CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Name:	2010 Land Banking – Conrad Unit – CLO – Sec. 18, T30N, R5E
Proposed Implementation Date:	2010
Proponent:	This tract was nominated by the lessee, William Fraser, and brought forward now by DNRC.
Location:	T30N, R5E, Section 18, LOT 2, 38.61 acres Total Acres: 38.61
County:	Liberty County
Trust:	Common Schools

I. TYPE AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

Offer for Sale at Public Auction 38.61 acres of state land currently held in trust for the benefit of Common Schools. Revenue from the sale would be deposited in a special account, with monies from other sales around the State, to purchase replacement lands meeting acquisition criteria related to legal access, productivity, potential income and proximity to existing state ownership which would then be held in trust for the benefit of the same beneficiary Trust in relative proportion. The 2003 State Legislature passed statutes (77-2-361 through 367 MCA) authorizing the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to sell State School Trust Lands and utilize those funds to purchase replacement lands for the school trust through a process called Land Banking. The intent of the program is for the state to dispose of scattered tracts of land that generally do not have legal access, generate substantially less income for the trust than their relative value or are difficult for the DNRC to manage. The funds generated from sales are then used to purchase property that is blocked or contiguous to state land, has legal access, has potential for increased Trust revenue and consequently is more efficient to manage. In 2005 the Department accepted nominations from lessees and DNRC personnel for state tracts to be considered for sale under the program. Nominations were evaluated and the State Board of Land Commissioners (Board) prioritized for sale. To date the DNRC and the Board has sold 42,303 acres and purchased 31,587.58 acres.

Three maps are attached to this EA checklist: 1. Labeled “Land Banking Priorities-Liberty County” is a general map of all state land within the county (blue) and those parcels of land considered for sale under land banking (red). 2. Labeled “Appendix B” is satellite imagery and an ownership map that indicates the tract considered for sale in the EA checklist.

II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

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

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

- A letter was distributed on October 21, 2009 to all state surface lessees informing them of the Land Banking Program and requesting nominations be submitted by lessees between October 21, 2009 and December 1, 2009. *(This tract was nominated at that time and is now being considered as part of the third Statewide round of Land banking sales.)*
- Legal notices were published in the in the Great Falls Tribune 03/14/2010 to 03/21/2010, Liberty County times on 03/10/2010 and 03/17/2010, Choteau Acantha on 03/10/2010 and 03/17/2010, Independent Observer on 03/10/2010 and 03/17/2010, and in the Shelby Promoter 03/11/2010 and 03/18/2010.
- Direct mailings were made to lessees, adjacent land owners, County Commissioners, State Legislators (from the involved Districts and who were associated with the legislation), and a host of organizations and individuals who had expressed previous interest in this process. A full listing of contacts is attached as Appendix C.

- Follow-up contacts were made by phone, mail, or email with parties requesting additional information. These are also included in Appendix C.
- The tract was also posted on the DNRC web page at, http://dnrc/mt.gov//TLMSPublic/LandBanking/LBTest.aspx

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

No other governmental agencies have jurisdiction over this proposal.

3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative A (No Action) – Under this alternative, the State retains the existing land ownership pattern and would not sell the 38.61 acres of Common School Trust Land contained in Sec. 18, T30N, R5E.

Alternative B (the Proposed action) – Under this alternative, the Department would request and recommend approval by the Land Board to sell 38.61 acres of Common School Trust Land contained in Sec. 18, T30N, R5E. If approved by the Board, the sale would be at public auction, subject to the requirements found in Title 77, Chapter 2, Part 3 of the Montana Codes Annotated. The income from the sale would be pooled with other land sale receipts from across the State to fund the purchase of other state land, easements, or improvements for the beneficiaries of the respective trusts. *(The State would then review available lands for sale which would generally have access and an increased potential for income. A separate public scoping and review would be conducted when a potentially suitable parcel was found. It is not possible for this analysis to make any direct parcel to parcel comparisons.)*

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.

