MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LONG-RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 8, 1985

The meeting of the Long-Range Planning Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Robert Thoft on January 8, 1985 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 420 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC PROJECTS: Chairman Thoft (1:A:10) said a bill has been drafted enabling this subcommittee to deal with Cultural and Aesthetic projects. Swift action on this bill in the House would enable the subcommittee to hear these projects by January 23, 1985.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Janet Pallister was introduced as subcommittee secretary and Madalyn Quinlan, as staff analyst from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

NATURAL RESOURCE LEGACY PROGRAM: Gene Huntington, Senior Administrative Assistant in the Governor's Office (1:A:114) gave a presentation on the background and development of the Natural Resource Legacy Program (Exhibit 1). He stated that the legacy program would be implemented by two separate bills, one a substantive bill dealing with program policy and a second to appropriate funds.

Larry Fasbender, Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) (1:A:178) spoke about the criteria DNRC will be developing for determining project ratings. Due to the large number of project applications, it is necessary to rank these proposals prior to making recommendations to their advisory council. In the middle of January the advisory council will meet and make its recommendations to the Governor, who will then make his recommendations to the Legislature. Mr. Fasbender gave the subcommittee a list of proposed projects it has received to date (Exhibit 2).

Chairman Thoft asked at what stage the legacy bill was. Mr. Fasbender said the bill has been filed with the Legislative Council but that some changes were to be made prior to introducing it.

Representative Bardanouve said the program's objectives seem quite broad and wondered if any funds could be used in emergency situations such as fire suppression. Mr. Fasbender said contingency funds would be available only for unanticipated emergencies involving natural resources and the environment.

Senator Van Valkenburg asked how 128 project applications could have been accepted when the legacy program has not yet been enacted. Mr. Huntington said all applicants were told funding of project proposals was contingent upon legislative approval of the legacy program during the 1985 session.

MONTANA DEBT MANAGEMENT PLAN: Ellen Feaver, Director of the Department of Administration, (1:A:375) said, Patrick Born, the state financial advisor would be available Friday, January 11, 1985 to give a presentation on the Montana Debt Management Program. Ms. Feaver said Mr. Born would discuss the state's debt situation, position in the bond market and future recommendations for debt levels.

Several subcommittee members said they felt it was imperative that all legislators hear where the state stands after three legislative sessions of long range debt financing. For this reason the January 11th subcommittee meeting will be held in the old Supreme Court Chambers so that all legislators wishing to attend this presentation can do so.

Chairman Thoft asked Ms. Feaver if she could arrange for someone to speak at the same time on long range building bond issues and their affect on the state General Fund.

PARK AND LAND ACQUISITIONS: Jim Flynn, Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (1:A:610) said the department is presently limited to acquiring state parks and land with revenues generated from taxes on minerals and the Coal Severance Tax. Only a small percentage of the revenues generated from these sources can be used for operations, maintenance and development of present parks. He said the department feels more flexible legislation is needed which would not limit funding to just land and park acquisitions. House Bill #2 would expand the use of these revenues to include acquisitions, operations, maintenance and development of parks. Mr. Flynn said Representative Jack Sands is sponsoring House Bill #2. If House Bill #2 is successful in passing, the department would then recommend that funds appropriated during the 1986-87 biennium be used almost solely for park operations, maintenance and development. House Bill #2 would also have these expanded provisions sunset on July 1, 1989.

Representative Bardanouve asked when the department would recommend the purchase of the second part of the Lake Elmo project which was approved for acquisition last session. Mr. Flynn said the department planned on recommending funding for the second part of the Lake Elmo project during the 1987 Legislative Session.

Representative Bardanouve said he questioned bypassing park and land acquisitions at substantial savings this session in order to fund only maintenance and develop ment of present parks. Mr. Flynn said the department feels there is a strong need for a balance between funding park acquisitions and park maintenance and development. Chairman Thoft voiced his agreement with the department's current philosophy.

Mr. Don Hyyppa, Administrator of the Parks Division of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (1:B:130) presented the subcommittee with six park acquisition proposals the department has received to date (Exhibit 3).

RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: Caralee Cheney, Chief of the Water Development Bureau, DNRC, (1:B:252) gave an overview on the funding sources for the Renewable Resource Development Program (RRD) and the Water Development Program.

Ms. Cheney next presented the subcommittee with a list of various projects which have been proposed for funding from the RRD Program and the Water Development Program (Exhibit 4).

Ms. Cheney reviewed project applications in the various funding categories with subcommittee members until 9:45 a.m. when Chairman Thoft asked her to return the next day to finish her presentation on the project applications. Ms. Cheney agreed to do so (2:A:42).

ADJOURN: Since several subcommittee members had other committee meetings to attend by 10:00 a.m., Chairman Thoft adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Robert Thoft

ROBERT THOFT, Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL

LONG RANGE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date January 8, 1985

| NAME | PRESENT | ABSENT | EXCUSED |
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| Rep. Robert Thoft, Chairman | X | | |
| Sen. Fred Van Valkenburg, Vice Chair | X | | |
| Sen. Dave Fuller | X | | |
| Sen. Larry Tveit | X | | |
| Rep. Francis Bardanouve | X | | |
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Exhibit 1
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Office of the Governor
Helena 59620

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GOVERNOR

# NATURAL RESOURCE LEGACY PROGRAM

## PROPOSAL

The 1985 Legislature will be asked to create a "Natural Resource Legacy Program", to be funded by income from the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund (RIT). The program will be dedicated to development of natural resources to benefit Montana citizens and to repairing, reclaiming or mitigating environmental damage from past or future resource extraction. Future generations must be guaranteed a clean and healthful environment, and a vital and diversified economy.

The Natural Resource Legacy Program would close gaps in current state and federal clean-up programs so that the job of repairing environmental damage can proceed. The Legacy Program will be designed to repair environmental damage that predates current environmental laws and to mitigate future impacts that current laws do not address. It will be used for a broad range of purposes that would indemnify the people of Montana for a lost resource.

## BACKGROUND

The 1983 Legislature indicated that the interest income from the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund should no longer be budgeted for operational costs of state government. Governor Schwinden directed a cabinet level committee to identify needs and develop legislative recommendations for the productive use of those funds. This proposal is the product of those deliberations.

An examination of the history and intent of the RIT fund led to the conclusion that the income should be used for mitigation or correction of environmental damage caused by mining and for the development of recreation areas and facilities. But the concept of "indemnifying future generations" implies that the scope of activities to be funded by the program may be as broad as the Legislature's vision of Montana's future.

The current balance of the RIT Fund (RIT) is approximately $40 million. The Water Development Program receives 30% of the RIT interest income. Beginning in fiscal year 1986, 6% of the interest income will be dedicated to the Montana Hazardous Waste Act. All remaining interest income (64%) would be directed to the Legacy Program. Current estimates indicate approximately $9 million would be available for the Legacy Program in the 1986-87 biennium.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Legacy Program will fund projects to mitigate impacts or repair damage from natural resource extraction that are not covered by state or federal programs, and for which no party is clearly liable.

The Legacy program will be used for projects that address the following problems:

- To provide mined land reclamation where no party is liable for reclamation and where the federal abandoned mined land fund is not available.

- To provide reclamation for past oil and gas extraction, exploration and processing where no responsible party can be identified.

- To provide for reforestation of areas damaged by mining or smelting activities for which a liable party cannot be identified.

- To provide for recreational areas or natural areas to compensate for loss or anticipated loss of recreation or natural areas because of resource extraction.

- To provide for mitigation of social and economic impacts of natural resource development that is consistent with but not covered by existing statutes.

- To provide for research, demonstration and technical assistance to promote the wise use of Montana's natural resources and to make processing more environmentally compatible.

- To protect the state's renewable resources through sound soil and water conservation, weed control, and other related restoration programs.

- To provide for research to assess past or potential environmental damage resulting from natural resource development.

- To provide investigation and remediation of sites where hazardous and toxic wastes threaten the environment and where funding either from responsible parties or the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act is unavailable.

- To provide contingency funds to address emergency threats to the state's natural resources or environment which can not be anticipated by the Legislature.

## PROGRAM OPERATION

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation will solicit proposals from public agencies (state, local and special districts), for projects that meet the objectives of the Legacy Program. The department, in cooperation with other state natural resource agencies, will review proposals for feasibility and recommend a priority list of projects to the

Governor. The Governor, in turn, will develop a priority list of projects and forward it, as well as all other project applications, to the Legislature. The Legislature will approve a list of projects to receive grants. The grant program will be administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Additional consideration will be given to those projects that are directly related to the impacts caused by natural resource extraction.

## IMPLEMENTATION

The Natural Resource Legacy Program will be presented to the 1985 Legislature. In anticipation of approval of the Legacy Program, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation will solicit proposed projects to present to the 1985 session. If the 1985 Legislature approves the program, projects could be funded for the 1986-87 biennium.

If the Legislature approves the Legacy Program, consideration should be given to modifying the current Renewable Resource Development Fund (RRDF) and the Water Development Program. Because a major part of the RRDF is used for water-related projects, some overlapping and a great deal of confusion could be eliminated by dedicating RRDF revenues to the Water Development Program. The Legacy Program could address many of the non-water projects funded in the past by the RRDF. Eliminating the RRDF and creating the Legacy Program would allow all water projects to be funded from one program. This would address the confusion that resulted in past legislative sessions with water projects funded from the RIT income, the RRD Fund and the Water Development Fund.

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| Re-ap | 10-29 (1) | Soil Survey and Mapping Project | DNRC/Conservation Districts Division | Fund 9-10 soil scientists to aid in completion of a statewide soil survey. | $555,000 | |
| Re-ap | 10-29 (2) | Streambank Reclamation Project | DNRC/Conservation Districts Division | Fund C.D's to reclaim streambanks damaged by ongoing + past placer mining | 100,000 | |
| Re-ap | 10-30 (3) | Triangle C.D Expanded Salinity Program | Triangle Conservation District | Expand saline seep reclamation program to provide 3 Field teams to work in a 33-county area. | 807,790 | |
| | 10-31 (4) | Museum of the Rockies Natural History Building | Museum of the Rockies/Montana State University | Expand building facilities for the Museum to aid in the display of the conservation, research, exhibi: and interpretations of our natural resource | 2,000,000 | |
| Re-ap | 10-25 (5) | Coal Miners Memorial Park Irrigation and Revegetation | City of Red Lodge | Install a sprinkler irrigation system Revegetate an abandoned mine dump create a park land area. | 249,928 | |
| | 10-30 (6) | Teton River Eliminate Spurge Program | Chouteau County Conservation District | Control leafy spurge on ≈1000 acres in the Teton River Valley through chemicals, sheep grazing, mine cleanup, insect introduction | 147,000 | |

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| Re-ap | 10-30 (7) | Marias River Basin Weed Control Project | Liberty County for Marias River Basin Weed Control Assoc. | Establish a cooperative weed control effort for controlling weed infestations in the Marias River Drainage Basin. | 197,468 | |
| | 10/31 (8) | Critical Lands Inventory | Yellowstone County | Inventory critical land areas and integrate in County planning efforts | 17,400 | |
| | 10/31 (9) | Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Facilities Reclamation | Board of Oil and Gas Conservation | Plug & Abandon Oil & Gas production & exploration sites | 1,160,000 ~~233,200~~ | |
| | 10/31 (10) | Coalridge-Dagmar South Paving Project | Sheridan County | Regrading & paving 15 miles of county road | 1,733,300 | |
| | 10/31 (11) | Reserve Sewer Project | Sheridan County | Construction of sewage collection & treatment system for Reserve, MT | 104,718 | |
| | 10/31 (12) | Acid Generation from Western Mining: Prediction & Evaluation Control & Revegetation | MSU-Reclamation Research MBMG | Investigate acid mine waste & drainage<br>Develop control methods<br>Develop equipment<br>Develop revegetation techniques | 515,062 | |

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| 10-31 (13) | Demonstration of computerized Coal mine Reclamation Planning System | MSU Institute of Natural Resources | Improve efficiency of pre-reclamation planning for surface coal mines through use of computer technology. | 87,048 | |
| 10-31 (14) | Reclaiming Bentonite Mined Areas in Montana | MSU Reclamation Research Unit | Investigate 1980 bentonitic revegetation programs and a demonstration of successful soil + plant species on bentonite spoil piles | 65,920 | |
| 10-31 (15) | A Native Vegetation Seeder For Reestablishing Diverse Ecosystems on Disturbed Lands | Agricultural Engineering Department MSU | Development of an advanced technology seeding system for reestablishment of native vegetation species on disturbed lands | 109,483 | |
| 10-31 (16) | MT/Alberta Milk River Joint Impoundment Assessment | MSU 49th Parallel Institute | Perform benefit/cost assessments of various U.S. & Canadian proposals to impound Milk River water. | 91,104 | |
| 10-31 (17) | MT Citizens Service Center for Natural Resource Development EIS Review | MSU Institute of Natural Resources | Provide a public EIS review service | 115,451 | |
| 10-31 (18) | A Commercial Whitefish Industry | Agricultural Engineering Department MSU | Conduct a feasibility study on the development of a commercial whitefish industry | 72,368 | |

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| 10/31 (19) | Influence of Acid Precipitation on Aquatic Resources | MSU Dept. of Biology | Examine influences of acid precipitation on the geochemistry of weakly buffered lakes + streams | 66,605 | |
| 10/31 (20) | Maps for Land Resources Technology Transfer | MSU Plant + Soil Science Dept. | A computer assisted system for rapid generation of maps that facilitate technology transfer for land management, conservation + reclamation | 63,992 | |
| 10/31 (21) | Effects of Sheep Grazing on Knapweed Infested Rangeland | MSU Cooperative Extension | Study effects of sheep grazing on Knapweed-Infested Rangeland | 56,435 | |
| 10/31 (22) | Prescribed Burning To Improve Range Resource | MSU Cooperative Extension | Coordinated effort to provide education and training for Ranchers and Agency personnel to adapt burning to improve productivity of sagebrush infested rangeland. | 44,015 | |
| 10/31 (23) | A Demonstration Rangeland Improvement Machine | MSU Ag Engineering Dept. | Develop + demonstrate Rangeland Improvement Machine | 57,631 | |
| 10/31 (24) | Development of Agency Guidelines For Assessing EI of Small Scale Hydro Projects | MSU CE/EM Dept. | Develop guidelines to assist agency personnel in evaluating EI from small scale hydroelectric projects | 22,200 | |

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| 10/31/84 (25) | Beaver Creek Fire Erosion Study | MSU Plant & Soil Science Dept. | Document & extrapolate causes & effects of major forest fire related soil erosion event. Document slope stabilization, revegetation & continued erosion. | 34,656 | |
| 11/1/84 (26) | Antelope Sewer Project | Antelope-County Water & Sewer District | Construct a sewage collection and treatment system | 167,472 | |
| 11/1/84 (27) | Cottonwood Creek Knapweed Project | Little Beaver C.D and Fallon County Weed Board | Control one large infestation of Russian & Spotted Knapweed | 42,565 | |
| 11/1/84 (28) | Dugout Creek Leafy Spurge Project | Little Beaver C.D and Fallon County Weed Board | Control 35 acres of leafy Spurge infestation on 320 acres of State owned land | 9,161 | |
| 11/1/84 (29) | Clark Fork Basin Denuded Zone Sediment Effect on Germination & Productivity of Riparian Grasses | U of M Botany Dept. | Assess effects contaminated sediments from denuded areas in Clark Fork Basin have on germination & productivity of riparian grasses. | 21,797 | |
| 11/1/84 (30) | Mitigation of Impacts of Natural Resource Development to the Mt Beekeeping Industry | U of M Dept. of Zoology | Map pollutant distribution throughout Deer Lodge & Helena valleys to assess exposure levels & degree of risk of bee poisoning. | 135,132 | |

