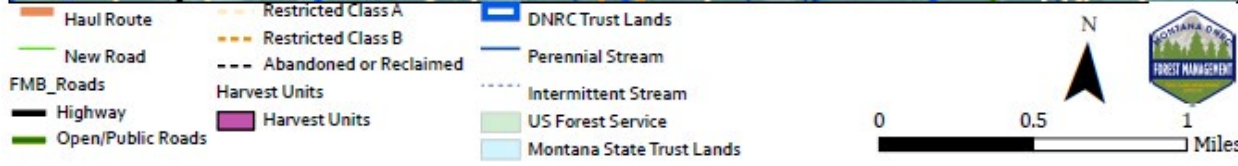
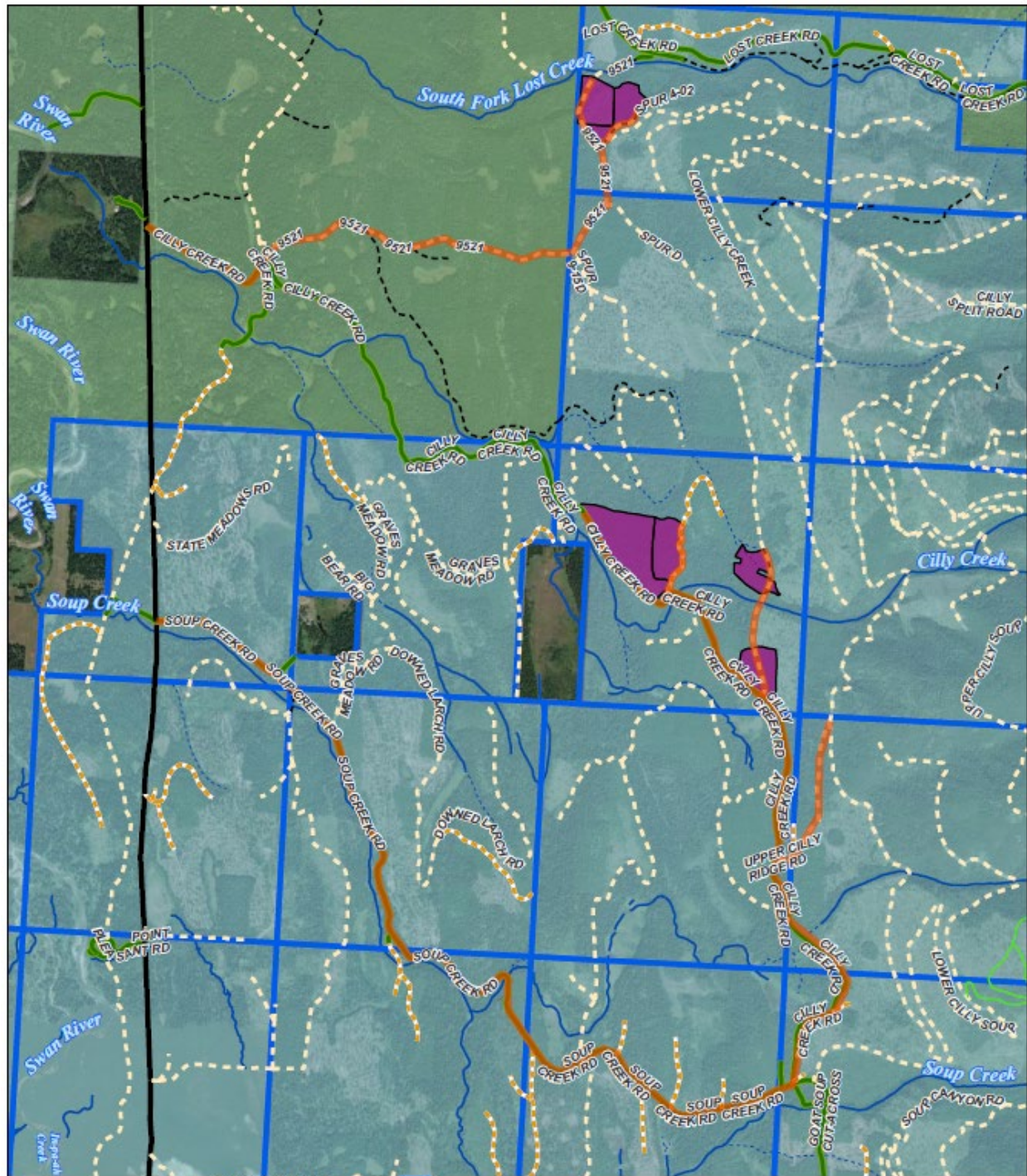
Project Name: Cilly to Lost Timber Sale
Project Location:
Section: 4, 16
Township: T24N
Range: R17W
County: Lake County

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

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Cilly to Lost Timber Sale Haul Route and Harvest Units



**Land Board Agenda Item
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0324-2C Timber Sale: Lost Again

Location: Lake County - Sections 4, 9, and 10, T24N, R17W

Trust Benefits: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: \$111,573 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

Location: The Lost Again Timber Sale is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Swan Lake, Montana.

Size and Scope: The sale includes 3 harvest units (263 acres) of ground-based logging.

Volume: The estimated harvest volume is 4,712 tons (764 MBF) of sawlogs.

Estimated Return: The minimum bid is \$23.68 per ton, which would generate approximately \$111,573 for the Common School Trust and approximately \$20,333 in Forest Improvement fees.

Prescription: This sale would utilize seed tree, overstory removal, and commercial thinning harvest prescriptions designed to reduce insect and disease issues, reduce fuel loading, and promote forest health.

Road Construction/Maintenance: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 14.9 miles of road maintenance.

Access: Access is obtained through State owned and United States Forest Service cost share roads.

Public Comments: Five comments were received in response to the Lost Napa Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). All public concerns were taken into consideration during project development and are presented in the Final EIS document.