A variety of soil types are found across this tract. USDA – NRCS soil survey indicated Land Capability Classification as a mixture of 3E-16% and 7E-84% soils. The majority of the acres are class 7E soils, which are generally not suitable for small grain crop production. Most acres would not meet current DNRC breaking criteria. *("If properly managed, soils in classes 1, 2, 3, 4 are suitable for the mechanized production of commonly grown field crops and for pasture and woodland. The degree of the soil limitations affecting the production of cultivated crops increases progressively from class 1 to class 5. The limitations can affect levels of production and the risk of permanent soil deterioration caused by erosion and other factors. Soils in classes 5, 6, 7 are generally not suitable for mechanized productions without special management. Capability subclasses indicate the dominant limitations in the class, E, shows that the main hazard is the risk of erosion unless a close growing plant cover is maintained." From USDA-NRCS Soil Survey).* This tract is located in the Marias River Breaks east of the Tiber Reservoir. Topography is rough and rugged, consisting of steep and barren slopes that are typical of thin hilly range sites. Soils are stable due to the permanent vegetation cover. The proposal does not involve any on the ground disturbance, so there are no soil effect differences between the alternatives. It is expected that this land will be used for livestock grazing in the future.

The State owns certain minerals under this parcel and would retain ownership of these mineral rights if the tract is sold.

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.

There are no ephemeral drainages present on this tract. There are no documented and/or recorded water rights associated with the proposed tract for sale. Other water quality and/or quantity issues will not be impacted by the proposed action.

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 proposal does not include any on-the-ground activities, or changes to activities. No effects to air quality would occur.

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.

All acres proposed for sale are native rangeland typical of the Northern Mixed Grassed Prairie. Range sites are dominated by thin hilly sites. Species composition is dominated by grasses which include western wheatgrass, needle and thread grass, blue grama, thread leaf sedge, sandberg bluegrass and prairie junegrass. Sub-dominate species include various forbs and shrubs. Noxious weeds have not been identified according to previous inspections. Current range condition is good with an estimated carrying capacity or stocking rate assessed at 0.225 AUMs per acre.

Vegetation may be affected by numerous land management activities including livestock grazing, development, wildlife management or other agricultural use. It is unknown what land use activities may be associated with a change in ownership; however the vegetation on this tract is typical of land throughout the vicinity and there are no known rare, unique cover types or vegetation on the tract. It is expected that this land will be used for grazing livestock in the future. The nominating lessee has indicated that if they purchased this tract, the land use would remain as grazing land. The proposal does not include any on-the-ground activities, or changes to activities and therefore we do not expect direct or cumulative effects would occur to vegetation as a result of the proposal.

A review of Natural Heritage data through the NRIS was conducted, as well as tract specific requests for concerns being made to the MT FWP and they made no comments regarding plant species. There were no plant species of concern noted or potential species of concern noted on the NRIS survey.

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 area is not considered critical wildlife habitat. However, this tract provides habitat for a variety of big game species (mule deer, whitetail deer, pronghorn antelope), predators (coyote, fox, badger), upland game birds (sharp tail grouse, Hungarian partridge), other non-game mammals, raptors and various songbirds. The proposal does not include any land use change which would yield changes to the wildlife habitat. The proposed action will not impact wildlife forage, cover, or traveling corridors. Nor will this action change the juxtaposition of wildlife forage, water, or hiding and thermal cover.

The nominating lessee has indicated that if they purchased this tract, the land use would remain as grazing land. There are no unique or critical wildlife habitats associated with the state tract and we do not expect direct or cumulative wildlife impacts would occur as a result of implementing the proposal. The proposed action will not have long-term negative affects on existing wildlife species and/or wildlife habitat because of its relatively small scale.

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 of Natural Heritage data through the NRIS was conducted, as well as tract specific requests for wildlife concerns were made to the Montana FWP. Montana FWP did not provide any site specific comments regarding wildlife. There were nine animal species of concern identified and four potential species of concern identified on the NRIS survey.

The Swainson's hawk was found to be potentially located in the general area. This species is generally associated with needing cliffs, trees, or mid-elevation slopes for nesting. This tract contains none of these features, so these species will likely be transient on this tract. No direct, indirect, or cumulative effects are expected to any of these species.

The golden eagle, loggerhead shrike, sharp-tailed grouse, and long-billed curlew are generally associated with habitat consisting of grasslands interspersed with shrubs and brush filled coulees. This tract contains these habitat features, but given the fact no management changes are expected from the sale of the tract, no direct, indirect, or cumulative effects are expected to these species.

The short-eared owl, eastern screech-owl, burrowing owl, chestnut-collared longspur, and McCown's longspur, were found to be potentially located in this area. All of these species are generally associated with habitat consisting of native rangeland that has been grazed by livestock. This tract contains features that may allow for use by these species, but given the fact the proposal does not include any activities which would alter any habitat, any effects are not expected in either alternative.

