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# Unlocking State Lands -- Request for Info

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You replied on 2/4/2015 5:22 PM.

Senator Hinkle –

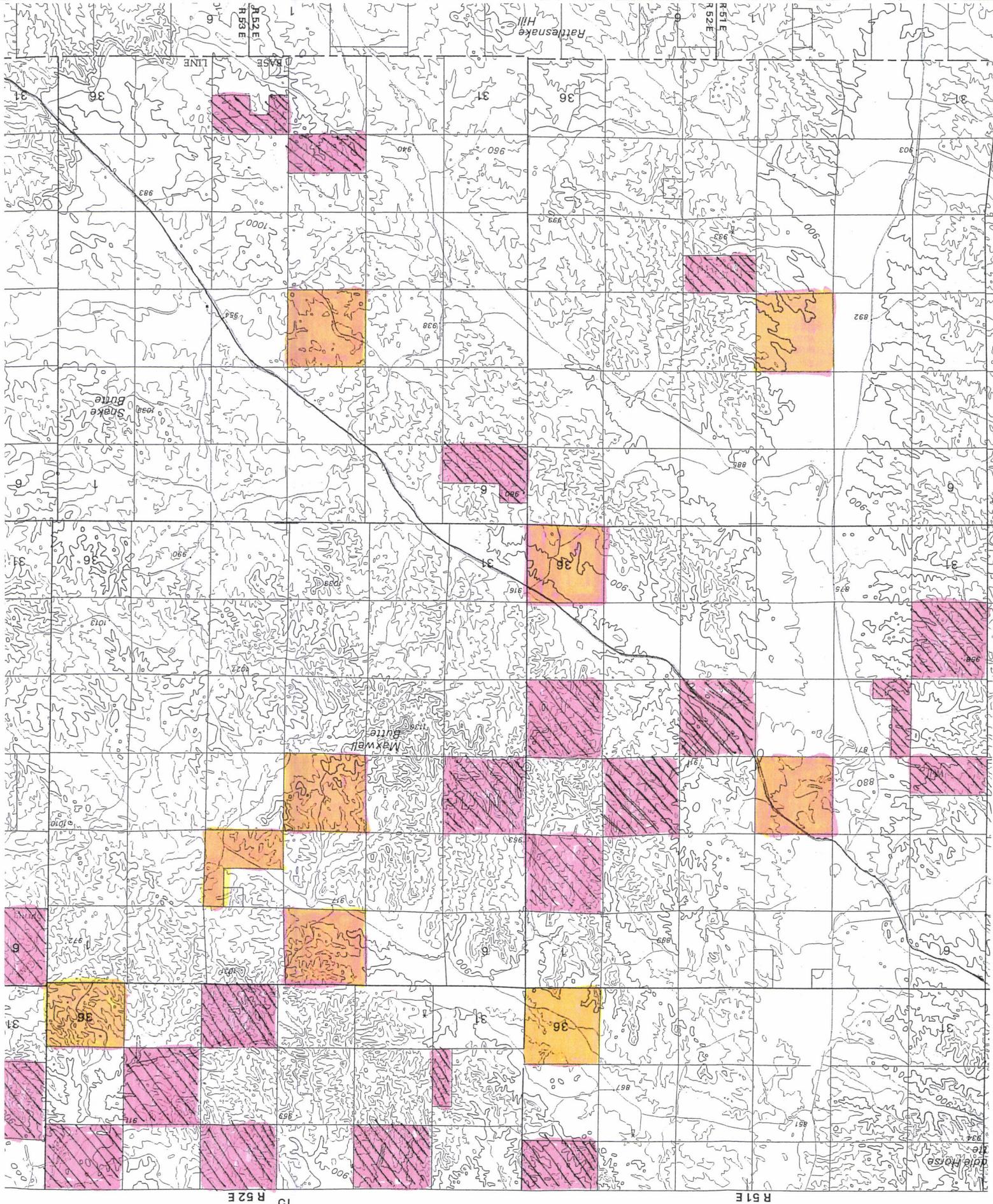
Following are assumptions we've put together for a possible fiscal note reflecting your suggested changes to the Unlocking State Lands bill (HB444) that passed last session. **These results may be different depending on actual language of the officially introduced bill.** Based on what you shared with me yesterday, this is what we came up with:

**ASSUMPTIONS: \$500/\$2,000 cap**

1. There are nearly 6.7 million acres of state school trust, BLM, and USFS lands in Montana. FWP assumes there are approximately 9,300 parcels that do not have legal public access.
2. While only four parcels of state land were enrolled during the first year (2014) of the Unlocking State Lands program, FWP assumes that an average of eight parcels per year would be enrolled in that program, since the program was new in 2014 and the enrollment process and associated advertising did not begin until late in the process.
3. FWP assumes that the expansion of the program to include federal BLM and USFS lands, which more than doubles the number of eligible parcels from 4000 state land parcels to approximately 9,300 parcels of eligible state and federal land, will result in double the number of parcels which can be expected to be enrolled per year in the Unlocking Public Lands program.
4. FWP assumes that with the \$500 tax credit per parcel and maximum of \$2,000 tax credit/per landowner/per year, an average of 16 parcels will be enrolled in the Unlocking Public Lands program per year. **A cumulative loss of \$8,000/year will impact the General Fund.** (This part of the fiscal note will actually be done by Dept of Revenue, but this is my assessment of how they will approach it.)
5. Existing staff will administer the program.

Description	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
# of Parcels	16	32	48	64
Tax Credits Claimed @ \$500	\$8,000	\$16,000	\$24,000	\$32,000

**ASSUMPTIONS: \$750/\$3,000 cap**



15' R 52 E

R 51 E

**Public Owner No Access**

**SqMiles Count of Parcels >=40 acres**

City Government	0.27	1
County Government	0.00	
Local Government	0.75	4
Montana Department of Natural Resources Water Projects	0.04	
Montana Department of Transportation	0.05	
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	3.29	10
Montana State Trust Lands	2428.66	3459
Montana University System	0.19	1
State of Montana	1.33	5
Unknown - Conflicting Data Sources	8.10	38
US Bureau of Land Management	2179.34	5063
US Bureau of Reclamation	4.35	25
US Department of Defense	1.08	2
US Fish and Wildlife Service	10.21	28
US Forest Service	231.86	311
US Government	0.13	1

1,394,777.6

148,390.4

1,543,168.0 Acres