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LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE

RE: Input for an Environmental Assessment for a Sewer Improvements Project in Custer, Montana

Dear Reviewer:

The Custer Area/Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District has recently completed a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the wastewater system. The District was able to obtain grant funding, including CDBG, TSEP, DNRC, and Coal Board funds, in order to complete the recommended improvements in the PER.

The proposed improvements consist of expanding and lining the existing lagoons, adding several infiltration/percolation (I/P) ponds, providing a new lift station, and improving portions of the collection system. The collection system improvements include, at a minimum, the installation of a new force main, through the irrigated fields, for the last 2600 feet before the lagoons. The new lift station would be located in the area where the force main begins. The entire collection system in Town is scheduled to be cleaned and videotaped in late April. The findings from the videotaping will help to determine which sewer mains in Town need replacement, if any. It is anticipated that approximately 1/3 of the mains in Town will need replacement.

Enclosed please find maps indicating the locations of these proposed improvements. All areas of improvements are in previously disturbed areas, either by prior construction or agricultural use. Within the lagoon area, Interstate 94 runs just north of the lagoons and the area surrounding the lagoons to the south, east, and west is irrigated farmland. The proposed area for the new force main is the same area in which the existing sewer main is located and is also irrigated farmland. The proposed area for the new lift station would be located directly next to the new force main (where it begins) near the Interstate, in an area which was once part of Eighth Street (before the Interstate was built). All other areas of proposed improvements are located within the area of the existing sewer collection system. The general areas for these improvements are located in Section 6, T4N, R34E and Section 1, T4N, R33E.

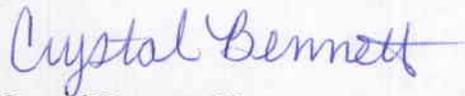


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Please review the proposed improvements and return to us any comments you may have regarding the potential environmental impacts of the project, if any. If we do not receive any comments within 30 days of the date of this letter, we will assume that you have no comments.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Crystal Bennett, EI

Enclosures: Map of Project Area

PACIF.

TOTAL LIFT STATION EXPANSION
AREA APPROX. 0.02 ACRES (30'x30')

50' CONST
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Custer

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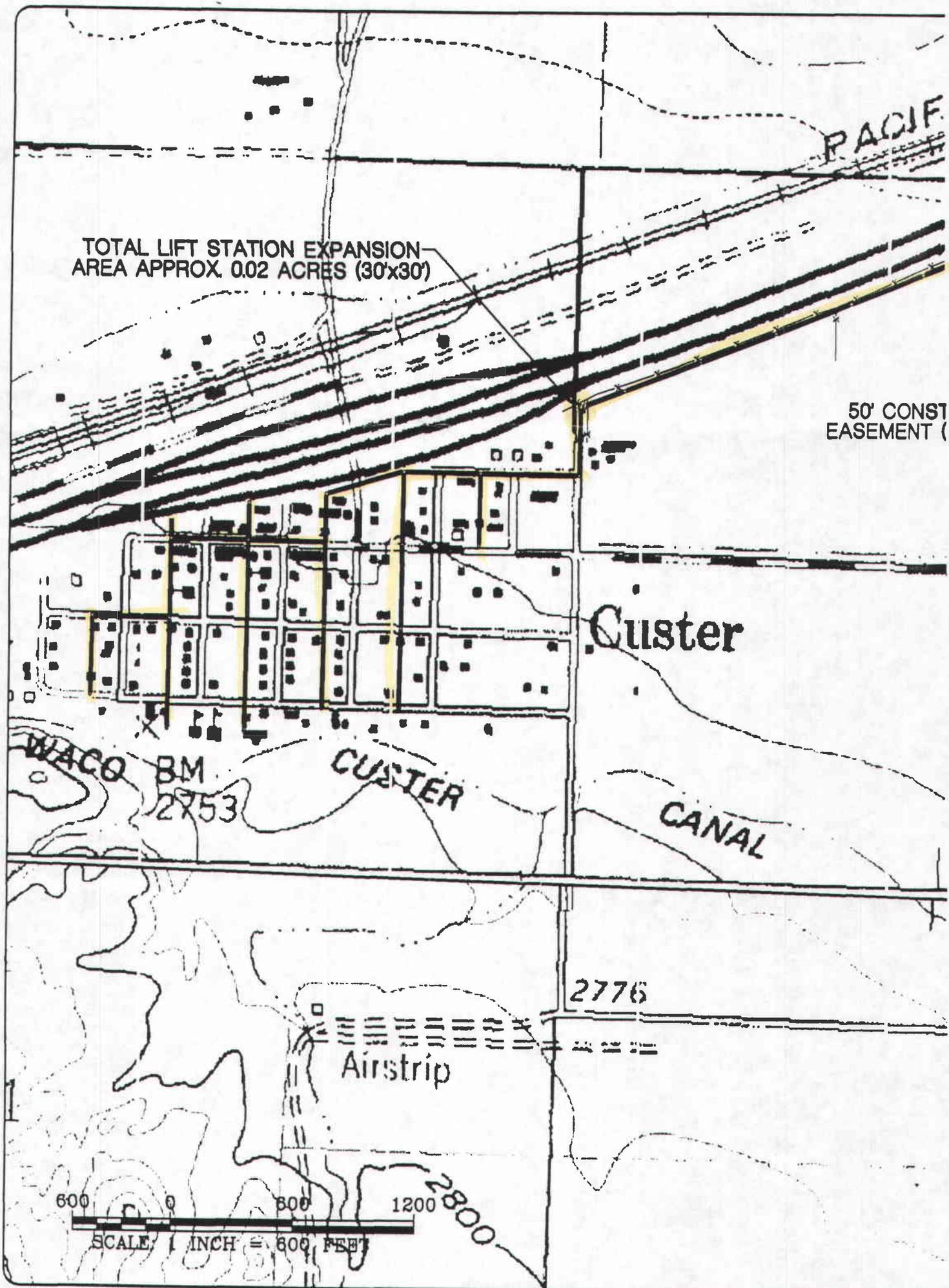
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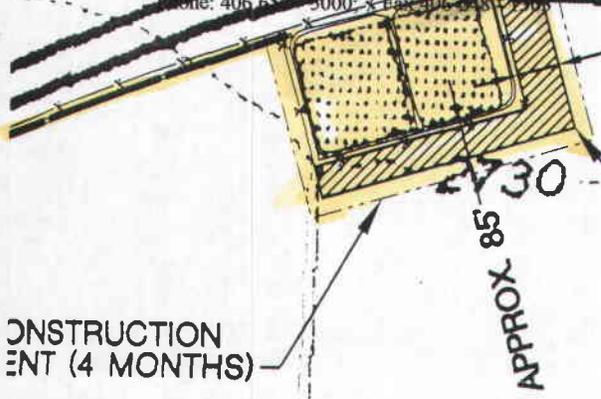
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TOTAL LAGOON EXPANSION AREA APPROX. 298 ACRES

CONSTRUCTION PERIOD (4 MONTHS)

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6

2740
WAGO

CUSTER

CANAL

2749

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EXHIBIT "A"