The great blue heron and the hooded merganser were found to be potentially located in the general area. These species are generally associated with riparian areas and clear flowing streams. This tract contains none of these features, so this species of concern will likely not be located on this tract. No direct, indirect, or cumulative effects are expected to these species of concern.

The sauger was also found to be potentially located in this area. However, this species require perennial streams or deep lakes to support life. This tract contains none of these features, so this species would not exist on this tract. No direct, indirect, or cumulative effects are expected to either of these species of concern.

There are no threatened or endangered species, sensitive habitat types, or other species of special concern associated with the proposed land sale.

10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:

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

Past DNRC field evaluation forms indicated the presence of scattered stone circles. A class III level inventory and subsequent evaluation of cultural and paleontologic resources will be carried out if preliminary approval of the parcel nomination by the Board of Commissioners is received. Based on the results of the Class III inventory/evaluation the DNRC will, in consultation with the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer, assess direct and cumulative impacts.

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.

This tract is located in a rural agricultural area and not highly visible from a county road. The state land does not provide any unique scenic qualities not also provided on adjacent private lands. The proposal does not include any on-the-ground activities, so there would be no change to the aesthetics in either alternative.

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.

There are 5,153,434.65 acres of Trust land and 4,625,112.67 acres of Common School surface ownership in Montana *(TLMD, 2009 Annual Report)*. There are approximately 86,141.78 acres of Common School Trust in Liberty County and 306,351.95 acres of Common School Trust in the Conrad Unit. This proposal includes 38.61 acres in Liberty County, a small percentage of the state land within this County.

There are additional tracts of state land currently under consideration for sale through the Land Banking Program. An additional 627.4 acres of state trust land in Liberty County and an additional 838.00 acres of state trust land in the Conrad Unit are being evaluated under separate analysis. Cumulatively, these lands considered for sale represent 0.77% of the state trust land surface ownership in Liberty County and 0.42% of the state trust land in the Conrad Unit surface ownership.

The potential transfer of ownership will not have any impact or demands on environmental resources of land water, air, or energy.

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.

There are no other projects or plans being considered on the tract listed on this EA.

There are 11 tracts containing 666.01 acres in Liberty County proposed for sale under the Land Banking Program and are being evaluated under separate review.

IV. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION

- *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.*

14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Identify any health and safety risks posed by the project.

No impacts to human health and safety would occur as a result of the proposal.

15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION:

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

The tract included in this proposal is leased by Bill Fraser for grazing. Sale of the land to Bill Fraser would add to his ranching operations. Below is a table that indicates the State rated carrying capacity of the tract being considered for sale.

Legal	Acres	Lease #	State rated carrying capacity
Sec 18	38.61	6202	9 AUMs

This proposal does not include any specific changes to the agricultural activities. The nominating lessee indicated that grazing would continue unchanged if they purchased this land.

No direct or cumulative impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposal.

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 proposal would have no affect on quantity and distribution of employment.

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 Lands are currently exempt from property tax. If State Trust Lands represent 6% or greater of the total acres within a county, a payment in lieu of taxes (PLT) is made to the counties to mitigate for the State Trust Land tax exempt status. Counties will not realize an adjustment in the PLT payment as a result of an increase or decrease in State Trust Land acreage. If the parcel in this proposal was sold and use continued as grazing land, Liberty County would receive an estimated $30.83 annually in additional property tax revenues.

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

Being remote grazing land, no traffic changes would be anticipated. All state and private land are under the County Coop wildfire protection program. The proposed sale will not change fire protections in the area.

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.

This tract is surrounded by BLM and private land. There are no zoning or other agency management plans affecting this land.

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.

Gary Olson, Wildlife Biologist-FWP, commented that “Section 18 adjoins Bureau of Reclamation property, if these tracts are accessible to the public, I would prefer they not be taken out of State ownership,” see attached letter.

This tract is adjacent to US Bureau of Reclamation land on the west and south sides and private land on the north and east sides. This state land tract is legally accessibly from the west by boat and foot. It may also be access by foot from the Tiber Reservoir marina which is about 2 miles south over rough terrain. The access through the adjacent Bureau of Reclamation property is possible, but limited as the terrain is very rugged and it requires boat or walking long distances. Public road access to this property is not present. This gives this tract a very low recreational value.