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| 11-1-84 (31) | Training & Technical Assistance Advisor | Tiber County Water District | Offer training, technical assistance, and water conservation procedures to stable water producers throughout MT. | 50,000 | |
| 11-1-84 (32) | Testing Bagged Knapweed Silage as a Winter Feed For Cattle | U of M Chemistry Dept. | Prepare bagged spotted Knapweed silage & feed to 6 cows. Compare performance with 6 cows fed hay for the same period. | 62,960 | |
| 11-1-84 (33) | Effect of Exposure to Radon Progeny Radiation on Mortality Rates in Butte Homes | Montana Tech | correlate Butte death rates for the past 50 years with radon levels measured in Butte homes | 12,372 | |
| 11-1-84 (34) | Upper Teton Water Conservation Study | Teton County Conservation District | measure components of hydrology within study area. (Aquifer Study) | 100,000 | |
| 11-1-84 (35) | Field & Office Program Groundwater Information Center | (MBMG) Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology | Provide personnel for field & office for statewide groundwater Information Center | 100,000 | |
| 11-1-84 (36) | Ecological, Geochemical & Geotechnical Aspects of Hard Rock Mined Land Reclamation | Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology | - Develop Economical Reclamation Approaches<br>Reduce costs of Revegetation<br>- Greenhouse & Field Trials for Plants for Reclam.<br>- Vegetation of Hard Rock Sites<br>- Biological Control of Acid Mine Drainage<br>- Plant Toxicity Test, Ecological Monitoring<br>- Engineering | 735,324 | |

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| 11-1-84 (37) | Mining Subsidence Study | MT College of Mineral Science & Technology | Investigate mine subsidence problems in the West & other areas and discuss methods that have or could be used. | 16,135 | |
| 11-1-84 (38) | Use of Natural and a waste resource for production of Trace metal free vegetables | MT College of Mineral Science & Technology | Use of hot spring water & sewage plant effluent water to produce fresh vegetables free of toxic trace metals for western, MT | 353,070 | |
| 11-1-84 (39) | A Program to Eradicate Dyers Woad in Montana | MSU Plants & Soil Science Dept. | Prevent seed production, identify new infestations, prepare bulletins & posters, research the biology & control of Dyers Woad, a harmful weed | 47,356 | |
| 11-1-84 (40) | Butte Hill Reclamation | Government of Butte-Silver Bow | Reclamation through drainage & erosion control, surface reclamation, development for recreation & reforestation. | 3,866,594 | |
| 11-1-84 (41) | Riparian Reclamation & Conservation Project | Montana Dept. of Fish Wildlife & Parks (MDFWP) | Develop criteria for designation of riparian lands, applications, plans & activities compatible with riparian management. Establish Fund to implement reclamation | 200,000 | |
| 11-1-84 (42) | Noxious Plants & Their Control in Relation to Wildlife Using State Wildlife Management Areas | (MDFWP) | Compare effectiveness of short & long-term biological, chemical, & mechanical & incendiary methods of controlling spotted knapweed on forested rangeland & wildlife habitat | 115,978 | |

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| 11-1-84 43 | South Sandstone Dam Repair | Montana Dept. of Fish Wildlife & Parks (MDFWP) | Repair existing structure to comply with safety standards | 1,565,000 | |
| 11-1-84 44 | Giant Springs State Park | MDFWP | Landscape & clean up coulee construct comfort station Insulate existing station | 150,000 | |
| 11-1-84 45 | Region F Asphalt Roads | MDFWP | Replace asphalt roads at heavily used sites in the Kalispell area | 200,000 | |
| 11-1-84 46 | Rosebud Development | MDFWP | Provide Recreational Facilities & protect site from deterioration | 105,000 | |
| 11-1-84 47 | Hell Creek Recreation Area | MDFWP | Reroute entrance road creating room to develop a camping area & facilities. Improve beach & landscape Coretate area. | 75,000 | |
| 11-1-84 48 | Region 5 Road Maintenance | MDFWP | Regravel roads where deteriorated and improve drainage | 84,000 | |

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| 11-1-84 49 | Fort Maginnis State Monument | (MDFWP) Montana Dept. of Fish Wildlife & Parks | Improve & construct Access Roads Provide public facilities Fence Site | 35,000 | |
| 11-1-84 50 | Makoshika Road Paving | MDFWP | Complete Road Paving from Glendive to top of switch-backs at Makoshika Park. (1.5 miles) | 290,000 | |
| 11-1-84 51 | Cartside Dam Repair | MDFWP | Repair existing structure to insure safety | 353,200 | |
| 11-1-84 52 | Yellow Bay Fence | MDFWP | Construct Chain link Fence between biological station and recreation area | 10,000 | |
| 11-1-84 53 | Elkhorn Improvements | MDFWP | Develop parking for visitors & install interpretive signs. | 5,000 | |
| 11-1-84 54 | Bannack Apex Mill Rehabilitation | MDFWP | Clean-up hazardous wastes in mill area & restore structures Provide Interpretive panels that tell Mill Story | 227,370 | |

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| 10-31-84 (55) | Whitefish Critical Area Identification & Engineering | Whitefish County Water & Sewer District | Identify failed septic systems contaminating surface & ground water, undertake preliminary engineering, develop program for development | 123,330 | |
| 10-31-84 (56) | Whitefish River Clean-up | Whitefish County Water & Sewer District | Remove debris from river bottom & banks Restore banks | 139,314 | |
| 10-31-84 (57) | Development of Model to Predict Environmental Changes From Pre- to Post Mining Disturbances | Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology (MBMG) | Create accelerated weather conditions in the laboratory & then assess environmental changes in the field in 3 mines | 180,493 | |
| 10-31-84 (58) | Arsenic in Madison River Alluvial Ground Water | MBMG | Determine extent of natural arsenic contamination, evaluate arsenic source, search for alternative water supply sources | 30,892 | |
| 10-31-84 (59) | Butte Mine Flooding Monitoring | MBMG | Evaluate environmental impact from mine flooding. Monitor the profile of the water column | 133,195 | |
| 10-31-84 (60) | Evaluation of Seismicity in Cut Bank Region | MBMG | Install & operate seismograph network to identify faults, fault movement, stress direction and suggest source of seismicity | 165,939 | |

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| 10-31 (61) | Consolidation of Coal-Region Water Data | Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology | Sort, condense, preserve the vast amount of groundwater info from coal region | 66,680 | |
| 11-1 (63) | Lewis & Clark County Agricultural Land Project | Lewis & Clark County Conservation District | Perform Farmland mapping & evaluations to allow for voluntary land trade to protect important farm and natural resource lands | 35,740 | |
| 11-1 (63) | Southwest Montana Cooperative Noxious Weed Control Project | Granite, Jefferson, Madison & Butte Silver Bow Counties | Control noxious weeds in 4 counties & demonstrate the effectiveness of a cooperative control approach | 291,771 | |
| 11-1 (64) | McHesson-Dry Gulch Gravity Irrigation System | East Bench Irrigation District | Develop gravity sprinkler system through implementation of piping | 697,295 | |
| 11-1 (65) | Knapweed Containment Support Project | Lewis & Clark County Conservation District | Supplement "War on Weeds" project through additional equipment | 3,000 | |
| 11-1 (66) | Noxious Weed Inventory and Mapping Program | Lewis & Clark County Conservation District | Inventory map & access data into computer for storage and retrival. | 101,225 | |

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| 11-1-84 (67) | Subcontracting Revolving Fund | Lewis & Clark County Conservation District | Establish Revolving Fund to hire subcontractors to support district spraying efforts | 40,000 | |
| 11-1-84 (68) | Conservation Tillage Program | Lewis & Clark County Conservation District | Provide opportunity for producers to learn about Conservation Tillage. Provide necessary tools | 27,138 | |
| 11-1-84 69 | Resource Development Impact Mitigation Program | Montana Dept. of Commerce | Provide grants and technical assistance to communities to mitigate negative socioeconomic impacts from resource development | 400,000 | |
| 11-1-84 70 | Non Point Water Quality Improvement Projects | Dept. of Health and Environmental Sciences (DHES) | Address non-point pollution problems Provide Funds for reclamation & improvement projects | 150,000 | |
| 11-1-84 71 | Forest Land Watershed Improvement Project | DHES | Rehabilitate watersheds impacted by Forest activities by funding stream and watershed rehabilitation projects | 55,000 | |
| 11-1-84 72 | Water Quality Protection Fund | DHES | Establish contingency fund to allow DHES to respond to emergency threats to water quality | 148,480 | |

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| 11-1-84 73 | Clark Fork River Monitoring | Dept. of Health and Environmental Sciences (DHES) | Establish a comprehensive long-term fixed station water quality monitoring program on the Clark Fork & run program for 1 year | 97,500 | |
| 10-29-84 74 | Urban/Rural Water Alert, Data Centralization & Utilization | Yellowstone County | Collect & Compile urban/rural ground-water conditions & problem data. Provide short & long range solutions & alternatives - define responsibility & authority | 100,000 | |
| 11-1-84 75 | MT. Coordinated Weed Management Project | MT Dept. of Agriculture | Provide technical & financial assistance to communities developing & implementing coordinated weed management projects | 200,000 | |
| 11-2-84 76 | Fort Belknap Abandoned Mine Tailings | Fort Belknap Indian Community | Contain mine tailings in upper King Creek Area from causing sedimentation of Little People Creek Drainage | 1,172,180 | |
| 11-2-84 77 | Hazardous Waste Management collection/transfer program | DHES Solid Waste Management Bureau | develop a hazardous waste management collection/transfer program | 1,108,000 | |
| 11-1-84 78 | Clark Fork River Suspended Sediment Sampling | Governors Office | Design & implement data collection program to document transport of metals in suspended sediment & examine relationship of metals to the sediment. | 34,550 | |

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| 11-1-84 79 | North Toole County Reclamation Project | Toole County | Provide reclamation for past oil & gas extraction, exploration and processing. Provide sowed land treatment and reseeding. | 783,539 | |
| 11-1-84 80 | Conservation Tillage Demonstration Project | McCone Conservation District | demonstrate effectiveness of stubble mulching, minimum tillage and no-till conservation v/s conventional tillage in McCone County at 4 locations | 45,740 | |
| 11-1-84 81 | Quantification, Characterization & Control of Fugitive Dust from Tailings & Waste Dumps | College of Mineral Science and Technology | measure emission from tailings, soil moisture, particle size, and elemental content. Evaluate control methods | 242,593 | |
| 11-1-84 82 | Water Center Research Program - State Match | Montana State U. Water Resources Research Center | Fund research projects that relate to effects of natural resource devel. on water resources. Provide non-Federal match for ongoing programs | 117,304 | |
| 11-1-84 83 | Advancement of the MT State Climate Program | MSU Plant & Soil Science Dept. | organize climatological magnetic tapes, Conduct Climate studies, Provide data as requested | 312,724 | |
| 11-1-84 84 | Restoring Stream Habitat From Placer Mining in Lowland Creek, Jefferson, CO. | MSU Dept. of Biology | Convert 3 miles of placer mined disrupted stream habitat into 5-6 miles of ideal trout habitat with meandering course. | 290,876 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11-2-84 85 | Homestead - Oxbow Area Water Improvements | Billings Heights County Water District | Provide water to these subdivisions from Billings Heights to avoid continued mining of groundwater; further reduce project costs to users beyond the subsidized loan from H2O Development | $550,000 | |
| 11-2-84 86 | Recovery Rates of Disturbed Timberlines in Montana | Dept. of Earth Sciences MSU | Assess natural recovery rates of timberlines to see if artificial reforestation is necessary | 48,074 | |
| 11-2-84 87 | Northeast Mt Saline Seep Work | Roosevelt County Conservation District | Develop at least 3-more saline seep treatment plans (1st 3 done thru Triangle) | 6500 | |
| 11-2-84 89 | Anaconda Soil Stabilization + Erosion Control | Anaconda-Deer Lodge City; Deer Lodge Valley CD; Headwaters RC+D | Reforestation, erosion control, + silt collecting dams on bare hills south of Anaconda | 300,436 | |
| 11-2-84 89 | Biological Weed Control using Selective Fungi | Missoula County CD | Develop + field test a natural fungal agent to control thistle + knapweed | 91,876 | |
| 11-2-84 90 | Tracing Historic arsenic emissions in the Clark Fork | Dept. of Environmental Engineering; Montana Tech | Assess extent and mobility of arsenic ~~about it~~ in + all Clark Fork | 72,631 | |

1984 LEGACY PROGRAM APPLICATION LOG

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| 11-2-84 91 | Heavy Metal Contamination in the Clark Fork | Gordon Environmental Studies Laboratory U. of M | Delineate extent and location of diffuse metal sediments in upper Clark Fork riparian zone to provide data base for management | $91,590 | |
| 11-1-84 92 | Stream Restoration from Placer Mining Grasshopper Creek, Bannock | Dr. Ray White Dept. of Biology MSU | Restore a trout population in stream disturbed by placer mining | $76,568 | |
| 11-1-84 93 | Stream restoration in placer-mined tribs to Canyon Ferry | Dr. Ray White Dept. of Biology MSU | Stream restoration in placer mined and flood-damaged Confederate Gulch + Dry Creek | 199,057 | |
| 11-1-84 94 | Influence of conservation tillage on insect pests of small grains | Mt. Ag Expt. Station; MSU | Investigate preliminary data that shows an increase in certain pests with conservation tillage | 30,000 | |
| 11-1-84 95 | Alternate fuel production using safflower oil | Mt. Ag Expt Station; MSU | Evaluation of safflower genetic stocks to evaluate their use in alternate fuel production | 200,564 | |
| 11-1-84 96 | Short Course in Water Planning Model Development | Dept of Industrial + Management Engineering MSU | Course to train people to use Boyd's water planning model | 11,950 | |

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| DATE RECEIVED | PROJECT TITLE | PROJECT SPONSOR | PROJECT DESCRIPTION | GRANT REQUEST | BUREAU CONTACT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11-1-84 97 | Natural Resources Information System and Natural Heritage Program | Montana State Library | Inventory existing natural resource information and allow access to a decentralized data base; Build a common data base of Mt. natural resources which are unique | 472,639 | |
| 11-7-84 98 | Therriault Creek Syphon Project | Glen Lake Irrigation District | Line canal & install drainage system. Replace 2 miles of canal with syphon | 155,000 | |
| -8-84 99 | Central Montana Weed Control Project | Fergus County Conservation District | Control weeds & establish perennial grass cover on abandoned Milwaukee Railroad | 18,931 | |
| | | | | 27,233,574 | |

Projects expected to be submitted

1984 LEGACY PROGRAM APPLICATION LOG

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | McLaren Tailings Reclamation | Dept. of State Lands | | 971,000 | |
| | Cooney Dam Rehabilitation Recreation Development | Cooney Water Users Association | | 266,000 | |
| | | | Total | 28,392,379 | |
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PRELIMINARY

# Coal Tax Park Proposals

# 1985

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Montana Department of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Helena, MT 59620
January 5, 1985

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## Park Coal Tax Legislative History

In 1975, the 44th State Legislature created the State's Coal Severence Tax. Twenty-five percent of the earned revenue from the Severence Tax was placed in the Constitutional Trust Fund and 75% was distributed to state agencies. Two and one half percent of total collections were allocated to the State Park System out of the agency portion. One half of this amount (1 1/4%) was placed in a trust fund and half in the earned revenue account for expenditure. The interest from the trust fund was returned to the trust fund.