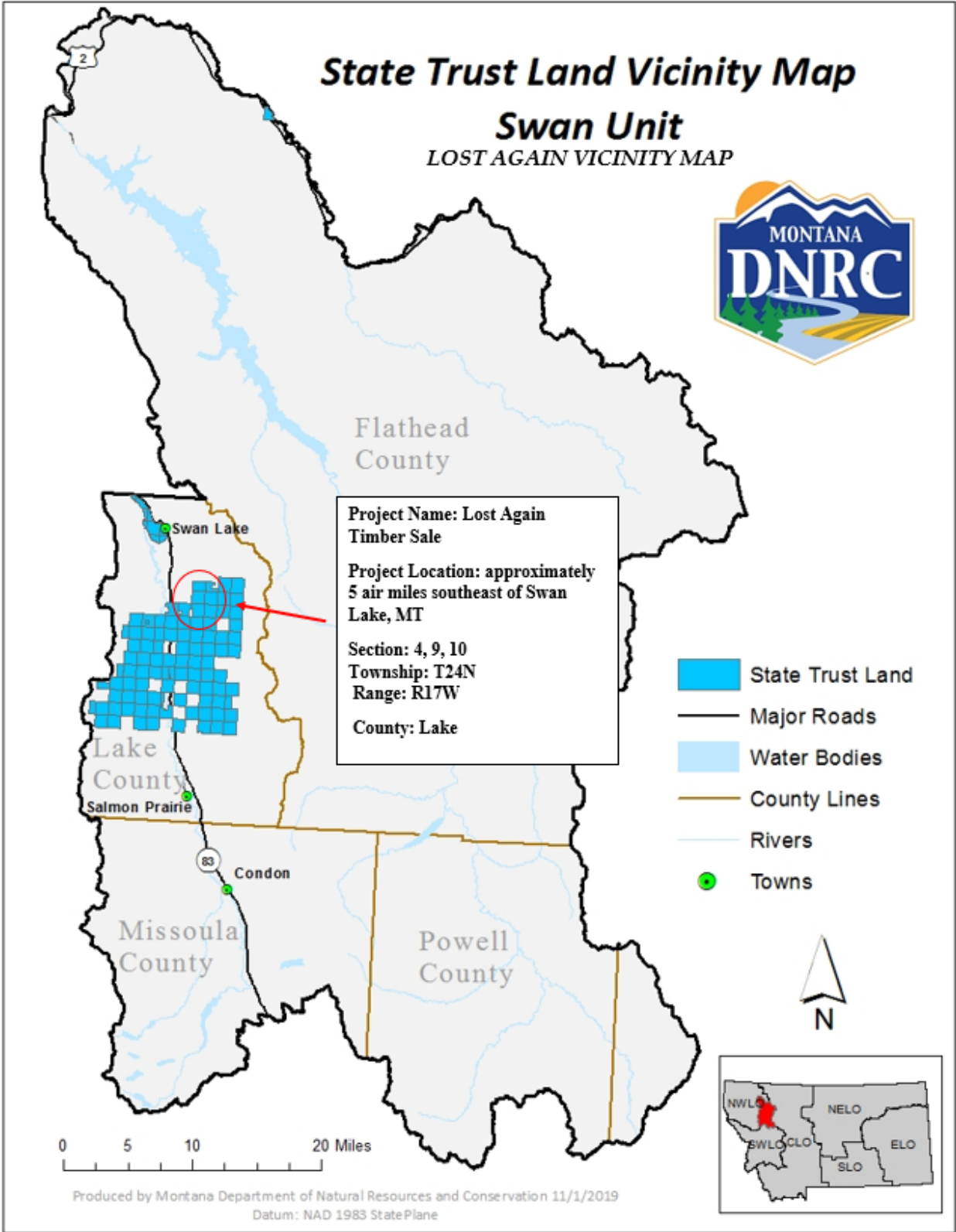
DNRC Recommendation

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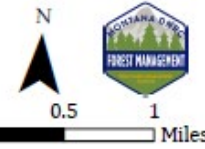
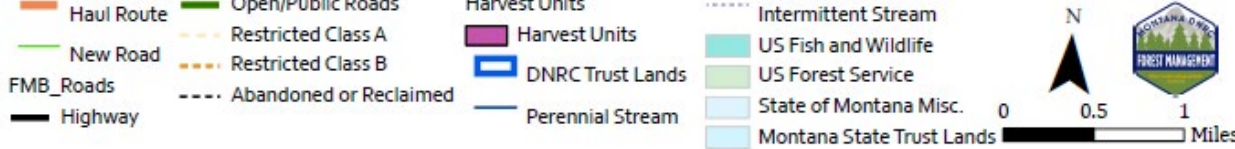
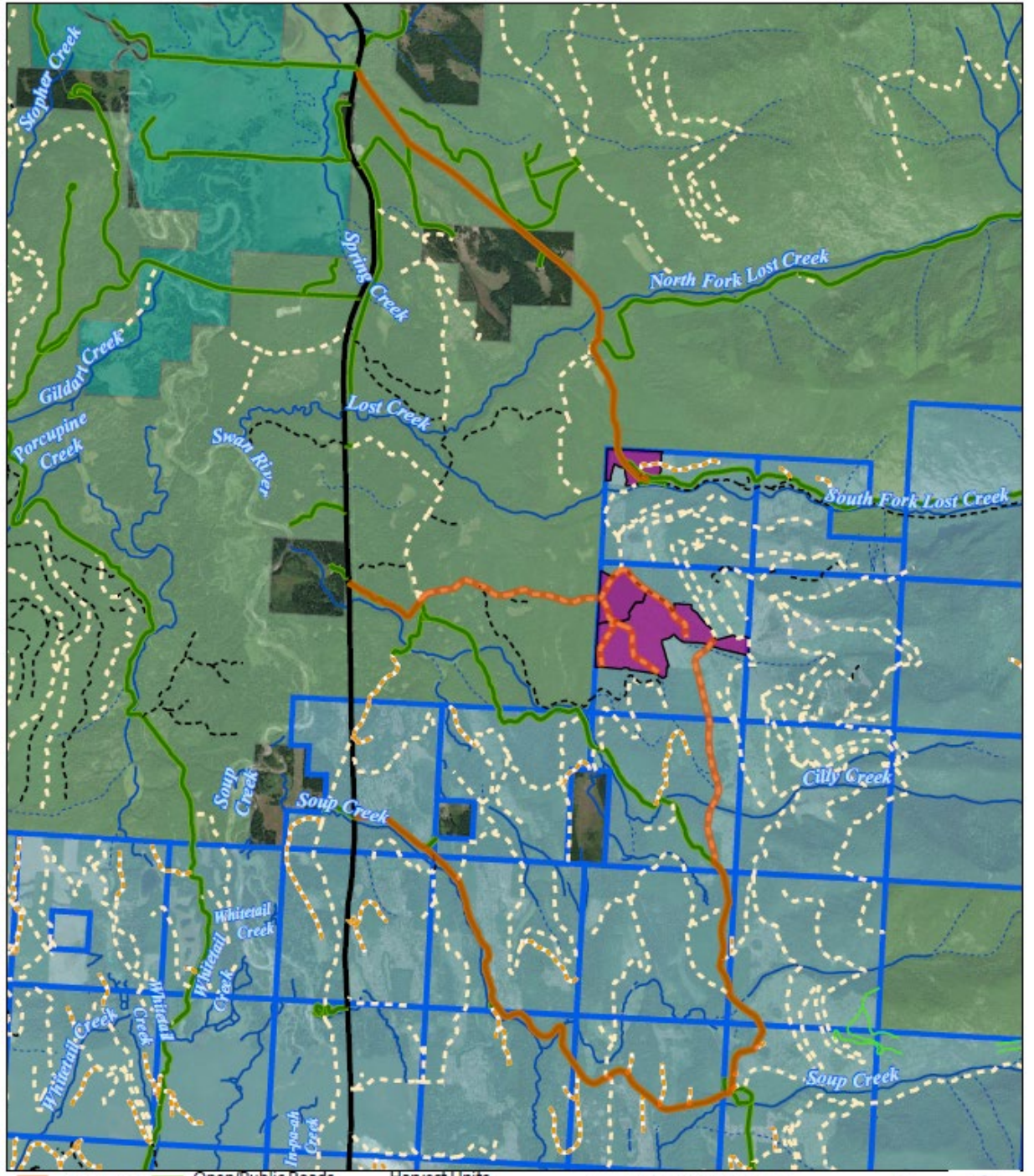
State Trust Land Vicinity Map