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 include any changes to housing or developments. The nominating lessee has indicated that the land would continue as grazing land, if they purchase it at auction. No effects are anticipated.

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 that would be impacted by the proposal.

23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY:

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

The State Trust land in this proposal is currently managed for grazing. The State land is generally indistinguishable from the adjacent private lands, with no unique quality.

The potential sale of the state land would not directly or cumulatively impact cultural uniqueness or diversity. It is unknown what management activities would take place on the land if ownership was transferred. The tract was nominated by the lessee with the intent of purchasing and continuing use as grazing land.

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.

Legal	Acres	2010 Lease Income	Income per acre
Sec 18	38.61	$55.08	$1.43

The statewide stocking rate for grazing land on 4.3 million acres averages 0.23 AUMs per acre or a total of 978,462 AUMs (2009 DNRC Annual Report). 2009 statewide grazing land gross revenue was $7,163,795 or ($6.97 per AUM) on 4.3 million grazing acres for an average income of $1.67 per acre (2009 DNRC Annual Report). The tract nominated for sale is lower than the average statewide stocking rate (0.225 AUMs / ac) and income for grazing land ($1.43/ acre). The tract proposed to sell is small, isolated and not readily accessible which creates management problems for the state and is generally not efficient to administer. In addition, this tract is essential for Bill Fraser's ranching business.

From 2006-2009 in Liberty County 597.00 acres have been sold through the land banking process. This resulted in a total sale value of $149,453.00 or $250.34 per acre.

An appraisal of the property value has not been completed to date. Under DNRC rules, an appraisal would be conducted if preliminary approval to proceed is granted by the Board of Land Commissioners. The Department is conducting more detailed evaluations at this time in order to make a determination on whether to offer the tracts for sale. The revenue generated from the sale of these parcels would be combined with other revenue in the Land Banking Account to purchase replacement property for the benefit of the Trust. It is anticipated the replacement property would have legal access and be adjacent to other Trust lands which would provide greater management opportunities and income. If replacement property was not purchased prior to the expiration of the statute, the revenue would be deposited into the permanent trust for investment.

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	Title: Land Use Specialist, Conrad Unit, Central Land Office	

V. FINDING

25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:

I have selected the Proposed Alternative B, recommend the tract receive preliminary approval for sale and continue with the Land Banking process.

26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:

I have evaluated the comments received and potential environment affects and have determined significant environmental effects would not result from the proposed land sale. This small parcel does not have any unique characteristics, critical habitat or environmental conditions indicating the tract should necessarily remain under management by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. There is no indication it would produce substantially greater revenue or have substantially greater value to the trust in the near future. The parcel is approximately equal to the state wide average productivity for grazing land but its small size makes it difficult for DNRC to manage or even distinguish from the adjacent private ownership. The annual income to the trust from this parcel is below the statewide average per acre has been approximately $55.00.