1 1/4

1 1/4

25%

Constitutional

Trust

75%

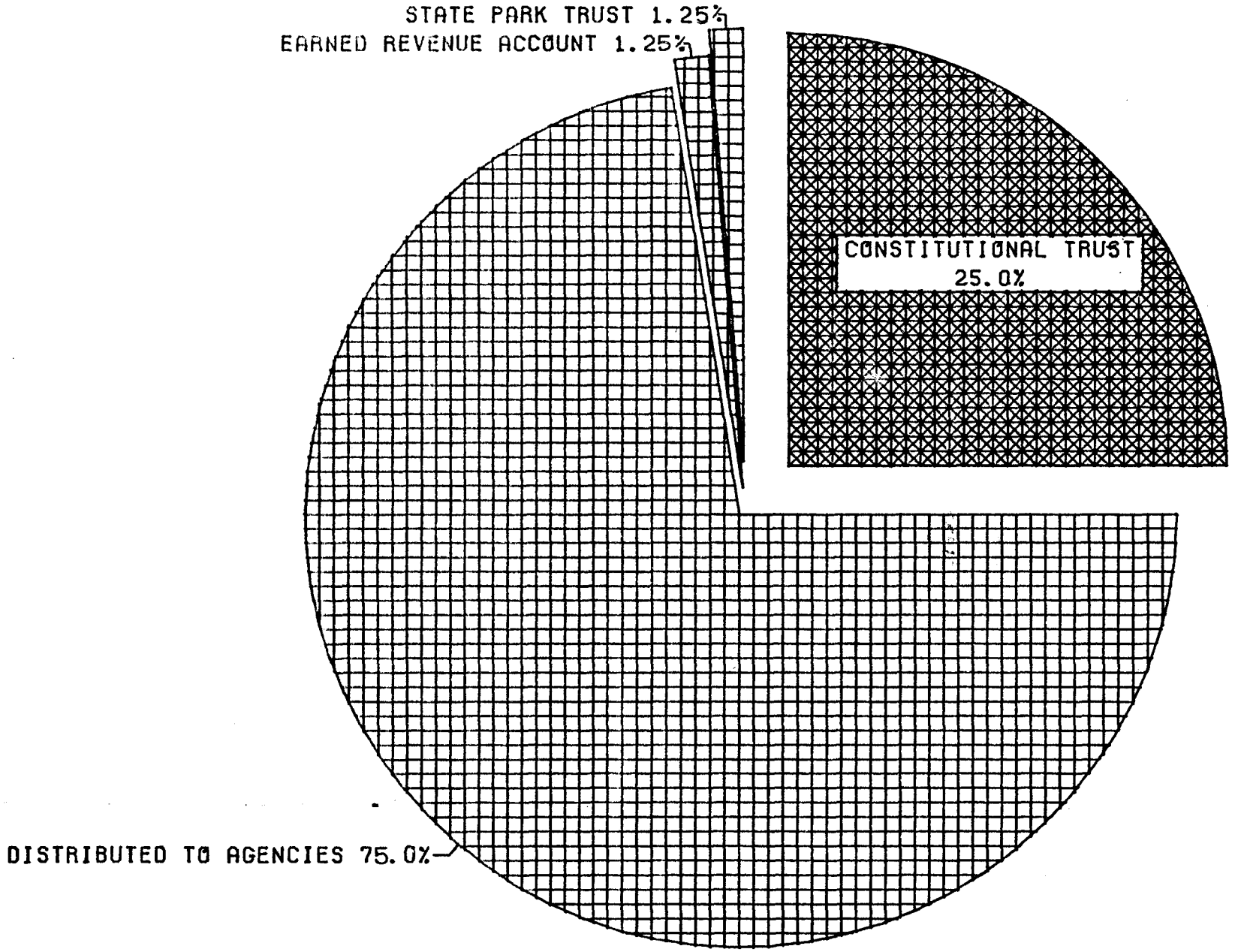
Distributed

to Agencies

# COAL TAX LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

ALLOCATION FORMULA

IN 1975



In 1977, the law was amended to allow sites acquired with local tax funds to be maintained with Coal Tax Funds. The same legislation provided that Capitol Building artwork could be maintained using the Parks Coal Tax earnings.

After December 31, 1979, 50% of the coal severence tax collections were allocated to the Constitutional Trust Fund and 50% distributed to agencies. The State Park System received 5% of the half distributed to agencies (2 1/2% of total collections). This entire amount was allocated to the State Park Trust Fund and only the interest was allowed to be spent.

50%

Constitutional Trust

State Park

Trust Fund

2 1/2%

Distributed to

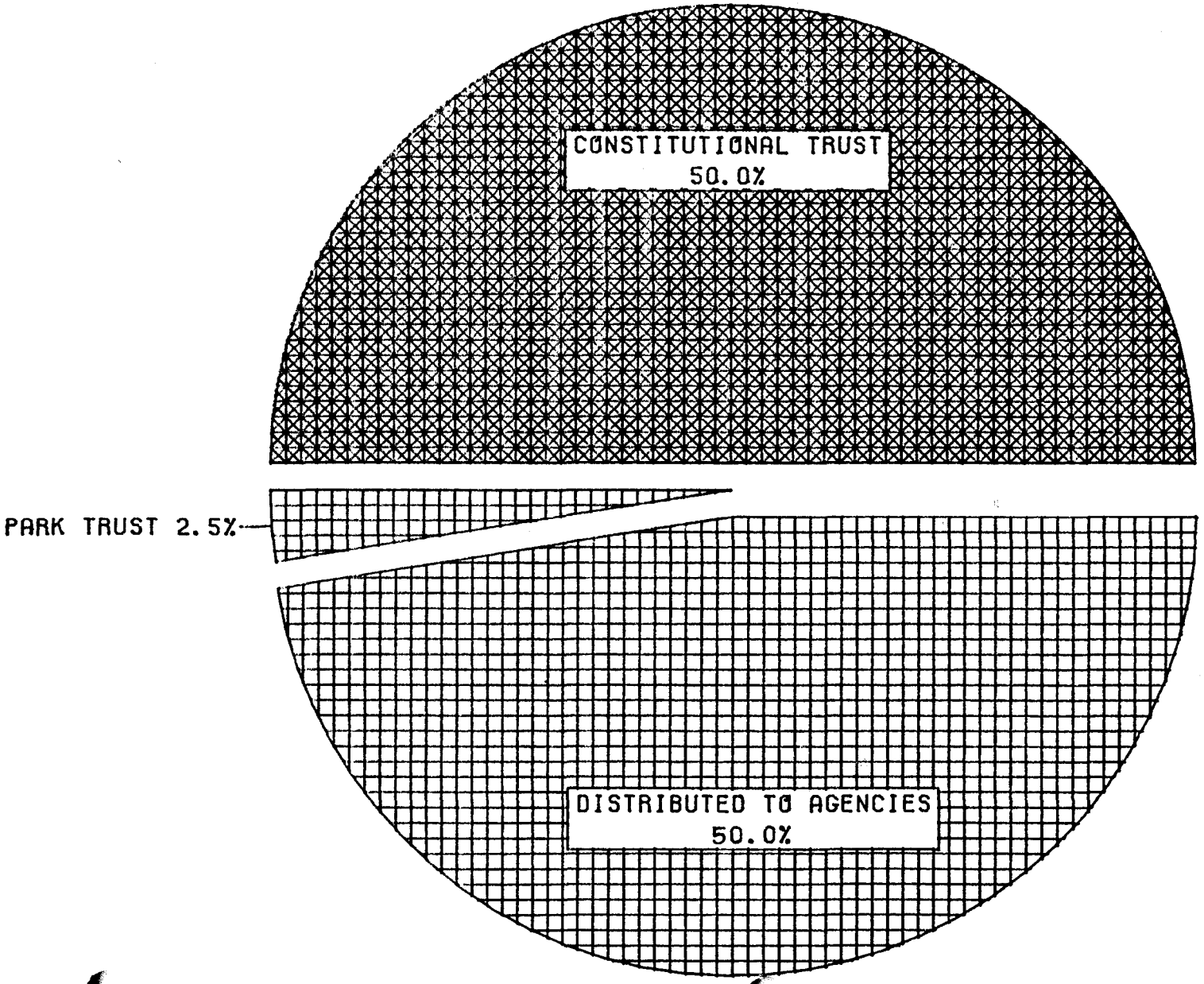
Agencies

In 1981, the 5% of collections allocated to the nonexpendable State Park Trust Fund was divided:

# COAL TAX LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

ALLOCATION FORMULA

AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1979



1/3 (0.83% of total collections) for protection of works of art in the state capitol and other cultural and aesthetic projects and

2/3 (1.67% of total collections) for the acquisition of State Park System sites and for the operation and maintenance of sites so acquired.

This language added specificity to the 1977 amendment.

50%
Constitutional
Trust
Cultural
0.83%
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State Park Trust
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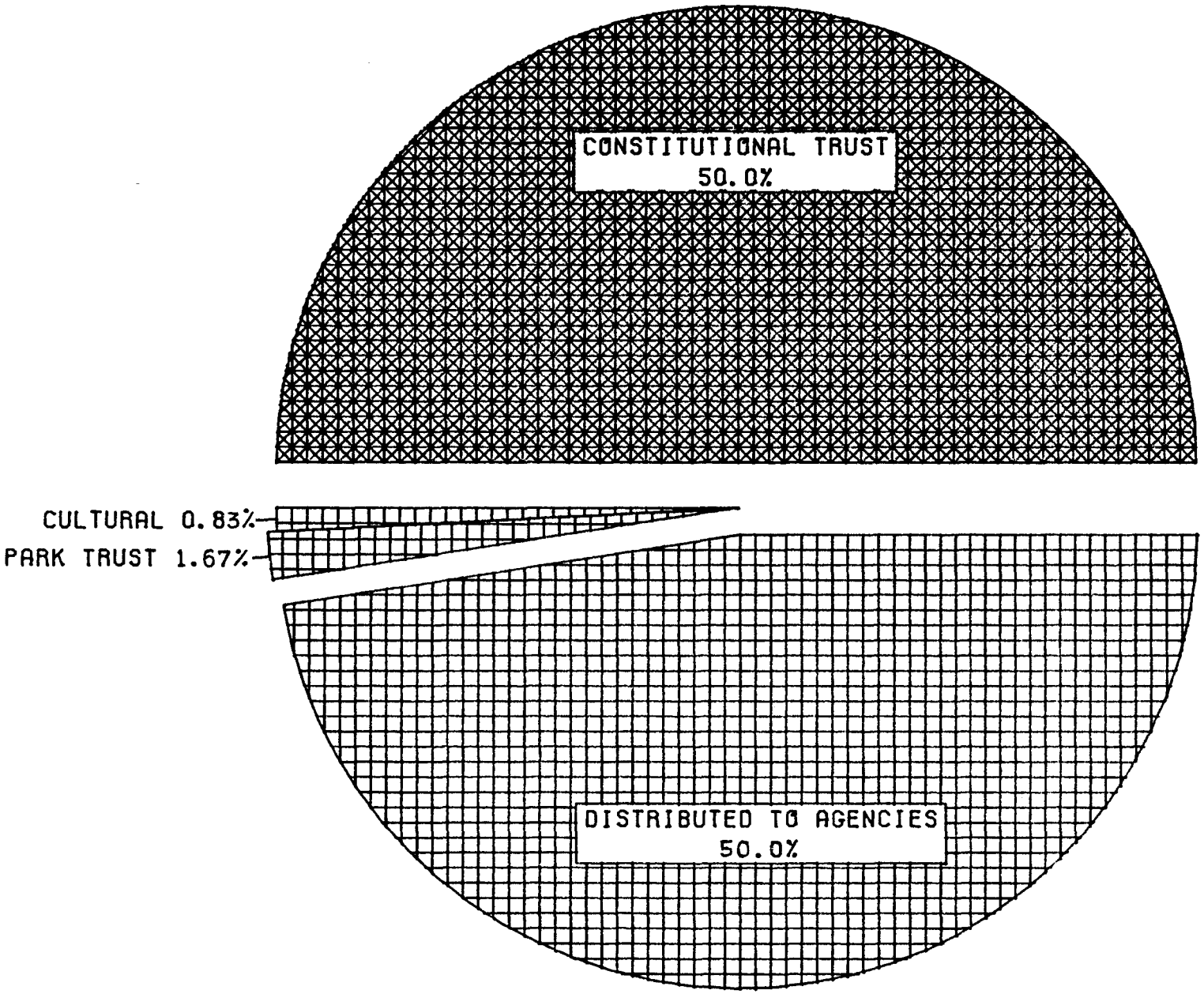
# COAL TAX LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

ALLOCATION FORMULA
IN 1981



The 1983, State Legislature prescribed additional changes to occur in 1986 and 1987 as described below.

Starting July 1, 1986 and ending June 30, 1987, 6% of the coal severence tax collections are to be allocated to the Highway Reconstruction Trust Fund account. This will essentially reduce the portion to be distributed to agencies to 44% of total collections. The State Park System share will be proportionally reduced.

50%

Constitutional

Trust

Highways

6%

Cultural

0.73

State Park

Trust Fund

1.47%

44%

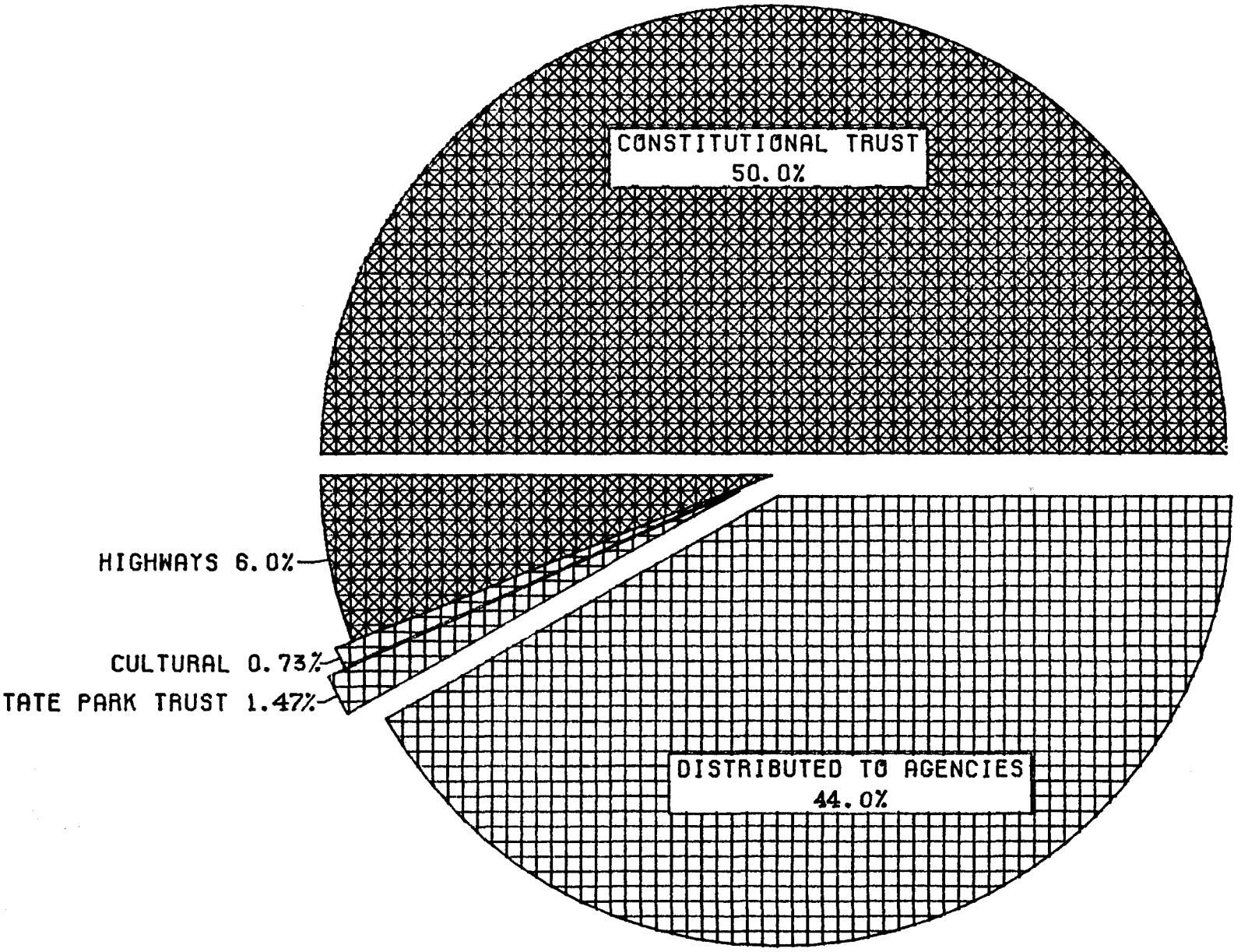
Distributed to

Agencies

# COAL TAX LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

ALLOCATION FORMULA

FROM JULY 1, 1986 THRU JUNE 30, 1987



Starting July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1993, 12% of the coal severence tax collections are to be allocated to the Highway Reconstruction Trust Fund account. This will again reduce the amount to be distributed to agencies and the amount left for the State Park System.