Swan Unit

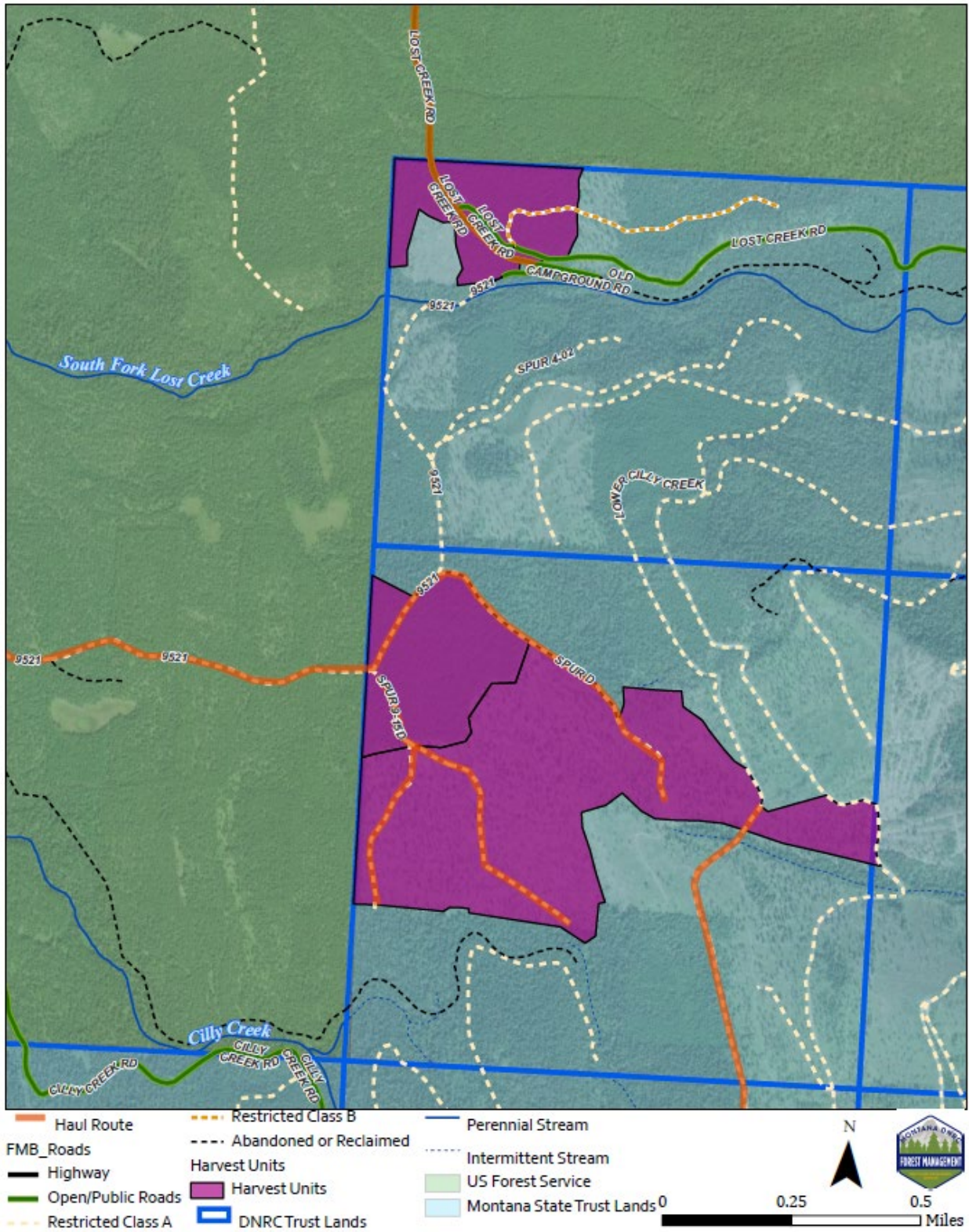
LOST AGAIN VICINITY MAP



Lost Again Timber Sale Haul Route



Lost Again Timber Sale Harvest Units



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0324-2D Timber Sale: Blacktail Again

Location: Beaverhead County - Sections 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, T12S, R6W

Trust Benefits: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: \$101,431 (estimated, minimum bid)

Item Summary

Location: The Blacktail Again Timber Sale is located approximately 17 miles northeast of Lima, Montana.

Size and Scope: The sale includes 10 harvest units (*350 acres*) of tractor logging.

Volume: The estimated harvest volume is 14,094 tons (*1.719MMBF*) of sawlogs.

Estimated Return: The minimum bid is \$7.20 per ton, which would generate approximately \$101,431 for the Common Schools Trust and approximately \$14,096 in Forest Improvement fees.

Prescription: This sale has a harvest prescription of shelterwood, seed tree, and overstory removal prescriptions designed to promote forest resilience to wildfire, insects, and disease while maximizing trust revenue and improving infrastructure for future management.