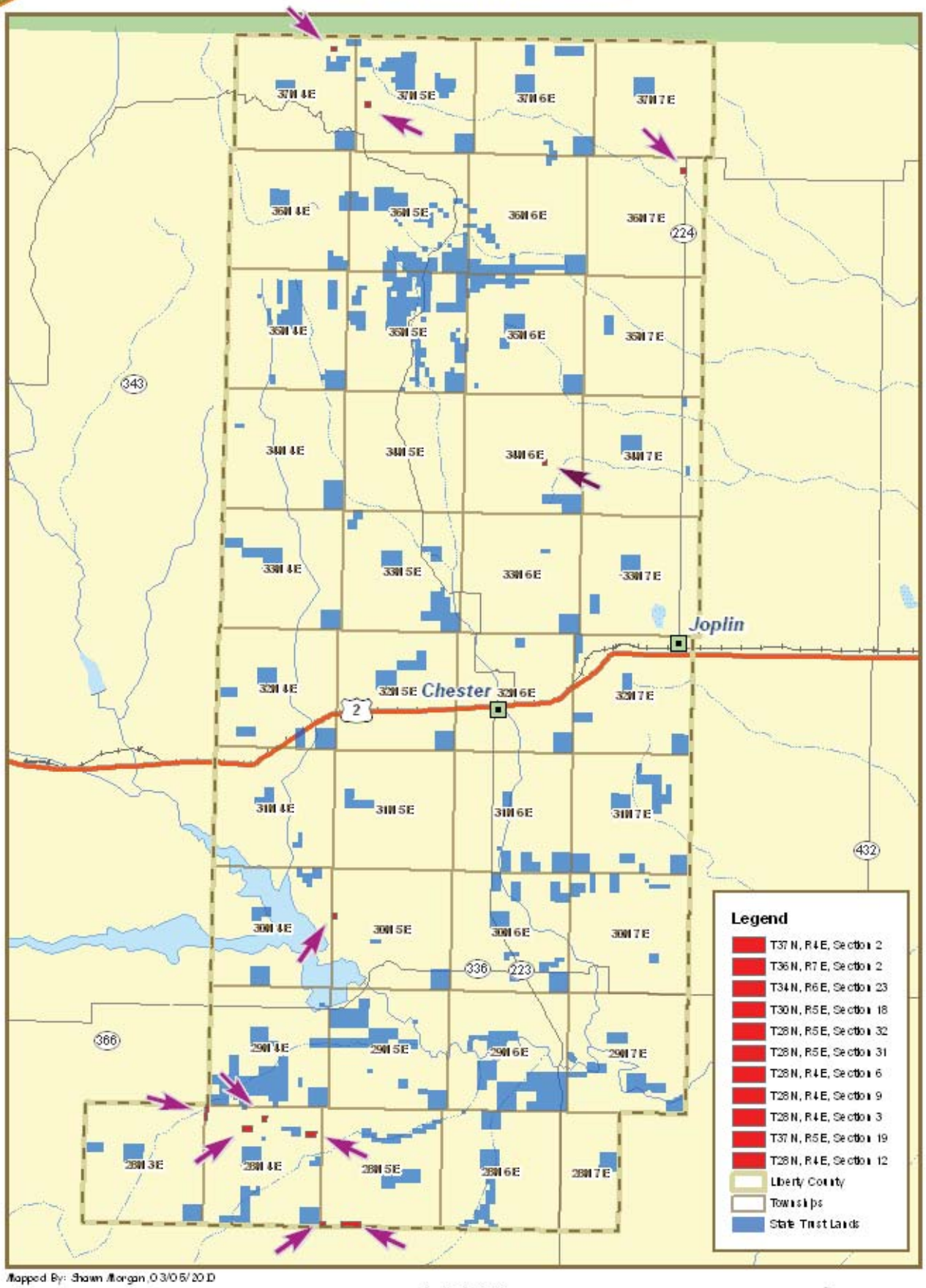
The parcel is legally accessible from adjacent lands owned by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation but requires travel by boat across Tiber reservoir and walking over steep and rough terrain for long distances. The state ownership is difficult to distinguish from adjacent lands and does not have any unique habitat or recreational value. Consequently use of the state land by recreationists is extremely low or nonexistent.

27. NEED FOR FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

[ ] EIS [ ] More Detailed EA [X] No Further Analysis

EA Checklist Approved By:	**Name:**	Garry Williams
	Title:	Area Manager, Central Land Office
Signature:		**Date:** 5/12/2010