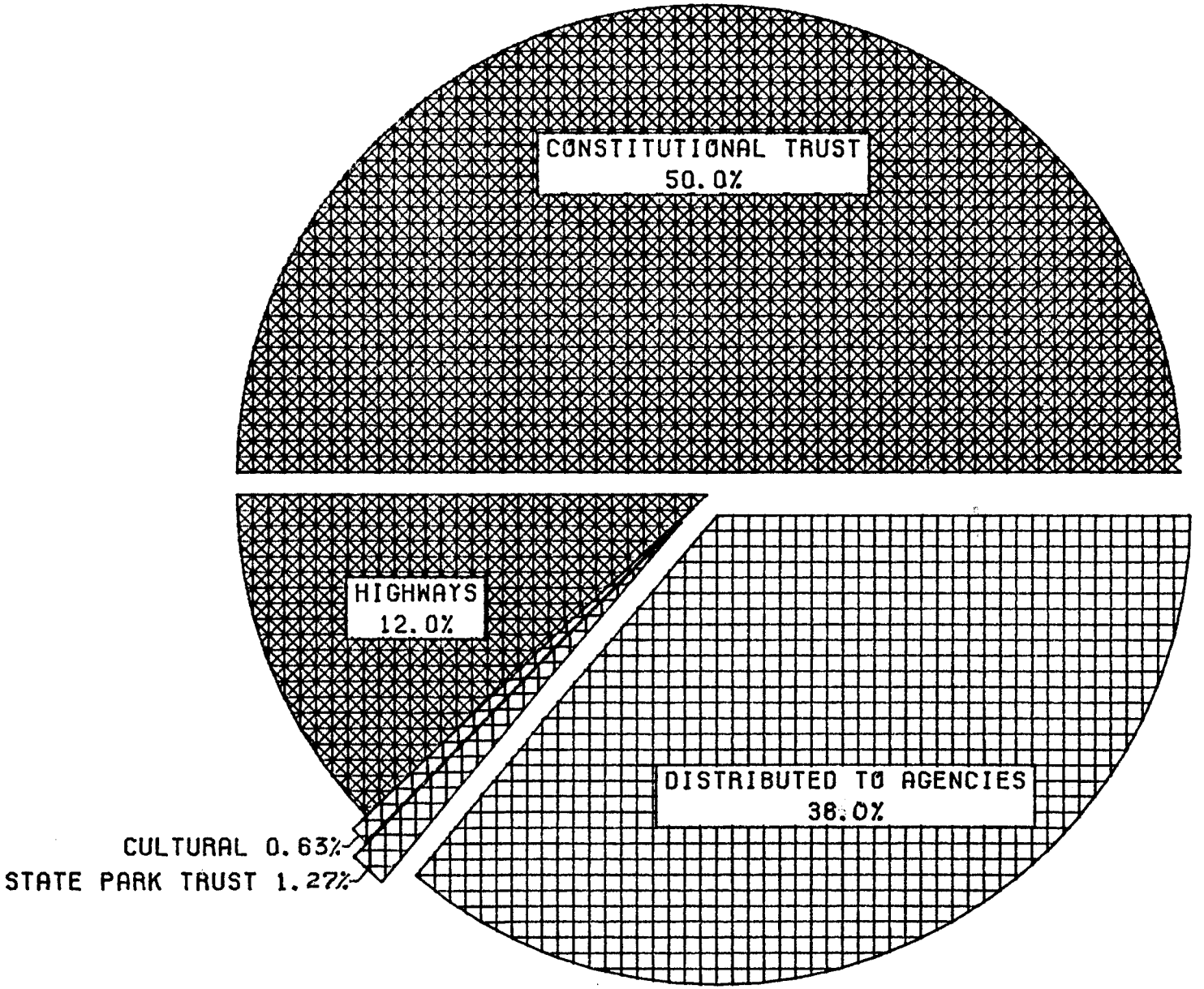
50%
Constitutional
Trust
Highway
12%
Cultural
0.63%
State Park
Trust Fund
1.27%
38%
Distributed to
Agencies

After June 30, 1993 the allocation formula will revert to that represented by 1981 unless further legislative changes are made in the interim.

# COAL TAX LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

ALLOCATION FORMULA

STARTING JULY 1, 1987 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1993



## State Park and Coal Tax Law

The State Organic Act specifies the areas of responsibility assigned to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Subsequent coal tax legislation provides one means by which to respond to this obligation.

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State Organic Act

State Parks

23-1-101. Purpose. For the purpose of conserving the scenic, historic, archaeologic, scientific, and recreational resources of the state and providing for their use and enjoyment, thereby contributing to the cultural, recreational, and economic life of the people and their health, the department of fish, wildlife, and parks (hereinafter referred to as department) is hereby vested with the duties and powers hereinafter set forth.

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 48, L. 1939; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 178, L. 1953; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 69, L. 1965; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 2, L. 1977; amd. Sec. 13, Ch. 417, L. 1977; R.C.M. 1947, 62-301; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 218, L. 1979.

Coal Tax Trust Fund

15-35-108. Disposal of severance taxes. Severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter are allocated as follows:

(1) To the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution, 25% of total collections a year. After December 31, 1979, 50% of coal severance tax collections are allocated to this trust fund. The trust fund moneys shall be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(5) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.

(2) Starting July 1, 1986, and ending June 30, 1987, 6% of coal severance tax collections are allocated to the highway reconstruction trust fund account in the state special revenue fund. Starting July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1993, 12% of coal severance tax collections are allocated to the highway reconstruction trust fund account in the state special revenue fund.

(3) Coal severance tax collections remaining after the allocations provided by subsections (1) and (2) are allocated in the following percentages of the remaining balance:

(a) to the county in which coal is mined, 2% of the severance tax paid on the coal mined in that county until January 1, 1980, for such purposes as the governing body of the county may determine;

(b) 2 1/2% until December 31, 1979, and thereafter 4 1/2% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the alternative energy research development and demonstration account;

(c) 26 1/2% until July 1, 1979, and thereafter 37 1/2% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the local impact and education trust fund account;

(d) for each of the 2 fiscal years following June 30, 1977, 13% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the coal area highway improvement account;

(e) 10% to the state special revenue fund for state equalization aid to public schools of the state;

(f) 1% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the county land planning account;

(g) 1 1/4% to the credit of the renewable resource development bond fund;

(h) 5% to a nonexpendable trust fund for the purpose of parks acquisition or management, protection of works of art in the state capitol, and other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund shall be appropriated as follows:

(i) 1/3 for protection of works of art in the state capitol and other cultural and aesthetic projects; and

(ii) 2/3 for the acquisition of sites and areas described in 23-1-102 and the operation and maintenance of sites so acquired;

(i) 1% to the state special revenue fund to the credit of the state library commission for the purposes of providing basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking;

(j) 1/2 of 1% to the state special revenue fund for conservation districts;

(k) 1 1/4% to the debt service fund type to the credit of the water development debt service fund;

(l) all other revenues from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter to the credit of the general fund of the state.

Proposal Submission

23-1-108. Acquisition of certain state parks, monuments, or historical sites. (1) Any person, association, or representative of a governing unit may submit a proposal for the acquisition of a site or area described in 23-1-102 from the income of the trust fund created in 15-35-108 to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks by December 1 of the year preceding the convening of a legislative session.

(2) The fish and game commission shall present to the legislature by the 15th day of any legislative session a list of areas, sites, or objects that were proposed for purchase for use as state parks, state recreational areas, state monuments, or state historical sites with the money contained in the parks account.

(3) The legislature must appropriate funds from this account before any park, area, monument, or site may be purchased.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 653, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 218, L. 1979.

## Past Coal Tax Acquisitions

Since 1975, the portion of the Coal Severance Tax earmarked for parks has provided 19 additions and over 6,500 acres to the State Park System. Four acquisitions are still pending negotiations. These sites are located throughout the state (see map), and offer a variety of recreational opportunities to Montanans and out-of-state visitors.

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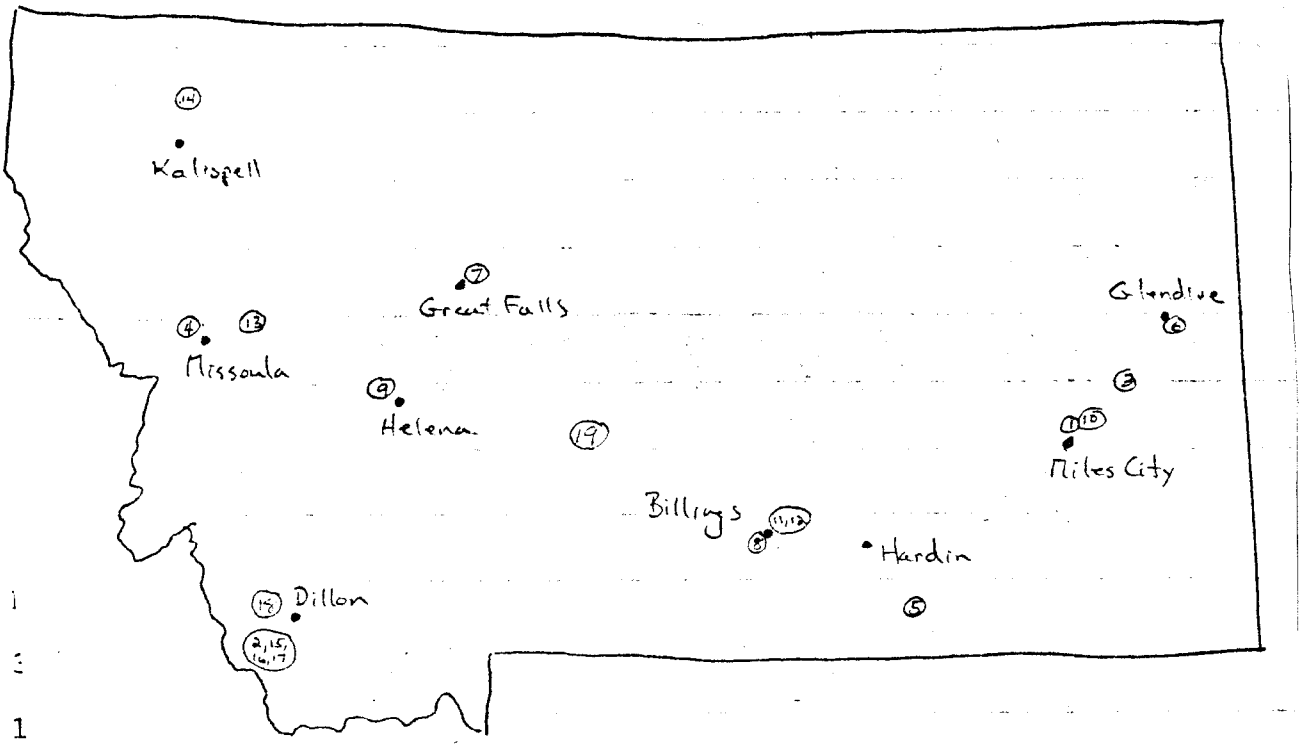


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Miles City

Billings

| | Acquisitions Made With the Coal Tax | | | Acreage | Appraisal, Survey, and Title Cost | Purchased Cost | Lease Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | December, 1977 | Roche Jaune SRA | Custer County | 1.0 | $ 460.75 | $ 19,600 | |
| 2. | June, 1978 | Bannack SP addition | Beaverhead County | 1 lot | -0- | 1,850 | |
| 3. | June, 1978 | Powder River Depot SM | Prairie County | easement | 1,203.75 | -0- | |
| 4. | August, 1978 | Council Grove SM | Missoula County | 186.0 | 3,287.50 | 140,000 | |
| 5. | October, 1978 | Rosebud Battlefield SM | Big Horn County | 4883.0 | 4,070.76 | 881,160 | |
| 6. | January, 1979 | Makoshika SP Addition | Dawson County | 650.36 | 1,847.50 | 143,900 | |
| 7. | July, 1979 | Giant Springs-Heritage SP Addition | Cascade County | 28.6 | 1,800.00 | 97,500 | |
| 8. | August, 1979 | Lake Josephine (leased to city) | Yellowstone County | -0- | 4,106.16 | 125,000 | |
| 9. | August, 1981 | Spring Meadow Lake SRA | Lewis & Clark County | 55.8 | 714.55 | 293,000 | |
| 10. | April, 1982 | Pirogue (Doeden's) Island SRA | Custer County | 269.0 | 3,074.04 | 110,000 | |
| 11. | June, 1983 | Lake Elmo, Billings | Yellowstone | 80.67 | -0- | 1,000,000 | |
| 12. | June, 1983 | Lake Elmo, Billings | Yellowstone | 42.17 | -0- | | 100,000/4yr |
| 13. | November, 1983 | Blackfoot River Easement | Missoula | 267.8 | 23,815.00 | 34,375 | |
| 14. | December, 1983 | Les Mason Memorial, Whitefish Lake | Flathead | 7.5 | -0- | 675,000 | |
| 15. | December, 1983 | Bannack-Warnake | Beaverhead | 1 lot | 80.00 | 7,000 | |

| | | Acquisitions Made With the Coal Tax | | Acreage | Appraisal, Survey, and Title Cost | Purchased Cost | Lease Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16. | July, 1984 | Bannack-Fisher | Beaverhead | 1 lot | 77.00 | 8,500 | |
| 17. | October, 1984 | Bannack-Brewer | Beaverhead | 1 lot | 85.00 | 10,000 | |
| 18. | October, 1984 | Clark's Lookout, Dillon | Beaverhead | 7.23 | -0- | 40,739 | |
| 19. | December, 1984 | Glen Lake, Bozeman | Gallatin | 6.16 | -0- | -0- | |
| | | | | 29.70 | 2,313.95 | 420,000 | |
| | | | | 47.00 | -0- | | -0- |
| 20. | Pending | Pageville School, Twin Bridges | Madison | 0.66 | -0- | | 15,000/50yr |
| 21. | Pending | Parker Homestead, Three Forks | Jefferson | 1.67 | -0- | | 2,500/25yr |
| | | Total | | 6594 acres | $46,935.96 | $4,427,624 | $117,500.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Cost: | $4,592,059.96 |
| Other Matching Funds: | $550,786.42 |
| Coal Tax Funds: | $4,041,273.59 |