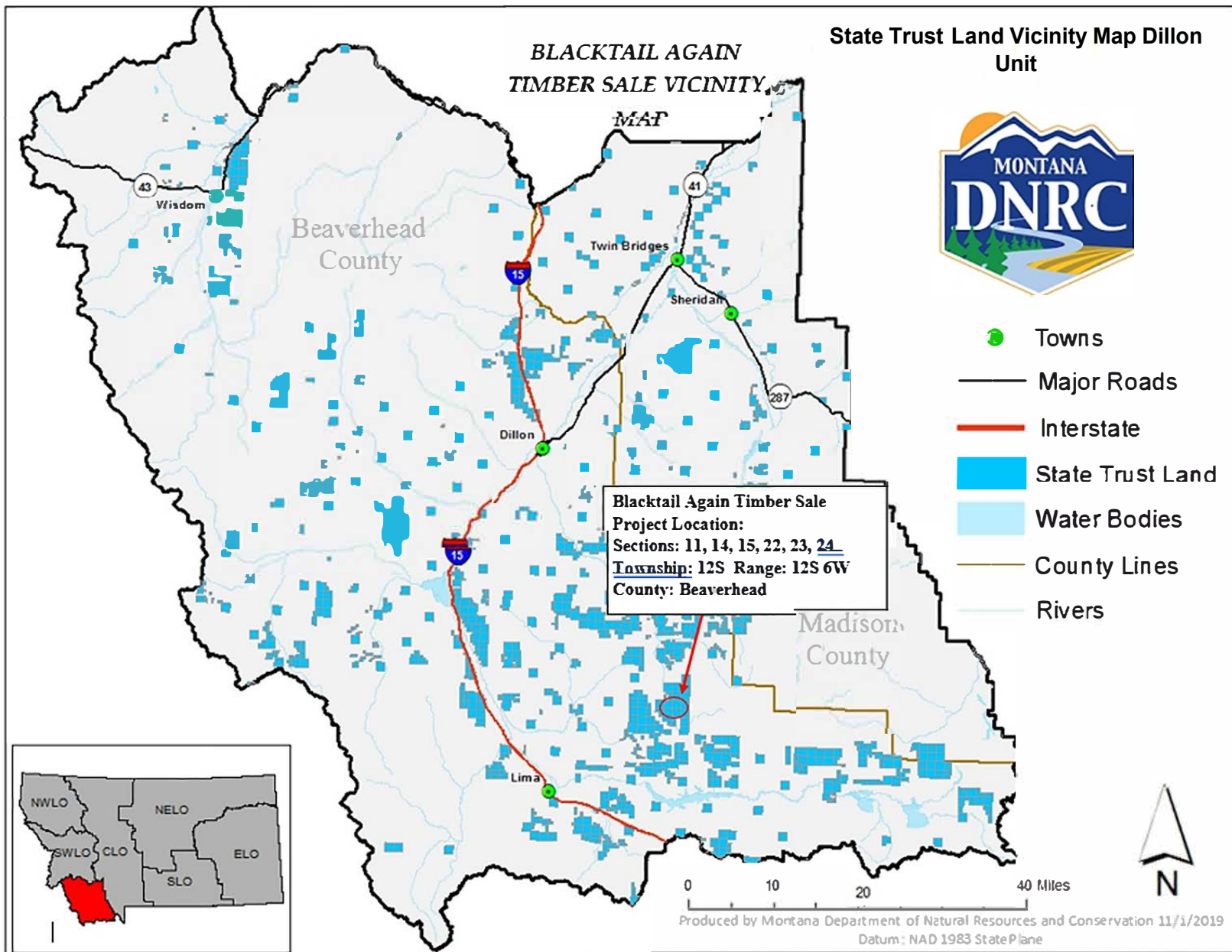
Road Construction/Maintenance: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing 2.9 miles of new permanent road construction, 0.74 miles of road reconstruction, and 3.4 miles of road maintenance.

Access: Access is obtained through a county right-of-way road.

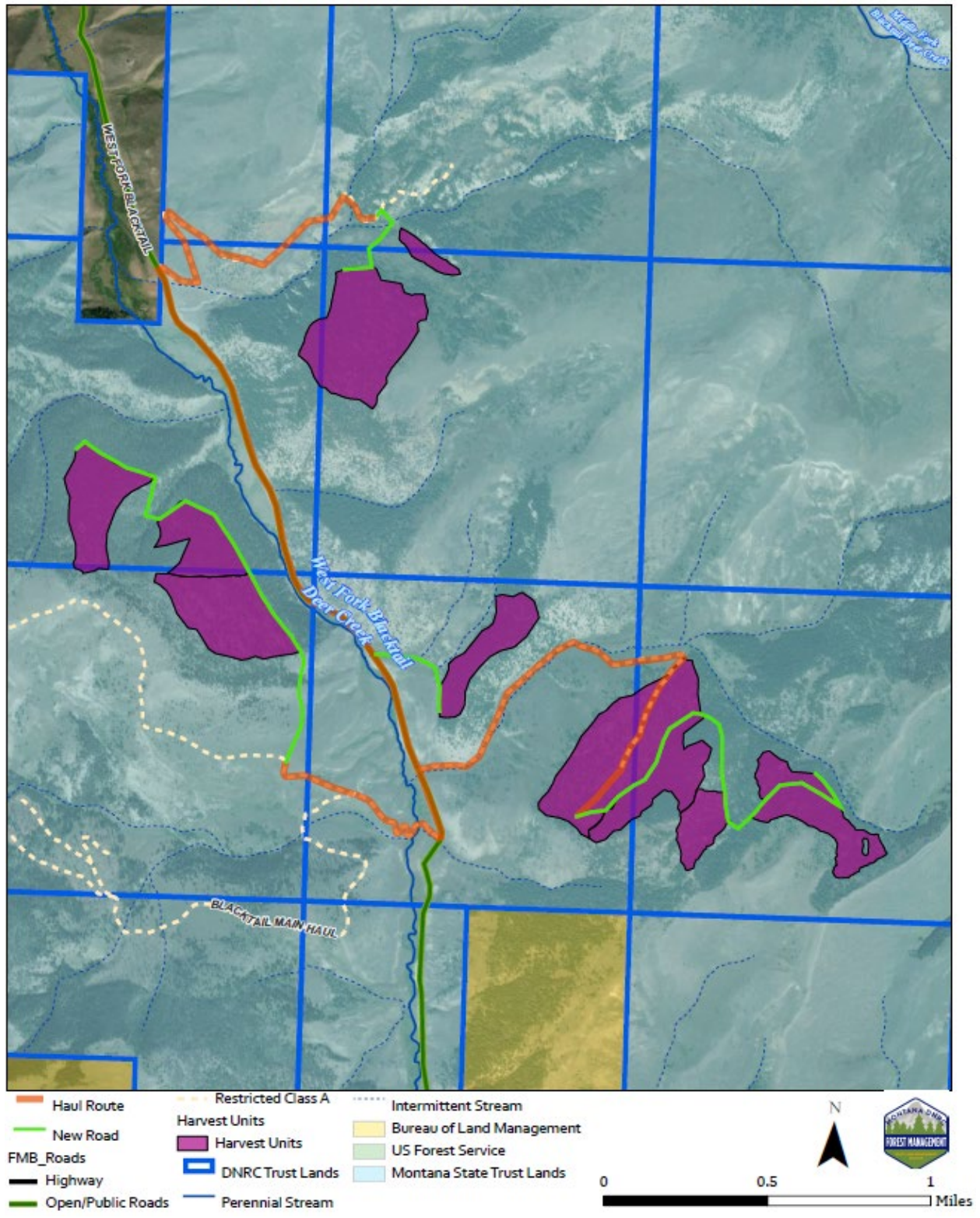
Public Comments: Two public comments were received. Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) requested to be updated throughout the development of the project. DNRC has kept FWP informed of details of the proposed project. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe requested a review of cultural resources in the project area. DNRC conducted a Class I literature review, which revealed four different cultural resource sites in the project area. Timber harvest activities are not expected to impact these sites given their location relative to proposed harvest units and new road construction.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends the Land Board direct DNRC to sell the Blacktail Again Timber Sale.



