



**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
DRY PRAIRIE RURAL WATER AUTHORITY
VALLEY COUNTY AREA B PIPELINE PROJECT**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Date: 06/30/2015
Action: Water System Improvements Project
Location of Project: Valley County
DEQ/DWSRF Funding: \$500,000 – \$1,200,000 (see below)
Total Project Cost: \$4,023,700

An environmental review has been conducted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding construction of a drinking water distribution system by the Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority (DPRWA) in Valley County.

The amount of DEQ funding is not finalized at this time – pending final funding allotments from the Montana State Regional Treasure State Endowment fund and the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

The proposed action consists of the installation of approximately 36 miles of buried pipelines for drinking water distribution ranging in size from 1.5-inch to 8-inch diameter. The pipelines will be installed in areas immediately adjacent to the North and West of Glasgow Montana (Area B) and can be seen on two maps on the DEQ website by following <http://deq.mt.gov/ea.mcp.x> . These pipelines are part of the Dry Prairie Rural Water System and are intended to bring high quality drinking water to approximately 150 rural connections and also possibly serve about 60 connections in the Cherry Creek subdivision.

Based on the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment, including environmental commitments detailed in the EA, the project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts upon terrestrial and aquatic life or habitat, including endangered species, water quality or quantity, air quality, geological features, cultural or historical features, or social quality.

The DEQ utilized the following references in completing its environmental review of this project: (1) the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System, Fort Peck Reservation and Dry Prairie Service Areas, dated October 2002. The lead agency for the EA was the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation (The Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation were cooperating agencies in

preparation of the EA); (2) Design Report for Valley County Area B and Nashua Connection, dated April 2015, prepared by DGR Engineering; and (3) Contract Legal Documents, Specifications and Drawings for the "Valley County Area B Project Schedule 1 - Pipeline", dated May 2015, prepared by DGR Engineering; and (4) Review of potential contaminant sources completed by the source water protection section of DEQ. These references are available for review upon request by contacting:

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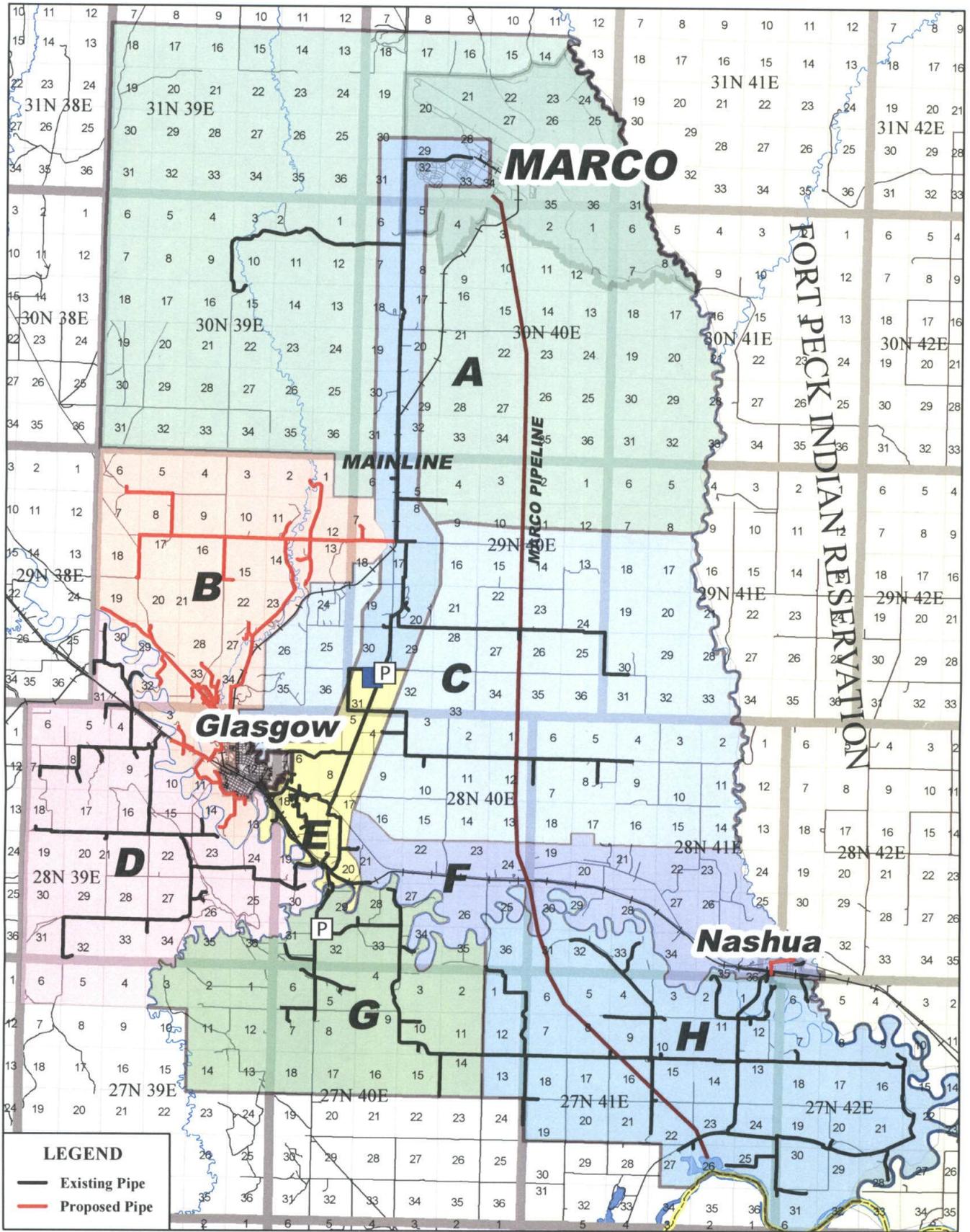
Comments on this finding or on the EA may be submitted to DEQ at the above address. Comments must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this FONSI in the newspaper. After evaluating substantive comments received, DEQ will revise the EA or determine if an EIS is necessary. Otherwise, this finding of no significant impact will stand if no substantive comments are received during the comment period or if substantive comments are received and evaluated and the environmental impacts are still determined to be non-significant.