## Informing the Public

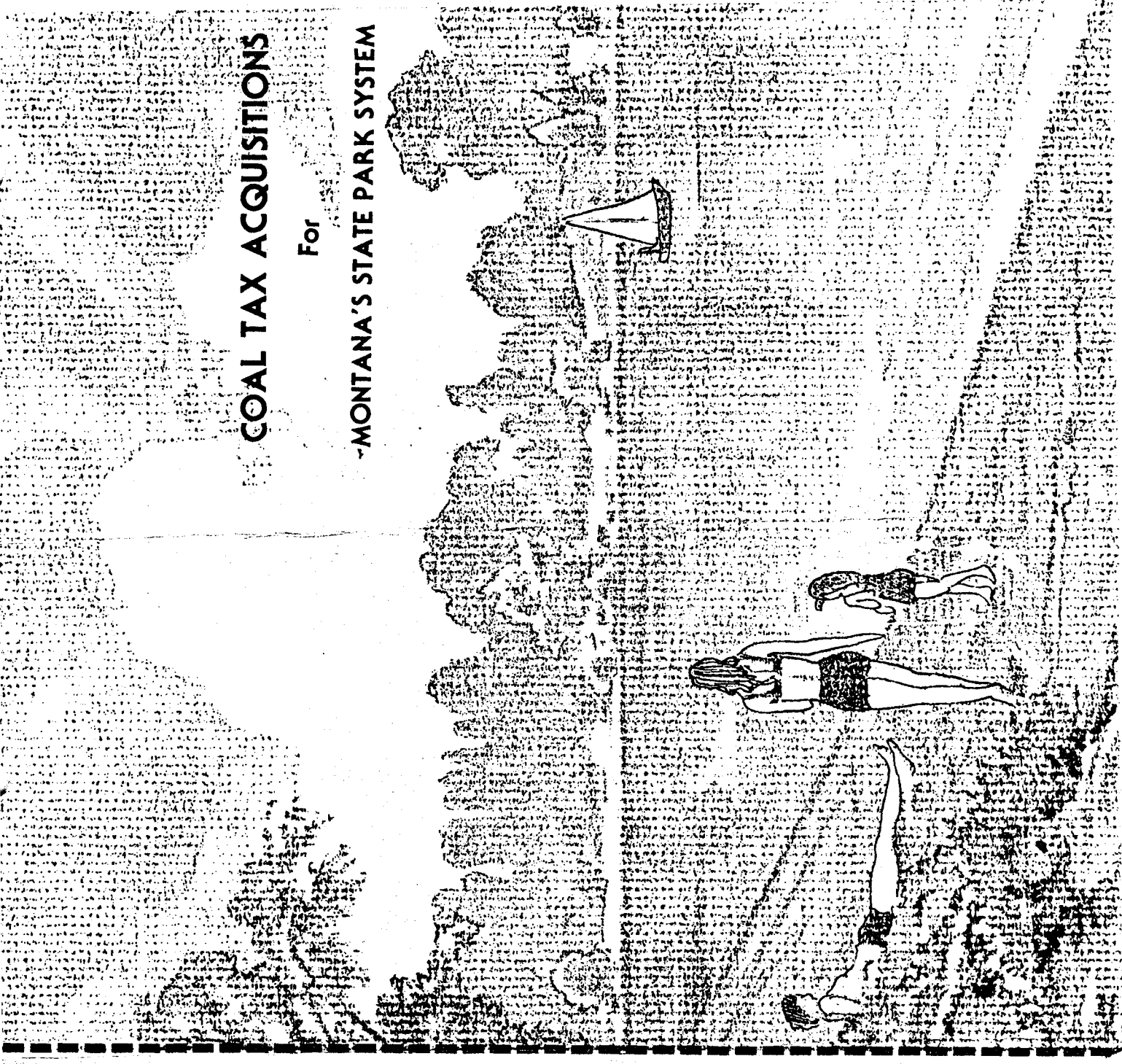
During the summer of 1984 word was sent out that Coal Tax Park proposals were being accepted. A brochure was made available that explained the purpose of the program and included a brief questionnaire by which a potential sponsor could alert the Department of their interest. The questionnaire was printed on a Business Reply card which required no postage stamp (see insert).

These brochures were distributed to anyone who expressed an interest in selling, donating or otherwise conveying potential park land to the Department. In addition, the brochures were distributed at a Department booth at the State Fair in Great Falls.

A 30 second public service announcement (psa) was prepared by the Department's Conservation Education Division and distributed to 43 Montana radio stations in July of 1984. This psa encouraged the listener to nominate areas suitable for park lands by contacting the Department headquarters in Helena.

This effort resulted in six nominations by the public as described in the following pages.

## The 1985 Citizen Proposals

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Helena, MT 59620

## THE OPPORTUNITY

In 1975, the 44th State Legislature initiated a state coal severance tax on coal mined in Montana and being shipped out of state. A portion of the total coal severance tax is allocated to a parks revenue trust fund. Interest from this trust fund is to be used to acquire, operate, and maintain park system sites.

Montana Code provides that any person, association, or representative of a governing unit may submit an acquisition proposal using coal tax revenue, for the addition of a site or area to the State Park System. The proposal is to be submitted to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and complete by December 1 of the year preceding the convening of a Legislative session. The Department will present all proposals received to the Legislature by the 15th day of the session.

## THE PURPOSE

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is charged by Montana law to conserve the scenic, historic, archaeologic, scientific, and recreational resources of the state, and to provide for their use and enjoyment. It is intended that this will contribute to the health and the cultural, recreational, and economic life of the people. Proposals for additions to the State Park System should reinforce this objective.

## THE PROPOSAL

If you wish to sponsor a proposal, you should complete and return the following Sponsor Identification Questionnaire. You will then be contacted for an appointment to view and discuss your proposal. This questionnaire should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the December 1st deadline to allow time for processing. Favorable aspects of your site proposal will be best documented if an inspection can be scheduled by late fall. Therefore, the earlier the questionnaire is mailed, the better.

While not required, an appraisal of the property is desirable to strengthen the proposal by verifying its value and availability. If an appraisal is opted for, its cost would be the responsiblity of the sponsor and should be done by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Project sponsors are encouraged to support their proposals by appearing before the Legislative committee involved and by contacting their local Legislators. The Legislature will select the proposals to be funded.

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

## SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name (Mr., Miss, Mrs, Ms)

_____

2. Phone:
   Day_____
   Evening_____
3. Mailing Address

_____

_____

4. Street Address

_____

_____

5. In what county is the proposa located?

_____

6. How big is the proposal (acres)?

_____

7. What bodies of water are contingent with or contained in the proposal?

_____

The following Coal Tax Park Proposals were submitted to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks by December 1, 1985. They are listed in alphabetical order.

| Site | | Acres/Length | Cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | The Anaconda Stack | ±20 acres | Donation |
| 2. | BA&P RR | 25 miles | $350,000 operation only |
| 3. | Kleffner Ranch | 87 acres | $931,000 |
| 4. | Prickly Pear | 38 acres | $152,000 |
| 5. | White Sandy Beach | 88.8 acres | $420,000 |
| Totals | | 233.80 acres and 25 miles | $1,853,000 |

Incomplete Proposal

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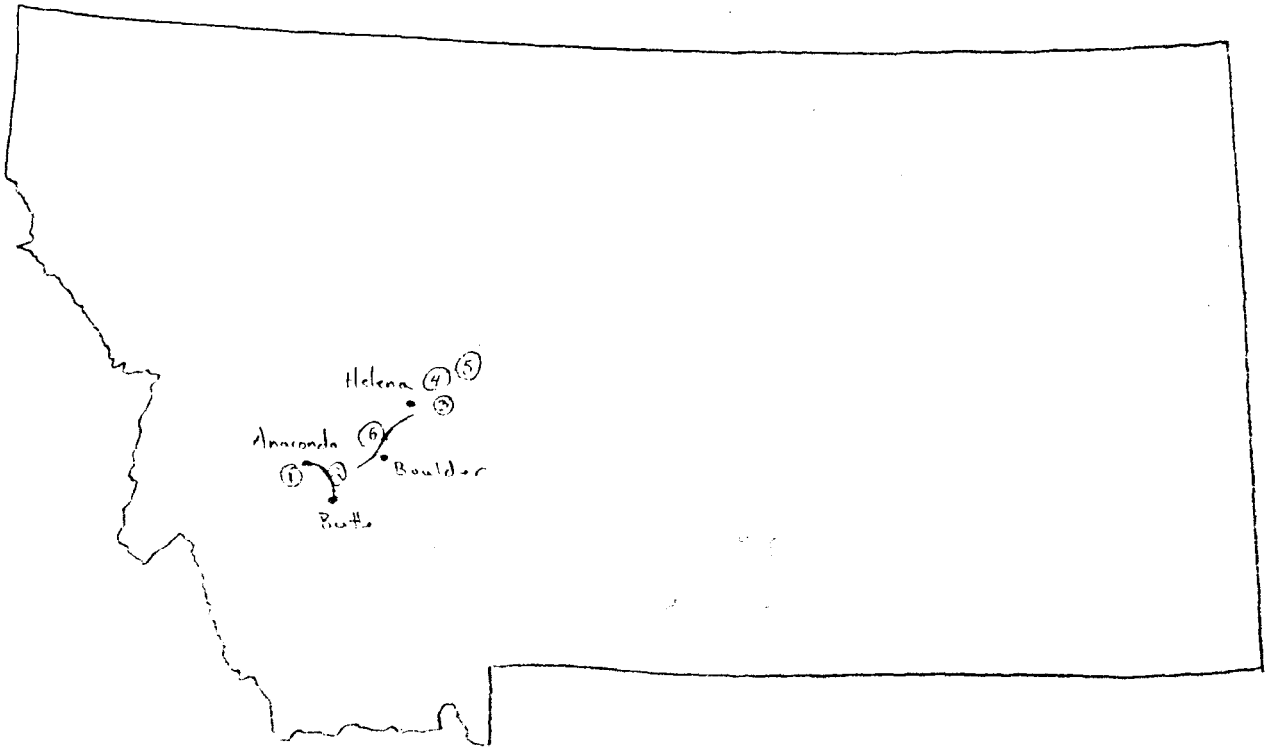
| 6. | Amazon Trail | 34 miles | not available |


Helena
Anaconda
Boulder
Butte

# THE ANACONDA STACK

The Anaconda Stack will soon be the only remaining structure at the old Anaconda Copper Mining Company Smelter in Anaconda. The smelter and twenty acres of surrounding land is being proposed by "The Anacondans To Preserve The Stack" as a State Monument. The Anaconda Minerals Company has agreed to donate this package to the State Park System. Although acquisition would be by donation, some costs still remain as described in Item 16.

It is hoped that tours could be conducted to the foot of the stack. However EPA tests may indicate that toxin levels are too great to allow public access to this area. In this case, public viewing would be allowed from the Chamber of Commerce visitor's center at the company gate.

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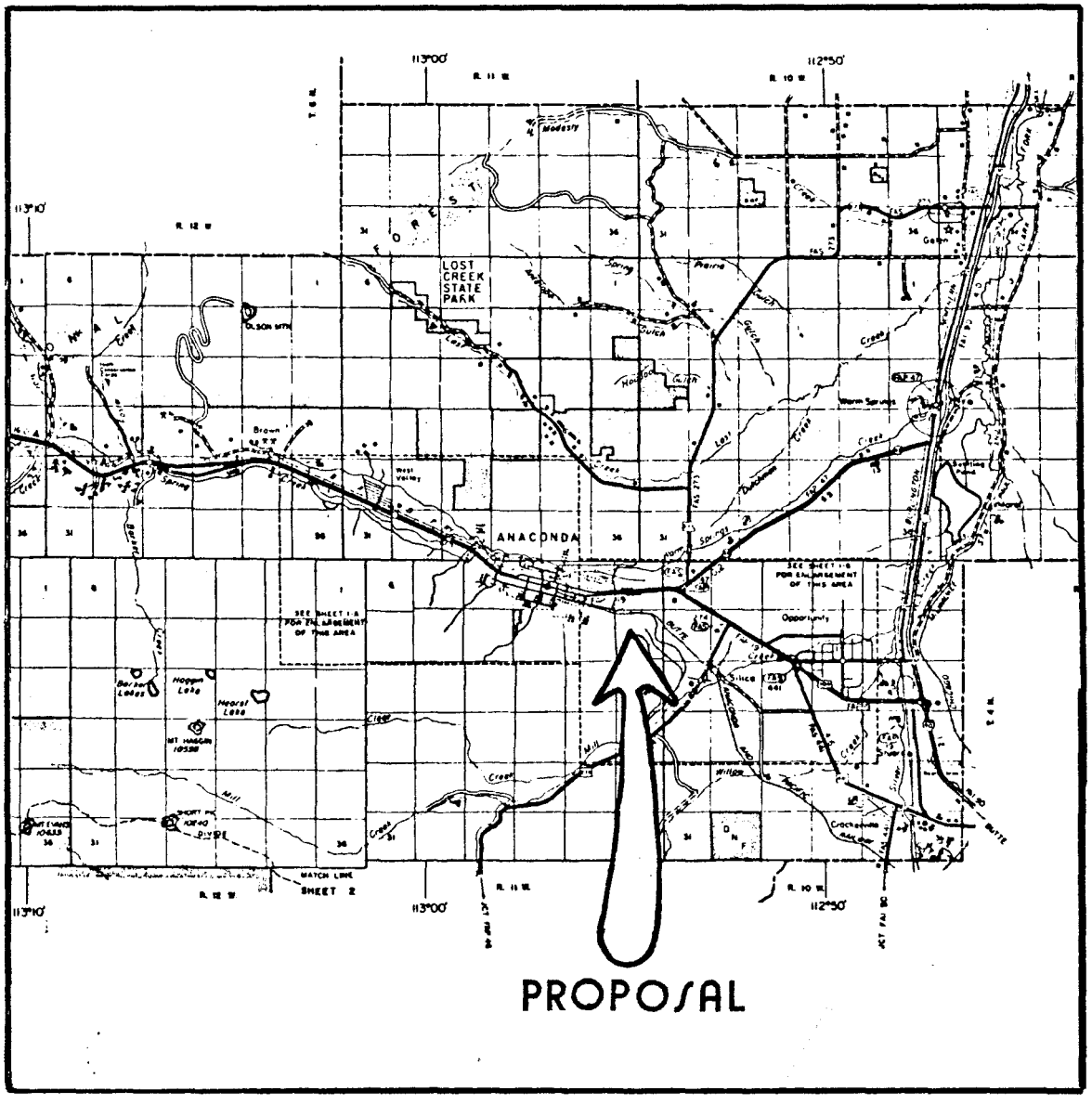
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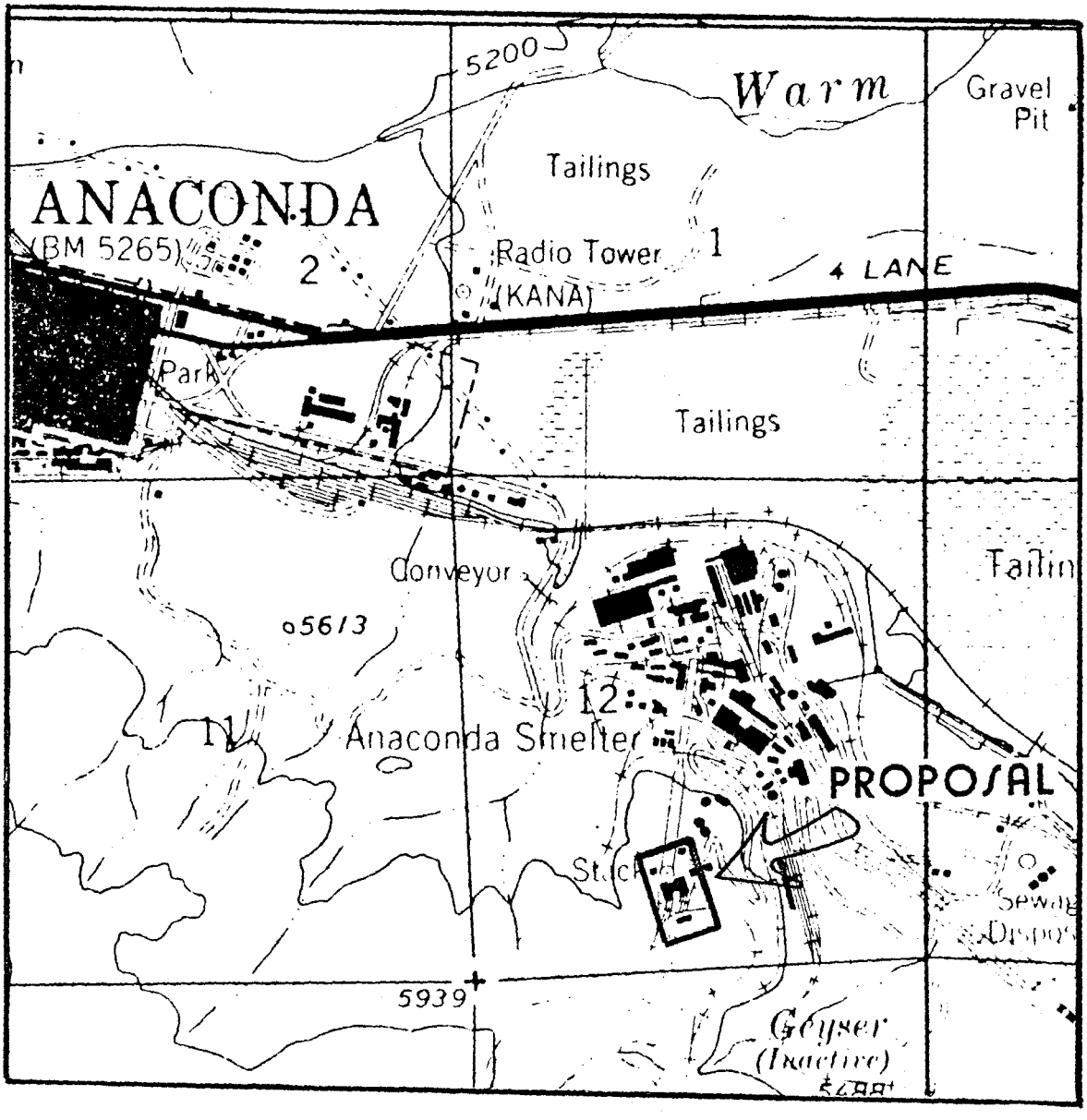
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Sewage Disposal
5939
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(Inactive)

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# COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interivew with the sponsor.