Blacktail Again Timber Sale Haul Route and Harvest Units



0324-3

CABIN AND HOME SITES:

Final Approval for Sale

**Land Board Agenda Item
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0324-3 Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale

Location: Lewis and Clark County

Trust Benefits: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: \$150,000

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is requesting final approval for sale of one (1) cabin site nominated for sale in Lewis and Clark County. This sale was nominated by the lessees in conjunction with the 2022-2023 Cabin and Home Site Sales Program.

Sale No.	Acres	Legal Description	Nominator	Trust
2041	3.244±	Lot 47, Lincoln Flats, COS 3242262 T14N-R8W, Section 16	Scott & Catherine Joyner	Common Schools

Background:

Preliminary Land Board approval was granted in December of 2022 (Approved 4-1) for this site to be included as part of the 2022-2023 Cabin Site Sales Program. 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 in December of 2023 (Approved 4-1).

Cultural/Paleontological Resources:

A Class I level of cultural resource inventory was conducted for this proposed sale. Cabin sites typically contain numerous structures and the ground surfaces within most cabin sites have been 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.

Economic Analysis:

Short term – The average rate of return on this sale parcel is 1.262%. The parcel will continue to receive this return if it remains in state ownership. The income rate of return will likely grow smaller, as average annual value appreciation is greater than the annual rent increase.

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 3.28% on acquisitions with income generated from annual lease payments. However, the rate of return on land acquired within the last ten years has been higher at 3.65%.

Appraised Values of Land and Improvements:

The appraisal was prepared by Montana General Certified Appraiser Nicholas J. Hogan, MAI of Hogan Real Estate Appraisal Group, LLC in Missoula, Montana. The sale proponents appealed the land value determined by the appraiser and requested a hearing regarding the appraised land value. The administrative hearing was held on October 10, 2023.

In December of 2023, The Land Board set the minimum bid for the land and maximum value of compensation for improvements at the values recommended by Administrative Law Judge Martin Balukas, shown below.

Sale No.	Appraised Land Value	Appraised Improvements Value	Final Sale Price
2041	\$150,000	\$40,000	\$150,000

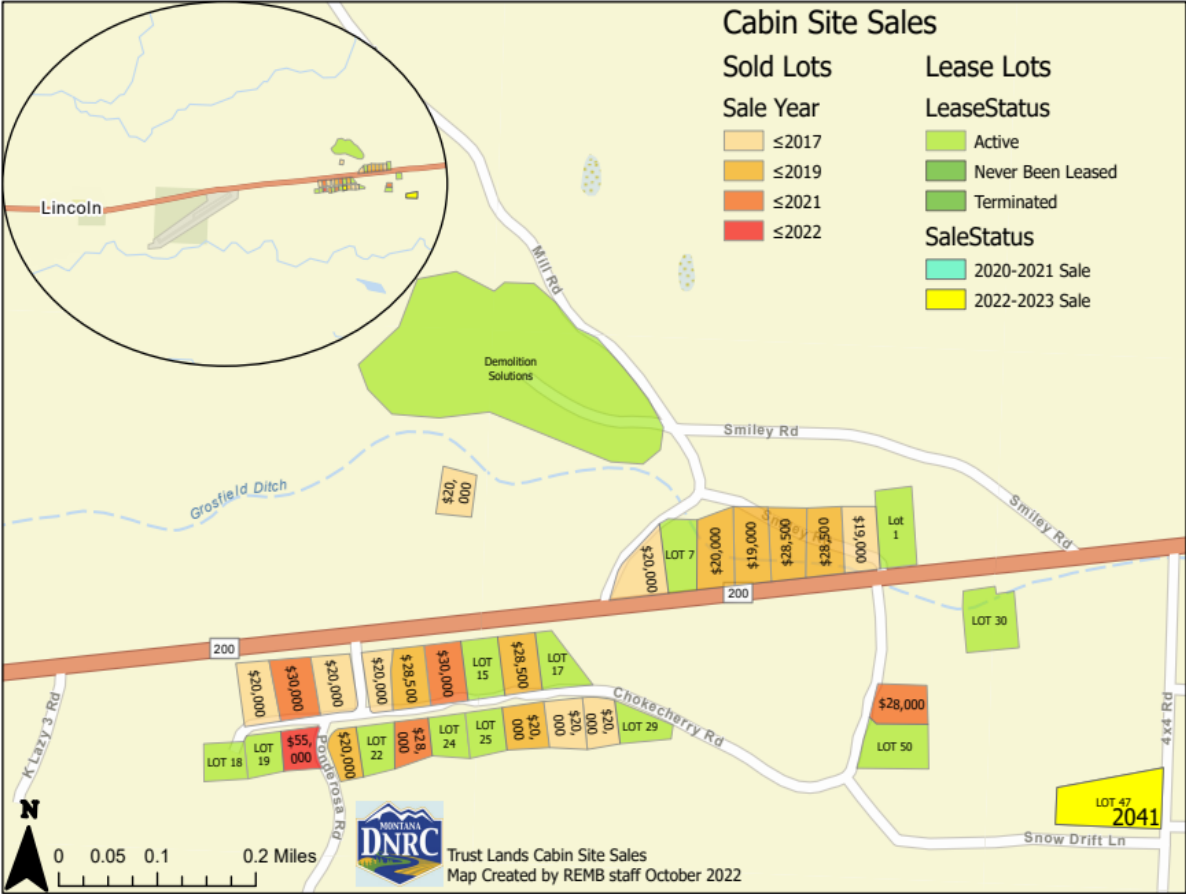
Sale Price

The cabin site sold at public auction on February 20, 2024. There was one qualified bidder for this sale. The site sold for the final sale price listed above.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends the Land Board grant final approval for the sale of this cabin site at the value shown above.