Land Banking Priorities
Liberty County, Montana



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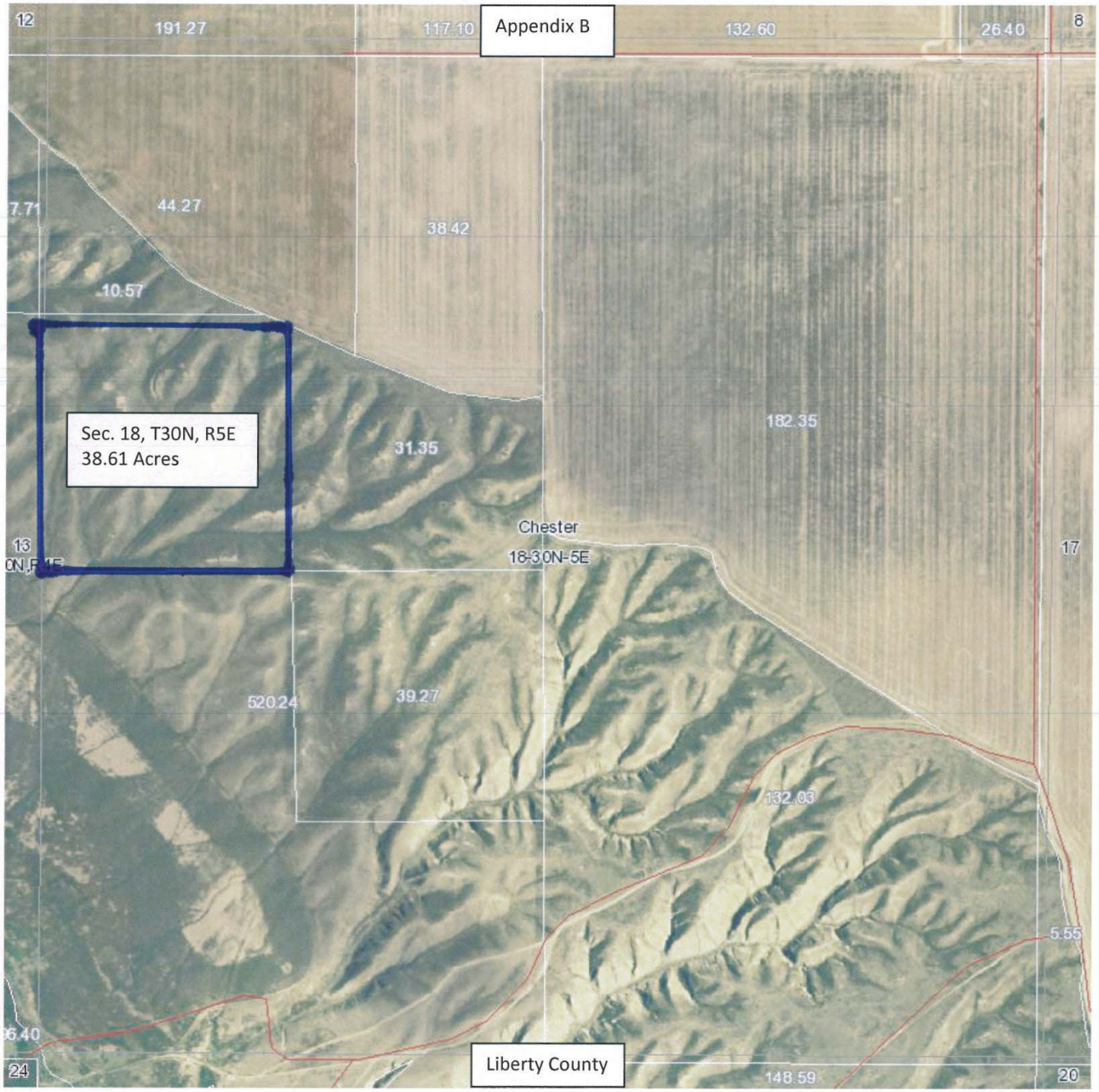
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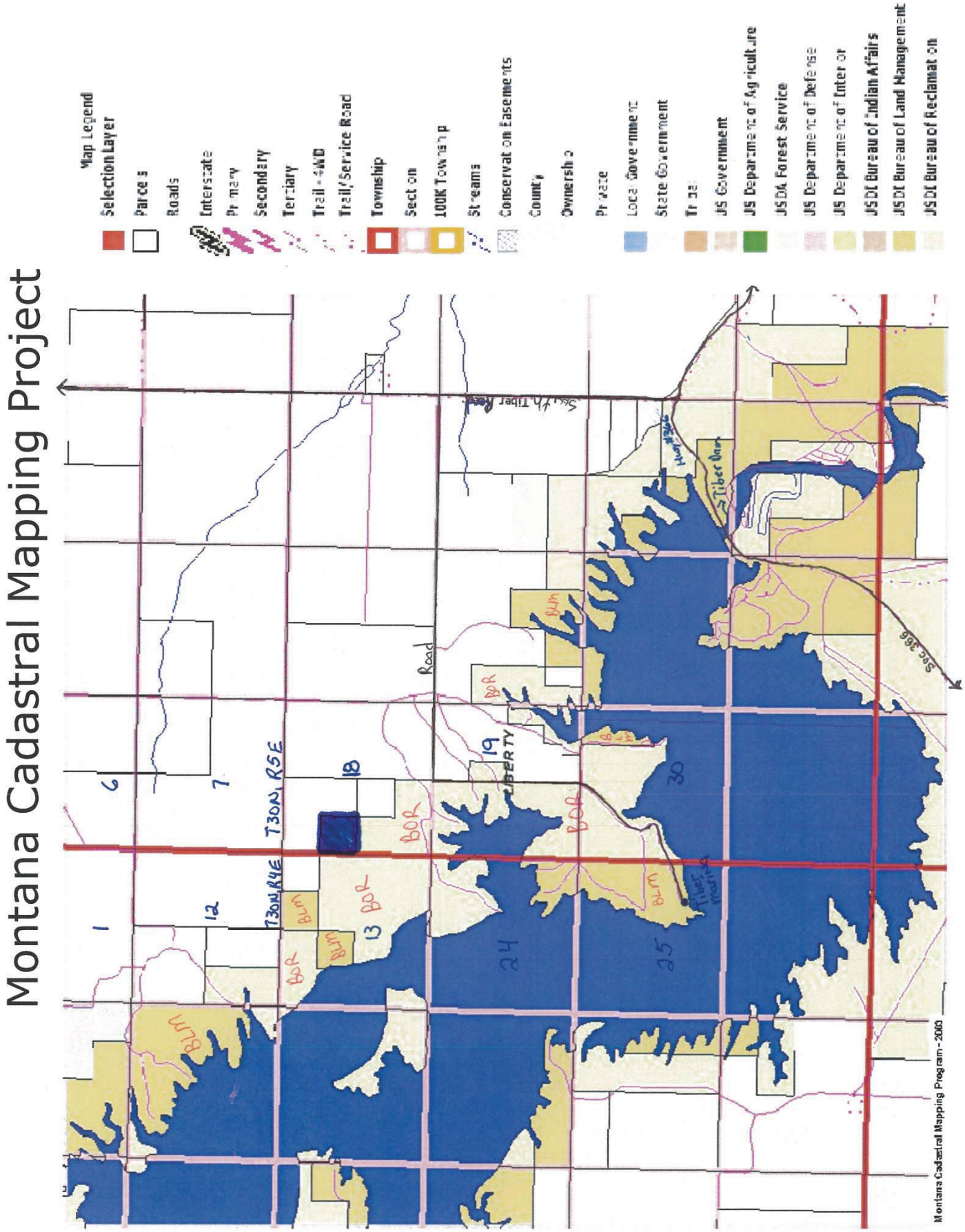
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Appendix C