Interview Date Monday, October 22, 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa, Paul Pacini

Sponsor Representatives: Bob Vine, Pete and Margie Smith

Dan Washburn-Anaconda Minerals (563-5211), Tom Radonich-ARCO

Sponsor's Name Anacondan's to Preserve the Stack; Bob Vine, President

Sponsor's Mailing Address

1402 Cable Road

Anaconda, Montana 59711

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 563-3639

Evening same

## Site Description

1. Site Name: The Anaconda Stack

2. Site Location:

County Deer Lodge

Township 4N Range 11W Section 12

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 20±

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

conditional Yes _____ No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

The paved road and alternate unpaved routes from the plant gate to the stack are owned by ARCO. An easement would be given if EPA determines the stack area safe for visitors. Otherwise, viewing would take place from the visitor center near the gate. Legal access to the gate exists from the City of Anaconda via east 4th Street to Smelter Road and east to the gate.

5. Include two maps:

   a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and

   b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | Picnicking | _____ | Motor boating |
| _____ | Camping | _____ | Water Skiing |
| _____ | Trail Walking | _____ | Swimming |
| _____ | Bicycling | _____ | Fishing |
| _____ | Canoeing or Rafting | _____ | Hunting |
| X | Other: specify The site offers abundant opportunity for hist interpretation and enough ground will be available for some picnic sites. | | |
| _____ | Other: specify | | |

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

X Spring; X Summer; X Fall; X Winter (visitor center only)

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

Anaconda (city, town) Butte (city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

3 (miles) _____ (I, State, or U.S. number)

AS

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

None
(site name)

_____
(site name)

_____
(site name)

_____
(site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

X Yes

_____ No

If yes, please explain: This is the site of the largest free standing brick structure on earth, built in 1918 to disperse smoke generated by the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. The copper industry was the economic mainstay for Montana and the United States when "copper was king." The site is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

_____ Yes

X No

If yes, please explain: _____

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

None

AS

15. Indicate the predominant type of vegitative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

_____ Coniferous Trees
_____ Deciduous Trees
_____ Brushy
_____ Grassland
__X__ Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

Site Cost

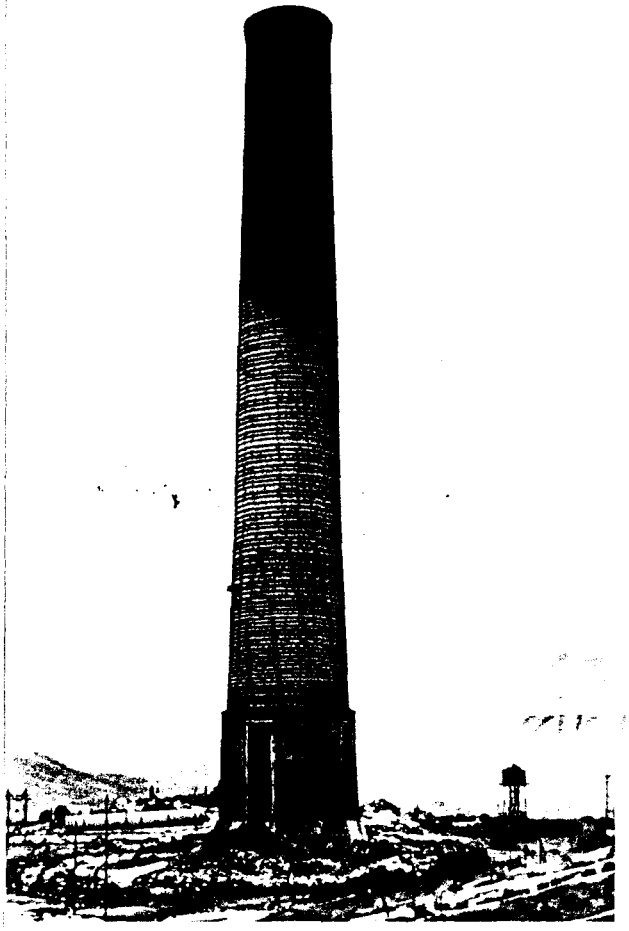
17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisors. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

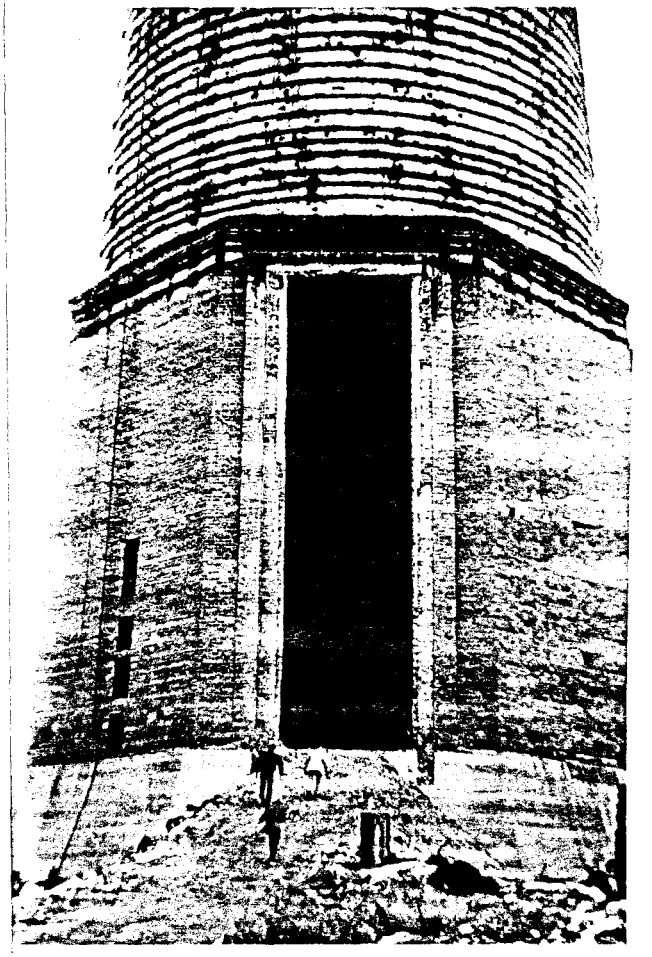
Appraised value of this site: $ NA
Date of Appraisal: _____
Name of Appraisor and Company: _____

18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? $ Donation

I, ANACONDA Minerals Company, resident of
(owner's name)
_____, owner of
(city, state)
the property described by this proposal, on 11/08/84
(today's date)
verify by my signature that the information in item number 18 is correct.

J. F. Gardner, General Manager
Montana Operations
Butte, Montana





BUTTE-ANACONDA AND PACIFIC RR

The BA&P RR intends to abandon its 25 mile line between Butte and Anaconda in the near future. This was an ore carrying line, connecting the Butte mines to the Anaconda smelter. The track is in "main line" condition at this time.

A private interest is attempting to acquire the Railroad to continue rail service between Butte and Anaconda. The project sponsor, Jim Carton, has reached a verbal agreement with the potential buyer to lease track use to the state for the operation of a historic tour train. The rail service would connect historic sites in Anaconda and Butte, and could provide rail service to Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, mid way between the two cities. Vast opportunity would be available to interpret Montana history and promote tourism to other Montana attractions during the train ride.

The proposal calls for no acquisition of real estate by the State of Montana. The following state expenditures however, are anticipated to reach $350,000 for start up and operation during the summer of 1986.

1. Procurement of a steam locomotive and rolling stock.
2. Insurance for passenger operations.
3. Salaries for management and operating personnel.
4. Lease of track use.

5. Maintenance of future buildings and depots.

6. Conversion to oil from steam, if desired.

7. Restoration and repair of rolling stock.

8. Fuel costs.

9. Advertizing and Promotion.

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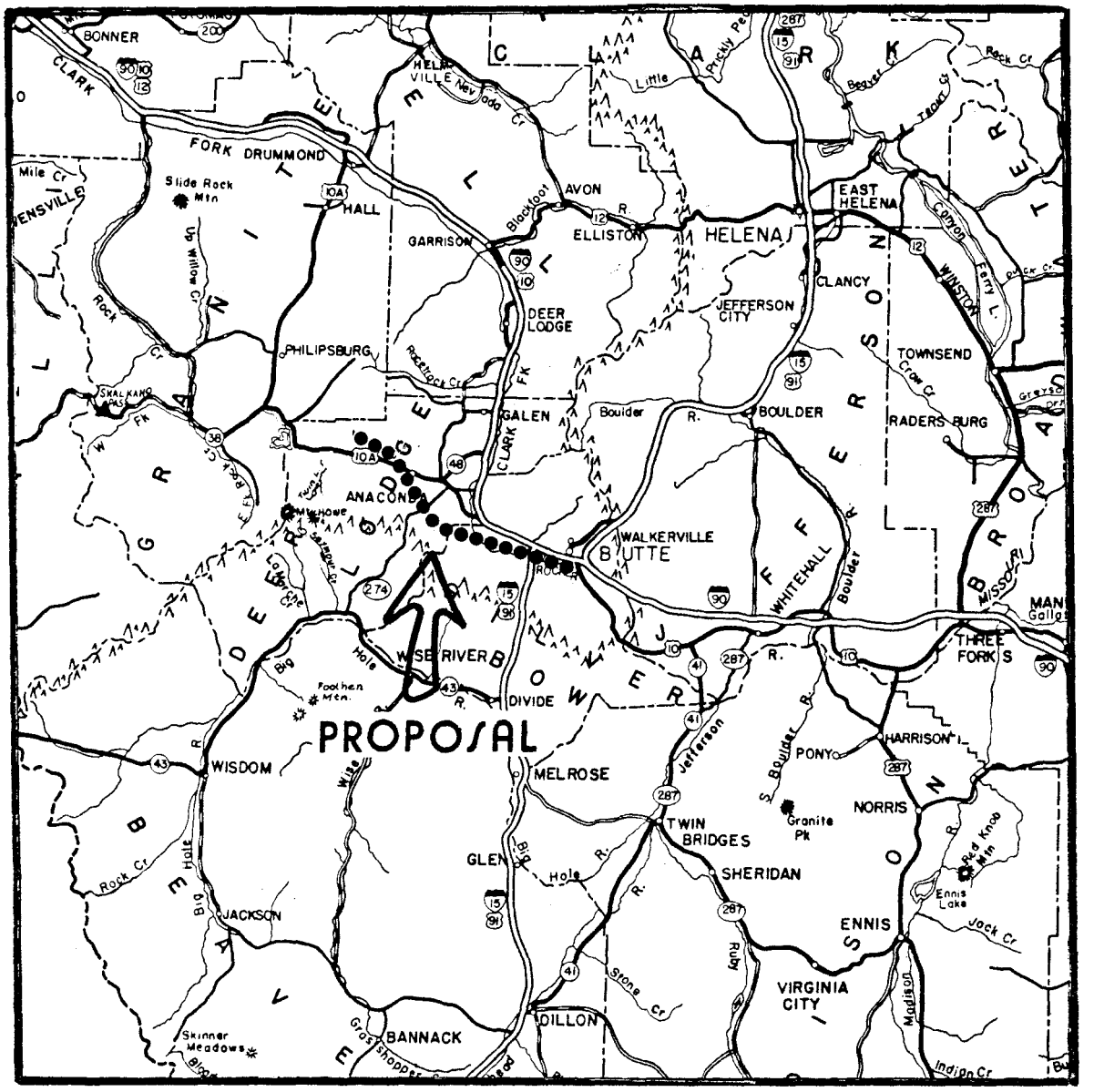
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CLANCY
JEFFERSON CITY
DEER LODGE
GALEN
BOULDER
TOWNSEND
RADERS BURG
ANACONDA
WALKERVILLE
BUTTE
WHITEHALL
THREE FORKS
WISE RIVER
DIVIDE
WISDOM
MELROSE
TWIN BRIDGES
SHERIDAN
PONY
HARRISON
NORRIS
ENNIS
VIRGINIA CITY
GLEN
JACKSON
BANNACK
DILLON
Granite Pk
Red Knob Mtn
Ennis Lake
Foothen Mtn.
Skinner Meadows
Big Hole R.
Jefferson R.
Boulder R.
Ruby R.
Madison R.
Stone Cr.
Jack Cr.
Indian Cr.
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Mile Cr.
Big Willow Cr.
Blackfoot R.
Little Prickly Pear
Beaver Cr.
Crow Cr.
Canyon Ferry L.
Missouri R.
Grasshopper Cr.
Lacharpe Cr.
Racetrack Cr.
Nevada Cr.
Clark Fk.
W. Fk.
E. Fk.
Mt. Howe
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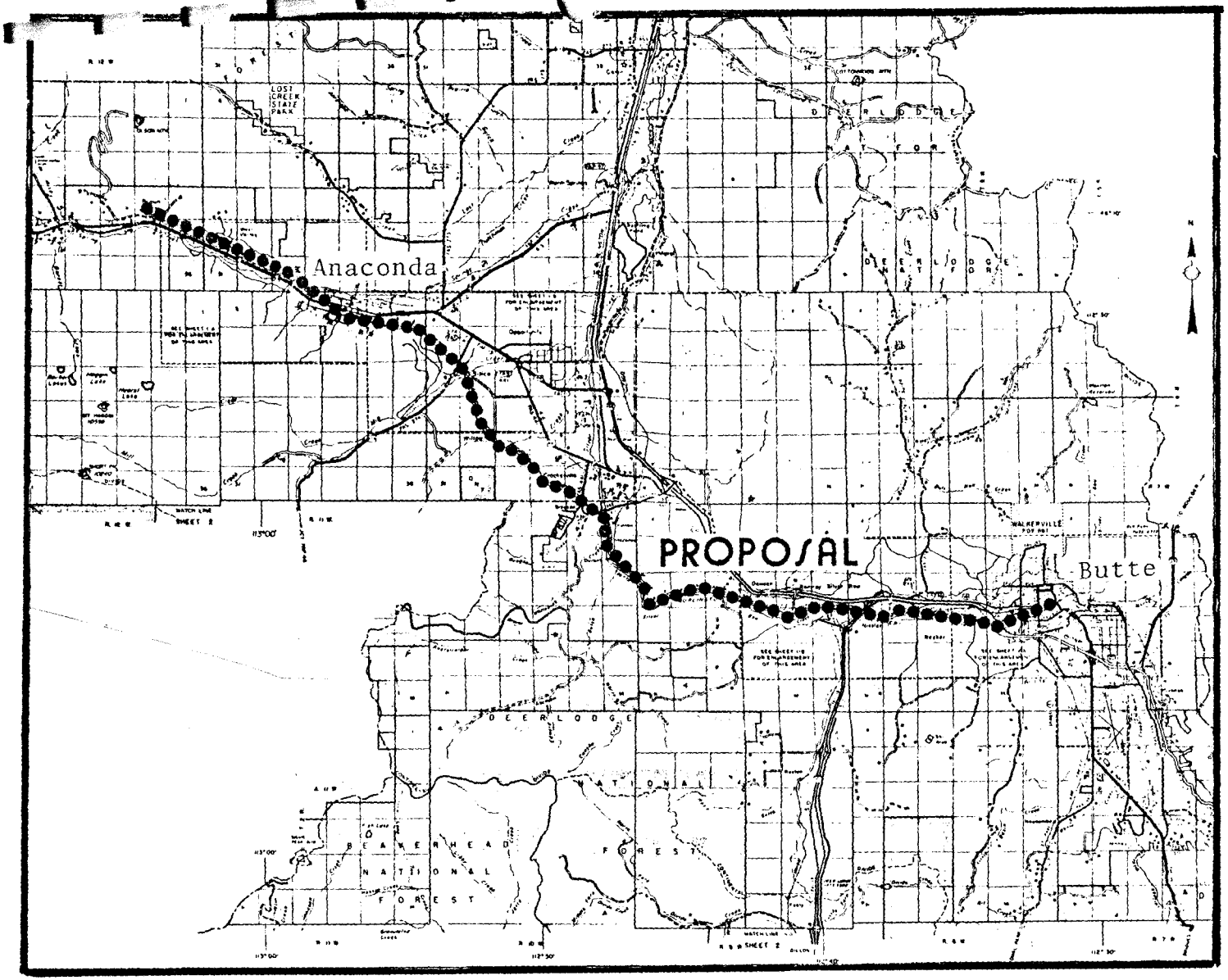
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DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST
BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
WALKERVILLE
SHEET 2
113°00'
112°50'

COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interivew with the sponsor.

Interview Date 1November 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa , Paul Pacini

Sponsor Representatives: Jim Carton

John Devitt, Chris Fife

Sponsor's Name See list

Sponsor's Mailing Address

see sponsor list

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day see sponsor list

Evening

Site Description

1. Site Name: Butte, Anaconda and Pacific Rwy

2. Site Location:

County Silver bow and Deerlodge

Township _____ Range _____ Section _____

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 2 acres

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

X Yes _____ No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

LegaL ACCESS IS AVAILABLE AT THE Anaconda railway yar ds the Anaconda Chamber of Commerce , Fairmont /Gregson The Butte Museum of Mines, the Northern PACIFIC depot in Butte, and at various points along its route.

List of Sponsors:

1. Montana Union Railroad Co.
   105 Fleecer Dr.
   Butte ,Mt. 59701  494-7406
2. Butte Historical Society
   P.O.Box 3913
   Butte, Mt. 59702  782-2386
3. Renewable Technologies Inc.
   P.O. Box 4113
   Butte, Mt. 59702  782-2386
4. Butte Silverbow chamber of Commerce.
   2950 HaRRISON Ave.
   Butte, Mt.  494-5595
5. DAPWA Enterprises (owners of the Northern Pacific Depot complex
   P.O.Box 3957
   Butte, Mt. 59702  782-9533.
6. Fairmont Hotsprings Resort
   Anaconda,Mt.  797-3241  att: JaN Phillips
7. Anacondans to Preserve the stack Committee
   P.O. Box 893
   Anaconda, Mt. 59711  563-7774
8. Jim Carton
   1421 Wicks Lane,
   Billings, Mt. 59105  245-8536
9. Butte Local Development Corp.
   2950 Harrison Ave,
   Butte, Mt.  494-3936

For detailed information contact Jim Carton,
Sponsor No. 8, above.

BA-P 3R

5. Include two maps:

   a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and

   b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X | Picnicking | | Motor boating |
| X | Camping | | Water Skiing |
| X | Trail Walking | | Swimming |
| X | Bicycling | | Fishing |
| | Canoeing or Rafting | X | Hunting |
| X | Other: specify A tourist RR could provide a unique mode of transportation to resort areas such as Fairmont Hot Springs and the Butte School of Mines, and historic areas such as the Anaconda Smelter and round house. | | |
| | Other: specify | | |

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

   X Spring; X Summer; X Fall; X Winter

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

   Anaconda (city, town) — Butte (city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

    Less than one mile at many points along its route (miles) — I-90 and US10A (I, State, or U.S. number)

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

None
(site name)

(site name)

(site name)

(site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

X Yes

No

If yes, please explain: History is retold by the old mines in Butte and the Anaconda smelting operation in Anaconda, the termini of the main line railroad. Innovations in railroading such as electrification were often originated on this line. An educational tour train would have a wealth of historic interpretation to choose from en route. Such a train would also transport tourists to existing historic attractions such as the Butte mines, the Anaconda stack and round house and resort areas such as Fairmont Hot Springs.

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

x Yes

No

If yes, please explain: An educational tour train along this route would provide an ideal field classroom for the study of the geology and biology of this historic valley; the science of math and engineering involved in building and operating a railroad; as well as the effect on the ecology of mass mineral extraction. The high point of any field trip would be the opportunity to journey back in time to the old mining days in Montana.

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

Silver Bow Creek

15. Indicate the predominant type of vegitative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

_____ Coniferous Trees
_____ Deciduous Trees
_____ Brushy
____x Grassland
_____x Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

A tour train along this route would provide an exciting and unique form of entertainment to both Montana's residents AND VISITORS. As people are drawn to this area the economy is bound to realize a significant boost. It is likely that new tourist related businesses would find an opportunity to serve the would be concentration of tourists and vacationers.

Site Cost

17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisors. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

Appraised value of this site: $ see schedule
Date of Appraisal: _____
Name of Appraisor and Company: _____

18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? $_____

I, _____, resident of
(owner's name)
_____, owner of
(city, state)
the property described by this proposal, on _____
(today's date)
verify by my signature that the information in item number 18 is correct.

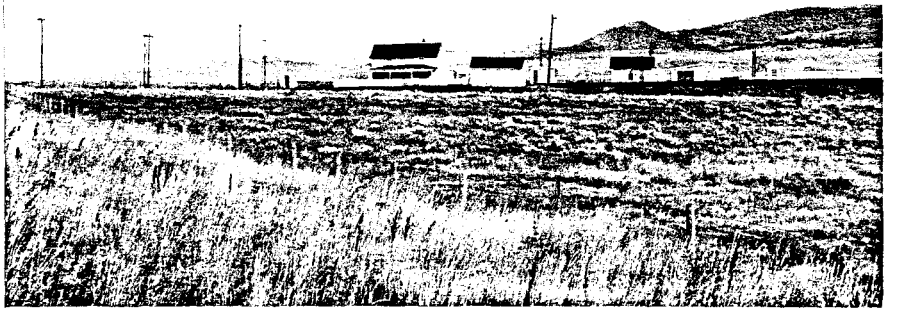
Basic proposal: We propose that the State of Montana join in a cooperative effort with the BA&P Ry, andthe cities of Butte and Anaconda in developing a major tourist attraction: Apassenger service-tourist train between the historic districts of the two cities. We further propose that a one year trial run in 1986 summer season- be funded with options to extend /expand the program if ridership meets or exceeds goals. The train concept could be fully inplAce for the 1989 centenial activities.

FINANCING NEEDED:

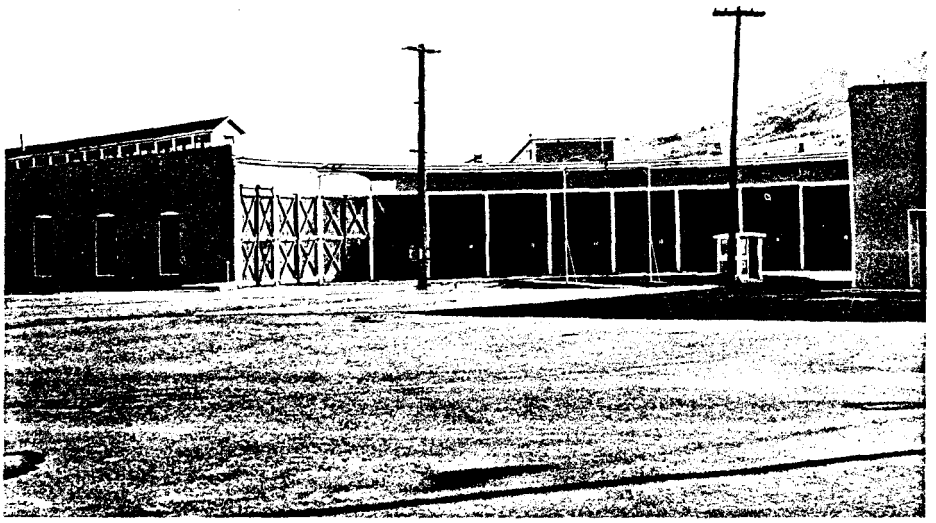
1. Funds for procurementof rolling stock
2. Insurance - thru the State of Montana for passenger operations
3. Salaries of park and operating personnel.
4. Track maintenance/buildings and depots.
5. Conversion of equipment to oil if desired/restoration anf repair of acquired rolling stock.
6. Fuel.
7 Advertizing and promotion.

Estimated cost for initial startup $350,000.00.
Note: Fares collected, donated materials and labor, donated sites for depots, restoration costs and buildings will reduce or alter costs. Operations would be under the supervision of BA&P personnel.

Rocker Yards, the branch to Butte Hill runs out of here.



The section house near Fairmont Resort.



A turn of the century round house in Anaconda.

PAUL KLEFFNER RANCH

The Paul Kleffner ranch consists of approximately 731 acres. County Road 518 from E. Helena to Montana City separates the ranch buildings and 87 acres from the remainder of the ranch. These 87 acres are proposed for state acquisition to be designated a state monument. The acquisition would preserve a three story barn, called the biggest in the west, and an octagonal stone ranch house with a second story dance floor. Both structures were build in the 1880's and mark a historic time of Montana's history.

Upon acquisition, the ranch would be used as a historic agricultural museum. Antique farm and ranch equipment would be displayed along with a depiction of the era's life style through the ranch house and barn. An annual agricultural festival is anticipated to demonstrate the era through reinactments and demonstrations using the antique equipment, or replicas of it.

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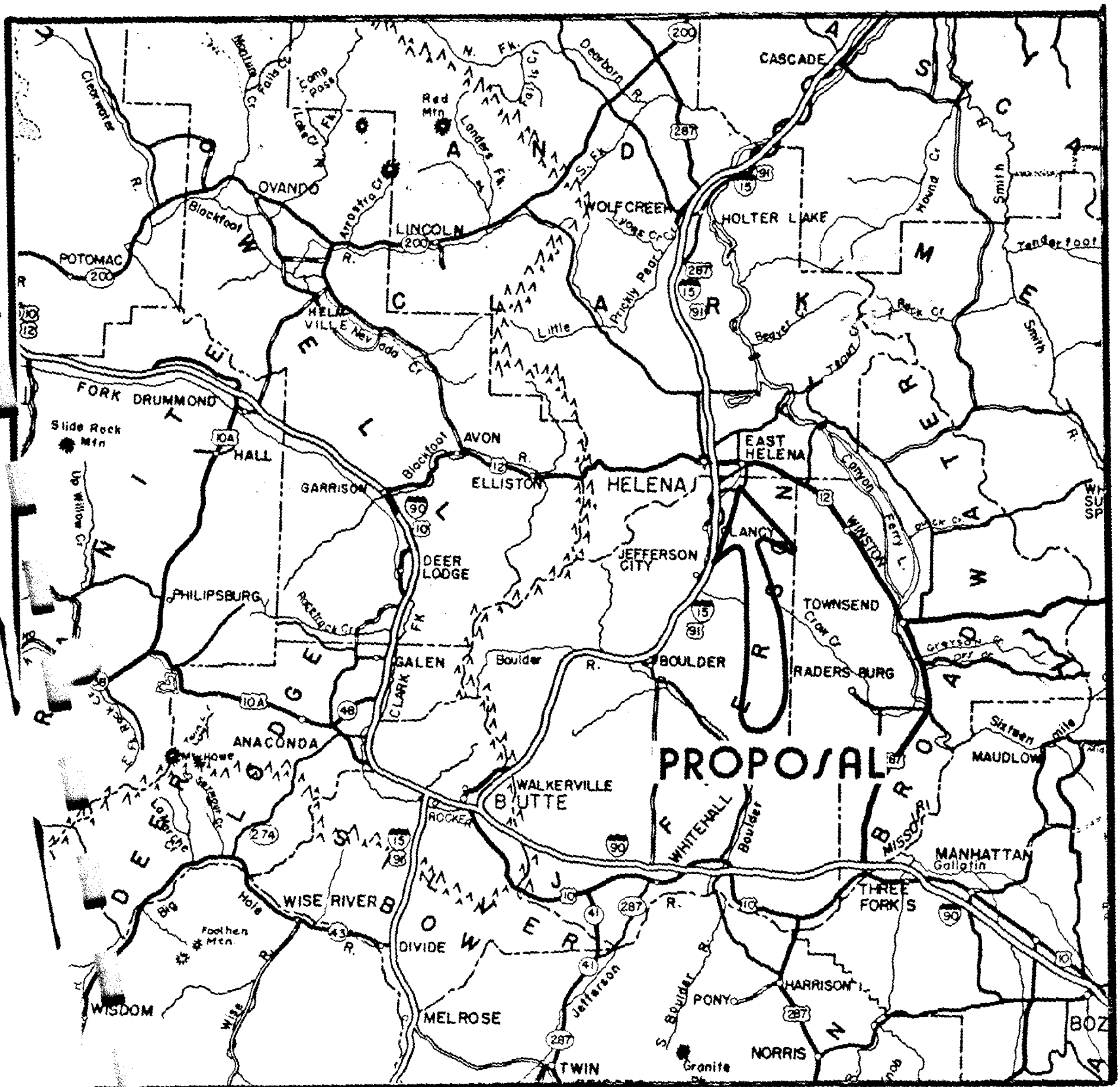
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EAST HELENA
GARRISON
DEER LODGE
JEFFERSON CITY
PHILIPSBURG
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RADERS BURG
ANACONDA
WALKERVILLE
BUTTE
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MAUDLOW
MANHATTAN
THREE FORKS
WISE RIVER
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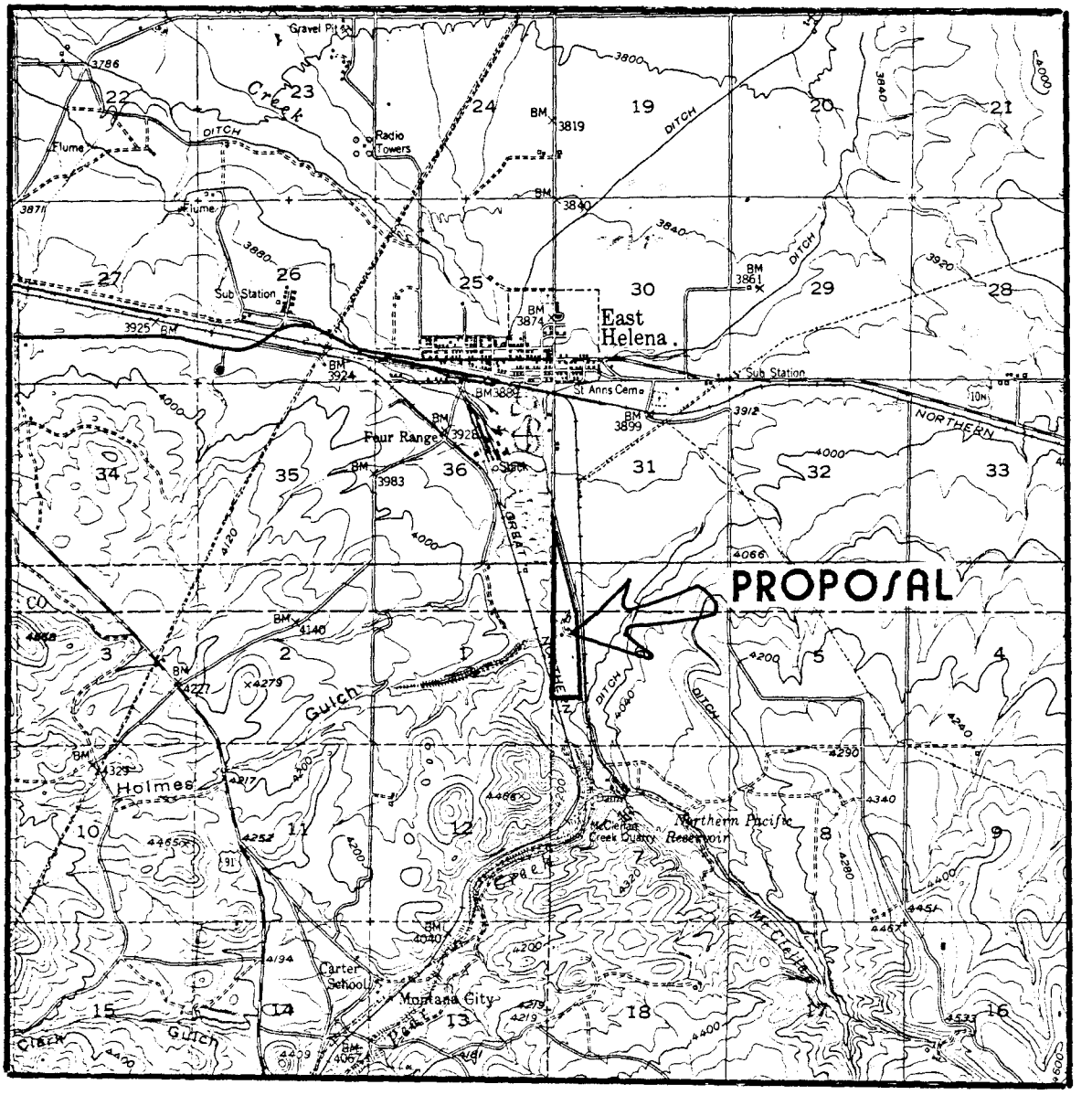
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COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interivew with the sponsor.