Sales 2041, Lincoln Flats, Lewis & Clark County



0324-4

OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE:

March 5, 2024

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0324-4 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (February 28 – March 5, 2024)

Location: Richland, Roosevelt, and Toole Counties

Trust Benefits: Common Schools

Trust Revenue: \$941,955.41

Item Summary

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) held an oil and gas lease sale from February 28th through March 5th using the online auction platform, EnergyNet. A total of 7 tracts were offered for lease. 7 tracts were leased for a total of \$941,955.41. The sold tracts covered a total of 2,671.61 acres. The average bid per acre was \$352.58.

The high competitive bid for the March 5, 2024 sale was \$1,190.00 per acre and the largest total bid was \$571,200.00 for Tract 2 in Roosevelt County.

DNRC Recommendation

The director requests Land Board approval to issue the leases from the February 28th – March 5th oil and gas lease sale.

**State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - March 5, 2024
Lease Sale Results**

The following described lands were offered for oil and gas leasing through an online bidding service, EnergyNet, beginning February 28, 2024 and closed on March 5, 2024.

Tract	Stipulations	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description	Acres	Bid/Acre	Total Bid	Lessee
Richland									
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10	24.N	58.E	36	LOTS 1, 2, 3, N2, NW4SE4, N2SW4	560.49	\$655.00	\$367,120.95	MISSOURI RIVER ROYALTY CORPORATION
Roosevelt									
2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10	27.N	57.E	5	N2, SE4	* 480.00	\$1,190.00	\$571,200.00	KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC
Toole									
3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	35.N	1.E	25	NE4	* 160.00	\$1.75	\$280.00	CABRIN EXPLORATION, INC.
4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	35.N	2.E	30	LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, E2W2, SE4	471.12	\$1.75	\$824.46	CABRIN EXPLORATION, INC.
5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	35.N	2.E	31	NE4	160.00	\$1.75	\$280.00	CABRIN EXPLORATION, INC.
6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	35.N	2.E	32	W2	* 320.00	\$1.75	\$560.00	CABRIN EXPLORATION, INC.
7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9	36.N	1.E	16	N2, NE4SE4, SW4, BELOW THE BASE OF THE RIERDON FORMATION	* 520.00	\$3.25	\$1,690.00	AVANTI HELIUM US, INC

* Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

Summary by Lessor

	Total Acres	Total Tracts
Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation	2,671.61	7

Oil and Gas Lease Sale Summary

Total Tracts	7
Total Acres	2,671.61
Total Bid Revenue	\$941,955.41
Average Bid Per Acre	\$352.58

State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - March 5, 2024
Stipulations

- 1 Lessee shall notify and obtain approval from the Department's Forestry and Trust Land Management Division (FTLD) 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 FTLD'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 Forestry and Trust Land Division (FTLD). After a well is drilled and completed, lessee shall send one copy of all logs run, Form 4A "Completion Report", and geologic report to FTLD. 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 FTLD whenever any subsequent change in well status or operator is intended or has occurred. Lessee shall also notify and obtain approval from the FTLD 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 FTLD 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 FTLD 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 FTLD.
- 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 Due to the floodplain/wetlands area(s), surface use may be restricted or denied.
- 9 No surface occupancy of the school area and/or related facilities is permitted without written approval of FTLD.
- 10 If whooping cranes are observed on-site, construction and/or maintenance activities shall be suspended until birds leave the area.

0324-5

AUTHORITY TO BEGIN RULEMAKING FOR
REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

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0324-5 Authority to Begin Rulemaking for Real Estate Management Projects

Location: State of Montana

Trust Benefits: All

Trust Revenue: Unknown

Item Summary

The DNRC's Real Estate Management Bureau is seeking Land Board authority to begin the rulemaking process of amending ARM 36.25.901 through ARM 36.25.918 to update rules pertaining to Real Estate Management Projects. This subchapter of rules was created with guidance from the 2005 Final Real Estate Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The rules are set to expire on July 18, 2025, so a primary goal of the proposed rule amendment would be to remove the expiration date.

The DNRC will prepare and present the modified rule language details for Land Board approval at a later date. The rulemaking process requires a proposal notice to be sent to the Secretary of State for publication and also requires a public hearing to be held by the DNRC. After notice and hearing, but prior to finalizing rulemaking, the DNRC would seek a third and final Land Board approval.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends the Land Board approve the request to begin rulemaking for amendment of administrative rules for Real Estate Management Projects.

0324-6

EASEMENTS

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0324-6 Easements

Location: Chouteau, Hill, Park, Toole, and Wheatland Counties

Trust Benefits: Common Schools, Pine Hills, and Public Land Trust

**Trust Revenue: Common Schools: \$17,093
Pine Hill School: \$10,530
Public Land Trust: \$100**

Applicant	Right-of-Way Purpose	Term	Page(s)
NorthWestern Corporation	Buried natural gas pipeline	30-Years	30-31
Marias River Electric Cooperative	Overhead transmission powerline	Permanent	32-33
MT Dept of Fish, Wildlife and Parks	Public access road	Permanent	34-35
Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.	Buried fiber optic cable	Permanent	36-41
NorthWestern Corporation	Overhead distribution powerline	Permanent	42-43

APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Northwestern Corporation
11 East Park Street
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 19628
R/W Purpose: a 6-inch steel natural gas pipeline
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 2.94
Compensation: \$2,330.00
Legal Description: 50-foot strip through N2NW4, Sec. 9, Twp. 36N, Rge. 15E,
Hill County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