Circle 4 Farms	P O Box 886	Shelby MT 59474
F Outfit, Inc. **C/O Joe Fretheim**	658 South Telstad Road	Shelby MT 59474
Ron Iverson	10068 Iverson Road	Ledger MT 59456
Gus Winterrowd	P O Box 231	Brady MT 59416
Homer Thompson	P O Box 162	Brady MT 59416
Earl Thompson	1409 Sixteenth Street South	Great Falls MT 59405
Lindseth Charolais Ranch **Ray Lindseth**	P O Box 183	Dupuyer MT 59432
Kirk and Rusyl Klingaman	P O Box 797	Bynum MT 59419
Marion Trexler **C/O Kirk & Rusyl Klingaman**	General Delivery	Bynum MT 59419
Boneyard Coulee Ranch	P O Box 736	Bynum MT 59419
Miller Colony	5130 U.S. Highway 89	Choteau MT 59422
Rice Ridge, LLC	2931 Tenth Lane NW RR2 Box 200	Choteau MT 59422
RL Reiquam Ranch Company	2751 Fern Drive	Great Falls MT 59404
Mark and Kathy Engstrom	257 Schaeffer Road	Whitlash MT 59545
Rick and Lois Belcher	595 Flat Coulee Road	Whitlash MT 59545
James and Marlene Grammar	605 1251 East	Chester MT 59522
Robert and Rebecca Bronec	3000 Ames Road	Carter MT 59420
Stewart Ranch, Inc.	P O Box 98	Fort Benton MT 59442
Witt Ranch Company	2555 Russell Road	Carter MT 59420
Don Buffington	16 South Main Street	Conrad MT 59425
Sharon Jensen **C/O Don Buffington**	16 South Main Street	Conrad MT 59425