Signed,



Todd Teegarden, Chief
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau

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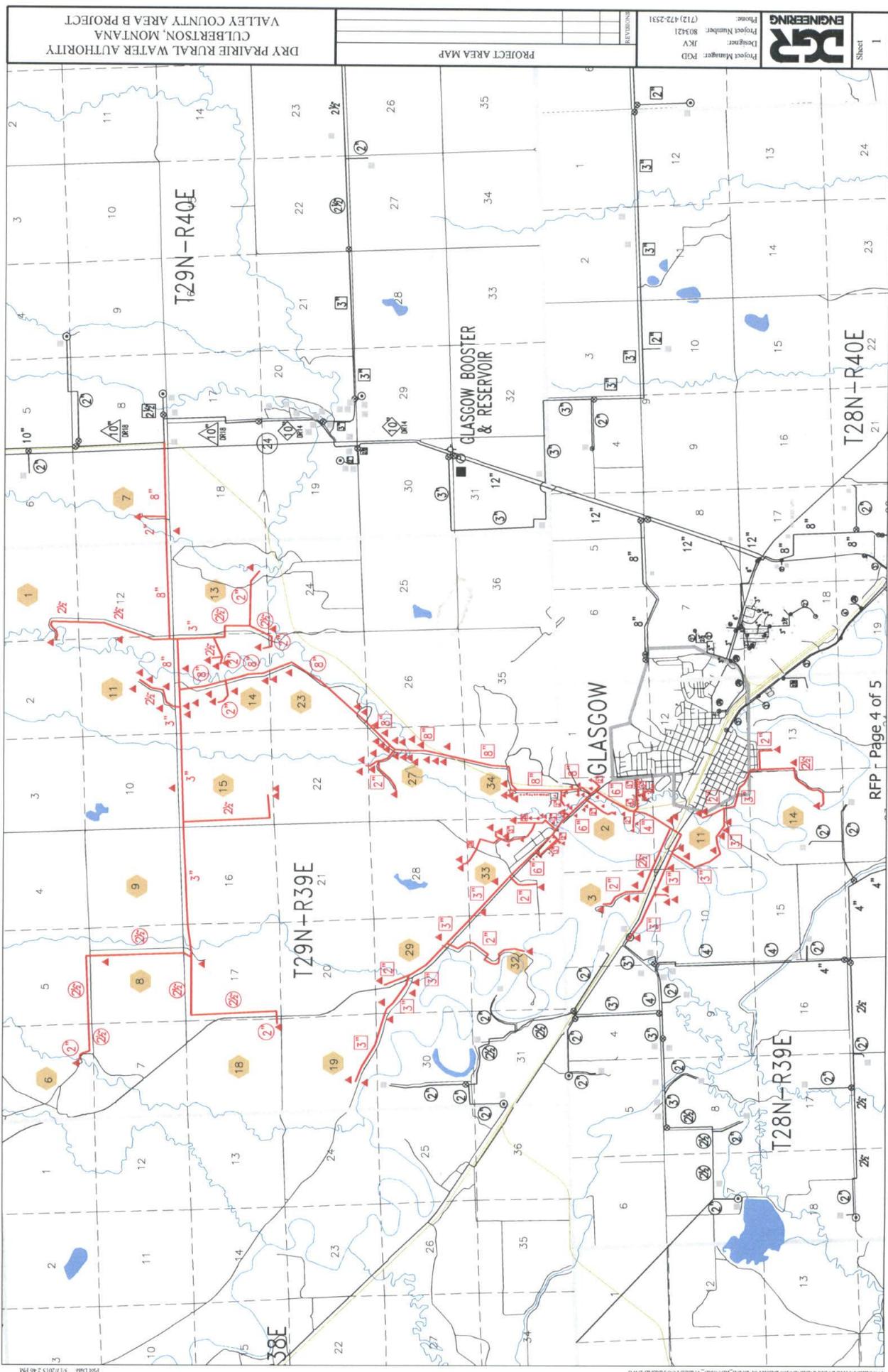


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SERVICE AREA MAP
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 VALLEY COUNTY AREA B PROJECT

PROJECT AREA MAP

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