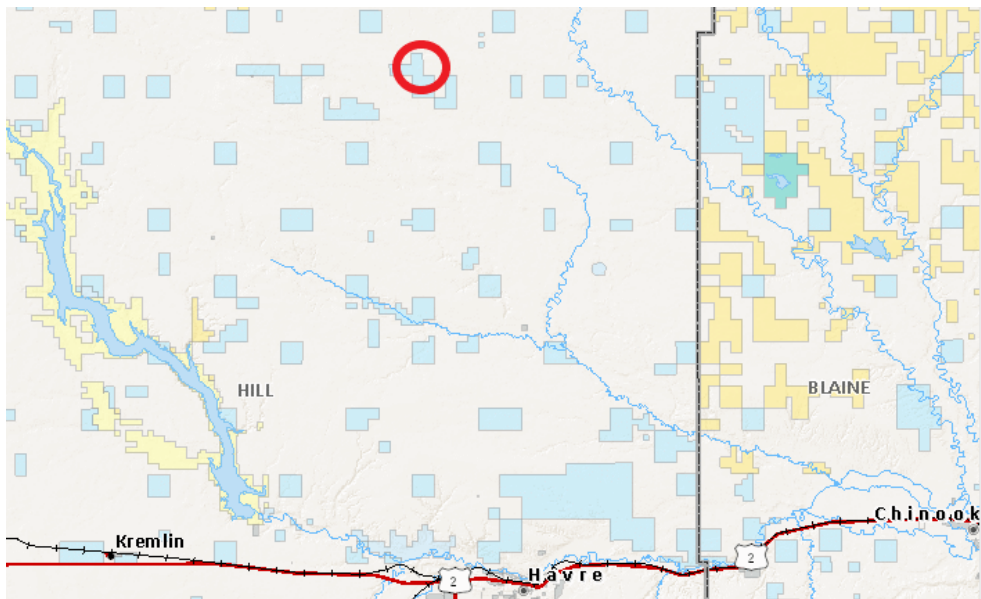
Item Summary

Northwestern Corporation is requesting an easement for an existing pipeline that was constructed under a land use license authorization years ago. The pipeline was initially installed in 2001 and owned by Klabzuba Oil & Gas. Northwestern acquired the assets of Klabzuba in this area and is now requesting to convert the license to the standard 30-year term easement.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends approval of the application of Northwestern Corporation.

Application #19628



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Marias River Electric Cooperative
910 West Roosevelt Highway
Shelby, MT 59474

Application No.: 19629
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12,470/7,200-volt electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 3.64
Compensation: \$1,638.00
Legal Description: 30-foot strip through S2S2, Sec. 36, Twp. 35N, Rge. 3E,
Toole County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

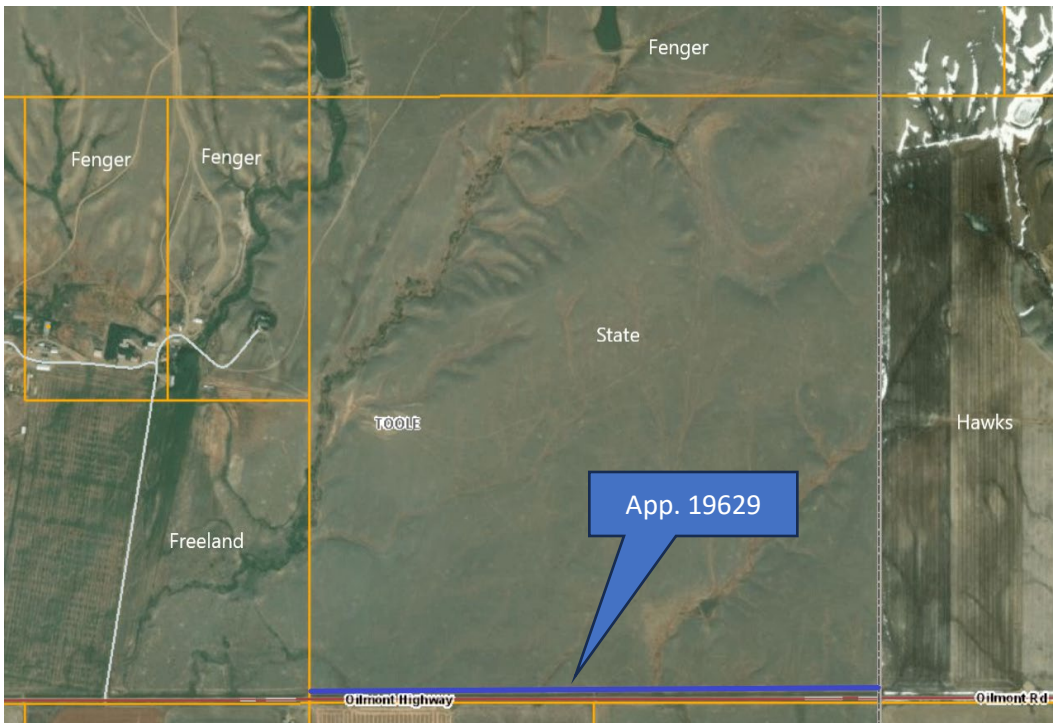
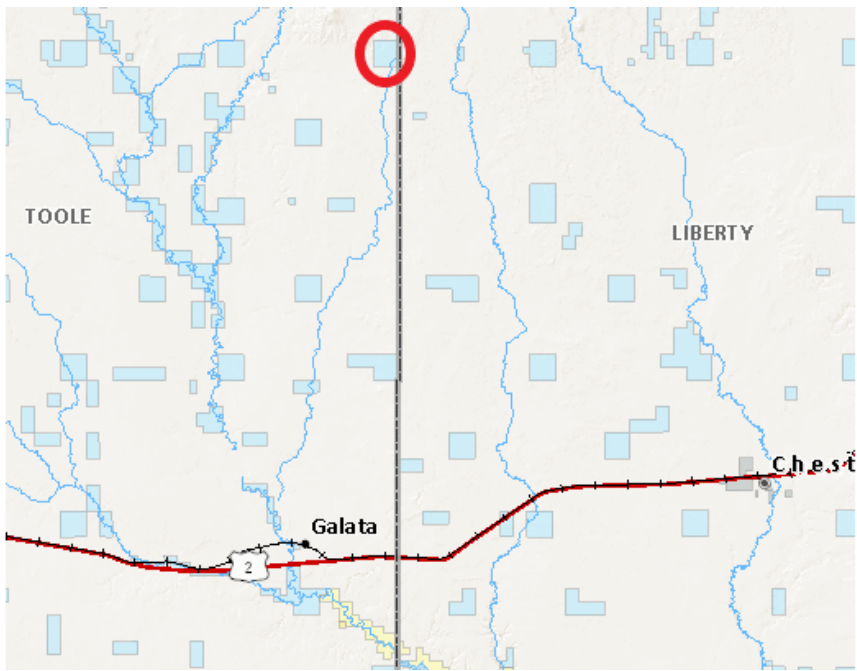
Item Summary

Marias River Electric Cooperative is requesting an easement to install a 12,470/7,200-volt overhead transmission line to provide upgraded electrical power to local residents. The proposed route is along Oilmont Highway and is the most direct route between terminuses and the route of least disturbance.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends approval of the application of Marias River Electric Cooperative.