Lee Ann Buffington **C/O Don Buffington**	16 South Main Street	Conrad MT 59425
Marie Monroe **C/O Don Buffington**	16 South Main Street	Conrad MT 59425
Douglas Buffington **C/O Don Buffington**	16 South Main Street	Conrad MT 59425
Norman Buffington	55 Carneros Drive	Sparks, NV 89441
Pondera Coulee Farm	198 West Dugout Road	Ledger MT 59456
Earl Duncan	296 Eagle Drive	Conrad MT 59425
Kathleen Lynch & Susan Elings	683 Horseshoe Boulevard	Lewistown MT 59457
Gordon Hurley	299 Dugout Road	Ledger MT 59456
Bert Duncan	124 Skyline Drive NE	Great Falls MT 59404
Randahl English **C/O Lauener Ranch**	814 Cole	Helena MT 59601
Kolstad Family Trust	295 Montana Highway 366	Ledger MT 59456
Selma Hardeland	701 South Illinois, Apt. #103	Conrad MT 59425
Tiber Farming Company	126 Twelfth Avenue North	Shelby MT 59474
Chris and Vicki Kolstad	295 Montana Highway 366	Ledger MT 59456
Underdahl Enterprises, Inc.	1308 Third West Hill Drive	Great Falls Mt 59404
Duncan Ranch Company	625 2100 Road East	Joplin MT 59531
Vern Pimley	P O Box 482	Chester MT 59522
Nancy Ray and Mindi Anderson	5542 North Fifth Drive	Phoenix, AZ 85013
William Frazer	P O Box 628	Chester MT 59522
Bureau of Reclamation	P O Box 100	Helena MT 59624
George Mattson Farms, Inc	P O Box 382	Chester MT 59522
Janice Mattson	P O Box 382	Chester MT 59522

Vicki Fey Schultz Family Parnership	223 Commons Way	Kalispell MT 59900
CF Anderson Family Partnership	223 Commons Way	Kalispell MT 59901
David or Lenora McEwen	1334 Coal Mine Road	Galata MT 59444
Ratzburg Livestock, LLP	265 Bobcat Angus Loop	Galata MT 59444
Albert Fey	HC 51 Box 270	Galata MT 59444
Fretheim Brothers	P O Box 251	Shelby MT 59474
Bureau of Land Management	Granite Tower	Billings MT 59107
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Bill Orsell **Montana Wildlife Federation**	P O Box 1175	Helena MT 59624
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Harold Blattie **MT Association of Counties**	2715 Skyway Drive	Helena MT 59601
The Nature Conservancy	32 South Ewing	Helena MT 59460
Jack Atcheson, Sr.	3210 Ottawa	Butte MT 59701
Janet Ellis **Montana Audubon Society**	P O Box 595	Helena MT 59624
Jeanne Holmgren	email: jholmgren@mt.gov	
Leslie Taylor **MSU Bozeman**	P O Box 172440	Bozeman MT 59715

Nancy Schlepp **MT Farm Bureau Federation**	502 19th, Suite 4	Bozeman MT 59715
Ray Marxer **Matador Cattle Company**	9500 Blacktail Road	Dillion MT 59725
Rosi Keller **University of Montana**	32 Campus Drive	Missoula MT 59812
County Commissioner **Toole County**	226 First Street South	Shelby MT 59474
County Commissioner **Teton County**	110 south Main Street	Choteau MT 59422
County Commissioner **Liberty County**	111 First Street E	Chester MT 59522
County Commissioner **Pondera County**	20 Fourth Avenue SW	Conrad MT 59425
Representative Joey Jayne **House District 15**	299 Lumpry Road	Arlee MT 59821
Representative Llew Jones **House District 27**	1102 Fourth Avenue SW	Conrad MT 59425
Senate, Jerry Black **Senate District 14**	445 O'Haire Boulevard	Shelby MT 59474
Representative Rick Ripley **House District 17**	8920 Montana Highway 2	Wolf Creek MT 59648
Senate, John Cobb **Senate District 9**	P O Box 78	Augusta MT 59410
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	51383 Highway 93 North	Pablo MT 59855
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From: Eneboe, Erik
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 8:07 AM
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Tony - the comments from FWP can be incorporated into the EAc.

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From: Gary Olson [mailto:grolson@3rivers.net]
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To: Eneboe, Erik
Cc: Taylor, Graham
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Erik:
I have reviewed the DNRC parcels nominated for sale. In Toole County one of the 40-acre parcels in T36N, R 2E, Section 10 appears to border the Miner's Coulee Road. Similarly, in Liberty County, the tract in T36N, R7E, Section 2 lies along a public roadway. Also in Liberty County, the parcel in T30N, R5E, Section 18 adjoins Bureau of Reclamation property. If these tracts are accessible to the public, I would prefer they not be taken out of State ownership. Parcels reviewed in Teton and Pondera County do not appear to be sensitive wildlife habitats, nor are they publicly accessible.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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