Application #19629



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620-0701

Application No.: 19631
R/W Purpose: a public access road to the Mallard's Rest Fishing Access Site
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 0.77
Compensation: \$9,240.00
Legal Description: tract of land in Gov. Lot 3, Sec. 16, Twp. 4S, Rge. 9E,
Park County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

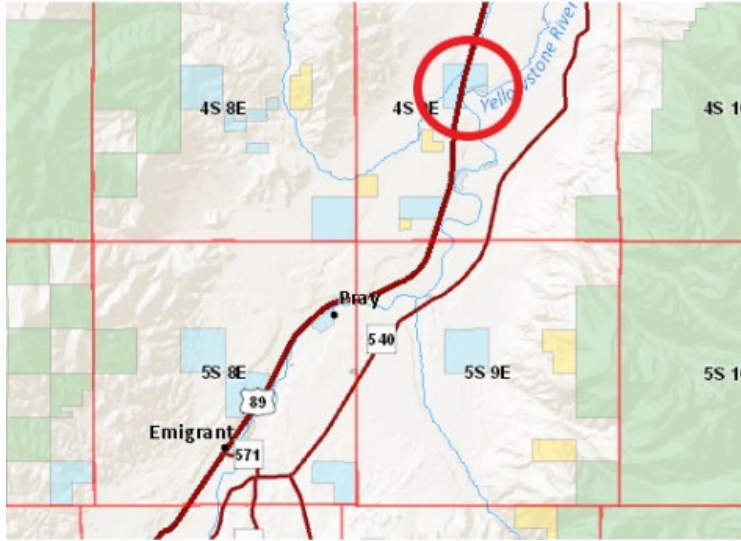
Item Summary

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is requesting an easement for a public access road to the Mallard's Rest Fishing Access Site which has been inaccessible since the June 2022 Yellowstone River flood event. The proposed easement is a road relocation to provide access to the fishing access site adjacent to the river corridor which was authorized under an easement to Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in 1963.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends approval of the application of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Application #19631



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.
PO Box 1220
Havre, MT 59501

Application No.: 19632
R/W Purpose: a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 2.59
Compensation: \$3,885.00
Legal Description: 20-foot strip through N2NW4, SE4NW4, S2NE4,
Sec. 16, Twp. 8N, Rge. 12E,
Wheatland County
Trust Beneficiary: Common Schools

Item Summary

Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. is requesting an easement to replace existing copper telecommunications facilities with fiber optic in the Martinsdale exchange area. The current copper facilities in the area are reaching capacity to serve the area due to growth and aging facilities in the serving area in and around Martinsdale. These improvements will offer state-of-the art telecommunications toll and distribution facilities, as well as future growth capabilities.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends approval of the application of Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.

Application #19632



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc
PO Box 1220
Havre, MT 59501

Application No.: 19633
R/W Purpose: a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 3.68
Compensation: \$5,520.00
Legal Description: 20-foot strip through W2NW4, SE4NW4, NE4SW4, W2SE4,
E2SE4, Sec. 32, Twp. 8N, Rge. 12E, Wheatland County
Trust Beneficiary: Pine Hills School

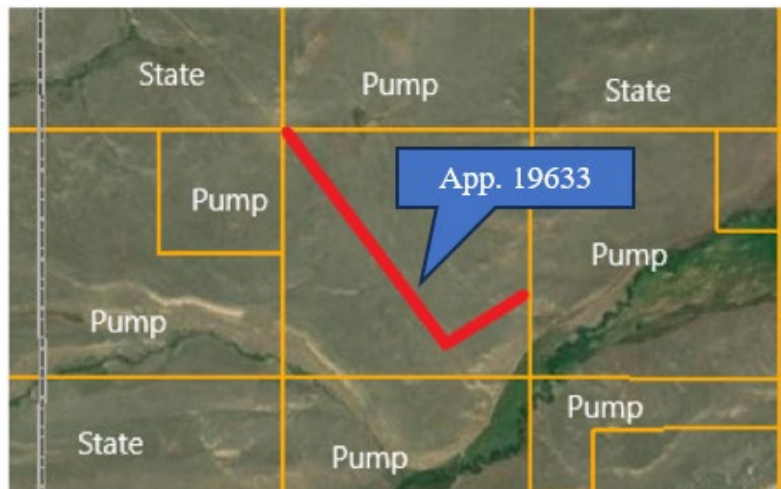
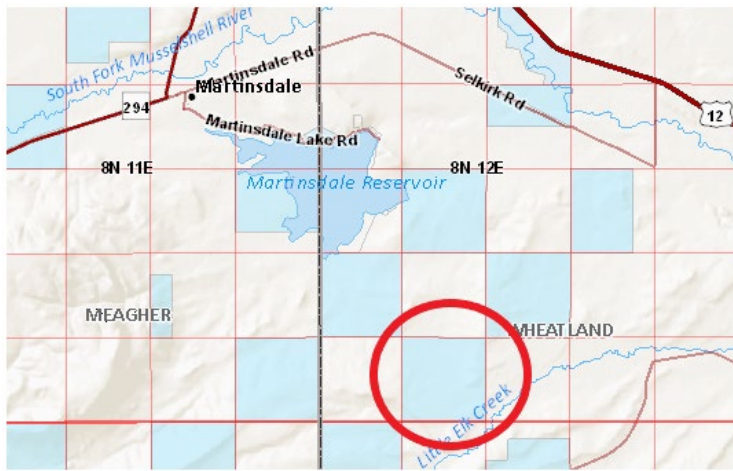
Item Summary

Continuation of Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. applications.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends approval of the application of Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.

Application #19633



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc
PO Box 1220
Havre, MT 59501

Application No.: 19634
R/W Purpose: a buried fiber optic cable
Lessee Agreement: ok
Acreage: 3.34
Compensation: \$5,010.00
Legal Description: 20-foot strip through Gov. Lot 1, NE4NW4, SE4NW4, SW4NE4,
N2SE4, SE4SE4, Sec. 30, Twp. 8N, Rge. 12E, Wheatland County
Trust Beneficiary: Pine Hills School

Item Summary

Continuation of Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. applications.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends approval of the application of Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.

Application #19634



APPLICANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY INFORMATION

Applicant: NorthWestern Corporation
11 East Park Street
Butte, MT 59701

Application No.: 19635
R/W Purpose: an overhead 12,470 volt electric distribution line
Lessee Agreement: N/A (Navigable Water)
Acreage: 0.12
Compensation: \$100.00
Legal Description: 50-foot strip across the Teton River in SE4NW4, Sec. 1, Twp. 24N, Rge. 8E, Chouteau County
Trust Beneficiary: Public Land Trust – Navigable Waters

Item Summary

NorthWestern Corporation is requesting an easement to install an overhead distribution 12,470 volt powerline transmission line for a powerline extension across the Teton River. This extension would serve a customer's property located on the North side of the Teton River. The other proposed route is further away from a distribution power line and is separated by large geographical features that would make the project not only cost prohibitive, but also infringe on the reliability of the distribution electric system.

DNRC Recommendation

The DNRC recommends approval of the application of NorthWestern Corporation.

Application #19635