Interview Date October 26, 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa, Paul Pacini

Sponsor Representatives: Paul Kleffner, Thelma Kleffner, Dave Fuller

Sponsor's Name Dave Fuller

Sponsor's Mailing Address

1030 Sierra Road West

Helena, Montana 59601

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 442-7479

Evening 458-9194

Site Description

1. Site Name: Paul Kleffner Ranch

2. Site Location:

County Jefferson, and Lewis and Clark

Township 9N Range 2W Section 6

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 87

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

X Yes _____ No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

One and one half miles south of U.S. Highway 12 at East Helena on the Montana City Road, County Highway 518

5. Include two maps:

   a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and

   b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X | Picnicking | | Motor boating |
| | Camping | | Water Skiing |
| X | Trail Walking | | Swimming |
| X | Bicycling | X | Fishing |
| | Canoeing or Rafting | | Hunting |
| X | Other: specify | There exists an abundant opportunity for the interpretation and demonstration of historic agricultural practices and life style. | |
| | Other: specify | | |

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

   X Spring; X Summer; X Fall; X Winter

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

   Helena (city, town) East Helena (city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

   1½ (miles) U.S. 12 (I, State, or U.S. number)

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

None
(site name)

(site name)

(site name)

(site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

X Yes

No

If yes, please explain: It is the site of a three story barn, called the biggest in the west, and an octagonal stone ranch house originally built with an upstairs dance floor, both of which date back to the late 1880's. If this site were acquired, it is anticipated that its operation would be in cooperation with the Montana Historical Society with financial assistance from private sources. An annual agricultural festival would highlight its management.

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

Yes

X No

If yes, please explain:

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

Prickley Pear Creek

15. Indicate the predominant type of vegitative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

_____ Coniferous Trees
_____ Deciduous Trees
_____ Brushy
__x__ Grassland
_____ Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

The primary intent behind the purchase of this property is for use as an agricultural museum and interpretive facility. However, the surrounding acreage and the adjacent stream provide opportunities for other outdoor recreation as indicated in #7 above.

Site Cost

17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisors. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

Appraised value of this site: $ 931,000
Date of Appraisal: September 19, 1984
Name of Appraisor and Company: C. Robert White, M.A.I., White-Stevens, LTD.

18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? $ 931,000 with a two year option to buy an adjacent 642 acres of agricultural land.

I, X Thelma A. Kleffner J. Paul Kleffner resident of
(owner's name)
E. Helena, Mont. Jeff. Co., owner of
(city, state)
the property described by this proposal, on Nov 14 - 1984
(today's date)
verify by my signature that the information in item number 18 is correct.

PRICKLY PEAR CREEK

The Ralph and Sharon Olson Ranch lies in the Helena valley, just two miles from Helena. A choice piece of Prickly Pear Creek flows through the property providing excellent bird and wildlife cover as well as a scenic wetland suitable for nature walks and school field trips. Flat pasture ground borders the wetland on which parking and more traditional park land development could be accommodated. Ranch buildings are not to be included in the proposal.

The Prickly Pear corridor has been considered in the past for preservation as a green belt. This acquisition could mark the beginning of this realization.

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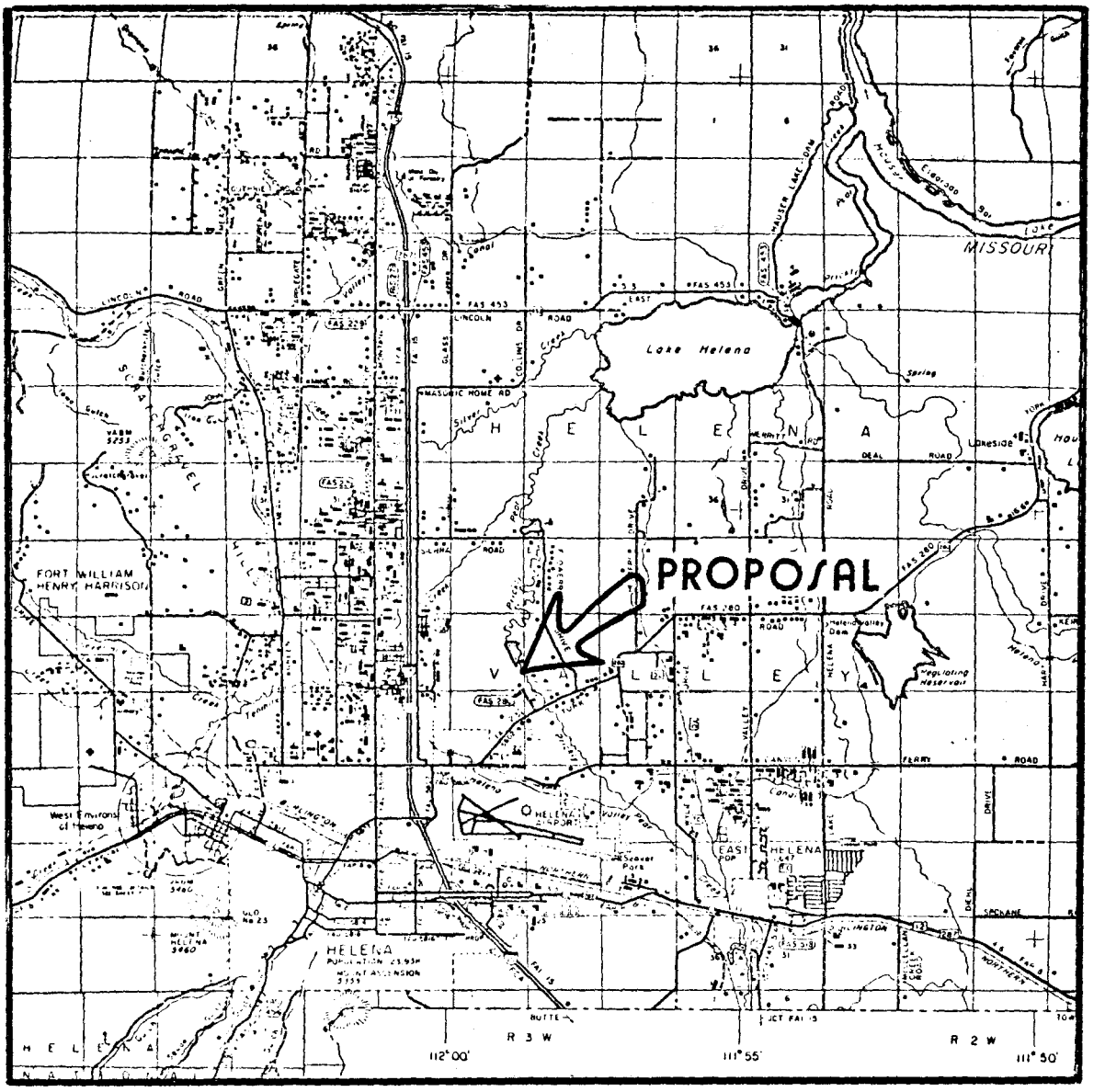
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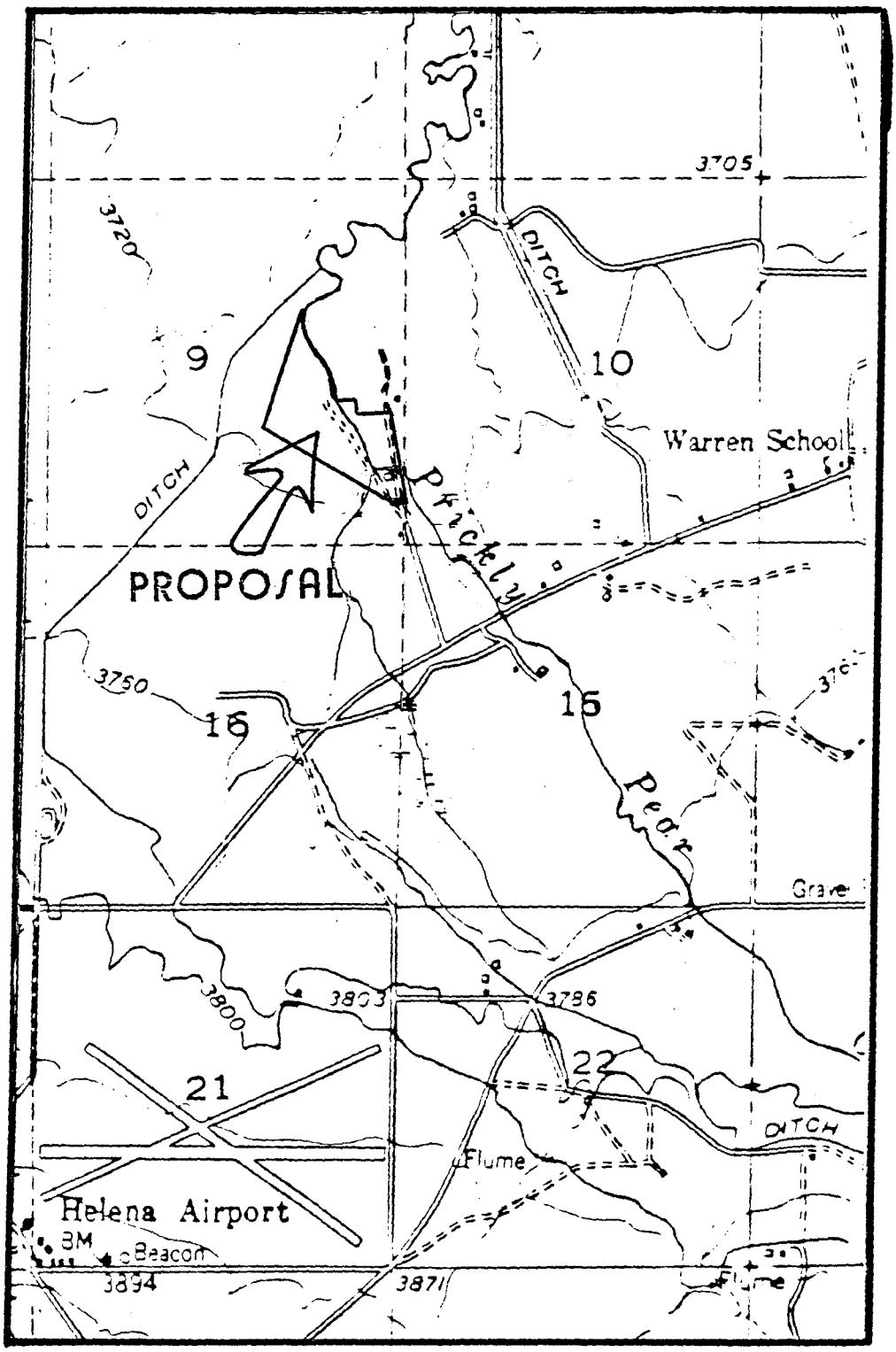
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Helena Airport
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# COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interivew with the sponsor.

Interview Date November 5, 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa

Paul Pacini

Sponsor's Name Ralph and Sharon Olson

Sponsor's Mailing Address

2220 York Road

Helena, Montana 59601

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 444-6440/443-2220

Evening 443-2220

## Site Description

1. Site Name: Prickly Pear Creek

2. Site Location:

   County Lewis and Clark

   Township 10 Range 3 Section 9

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 38

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

   X Yes _____ No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

Starting at the north edge of the City of Helena, at the I-15 - York Road overpass, travel east 2 miles to Prickly Pear Creek and left down County Road ½ mile to the Ralph Olson home, 2220 York Road and junction with Prickly Pear Creek. An abandoned section of County Road proceeds within the east boundary of the proposal. The Olson Ranch would provide a no-cost easement from the end of the County Road to a ranch road (less than 100 feet) proceeding through the through the center of the proposal.

5. Include two maps:

   a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and

   b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X | Picnicking | | Motor boating |
| | Camping | | Water Skiing |
| X | Trail Walking | X | Swimming |
| X | Bicycling | X | Fishing |
| X | Canoeing or Rafting | X | Hunting (Waterfowl) |
| X | Other: specify A variety of bird species would lend itself well to bird watching. | | |
| X | Other: specify Artists Bob Morgan and Dr. Clem Shafer have used the site as the subject matter for some of their paintings. | | |

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

   X Spring; X Summer; X Fall; X Winter

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

   Helena (city, town) _____ (city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

    2 miles (miles) I-15 (I, State, or U.S. number)

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

Causeway FAS (site name)

Helena Valley Reservoir FAS (site name)

White Sandy Beach FAS (site name)

Black Sandy Beach FAS (site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

X Yes ____ No

If yes, please explain: Indian relics such as arrow heads and rock hammers have been found by the property owners.

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

X Yes ____ No

If yes, please explain: The natural ecology of the riparian area is ideal for school field trips. Carroll College ornithology classes have used the area for field trips and local Audubon Society members use the site regularly.

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

Prickly Pear Creek, Spring Creek

15. Indicate the predominant type of vegitative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

____ Coniferous Trees
__x__ Deciduous Trees
__x__ Brushy
__x__ Grassland
____ Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

Various wildlife species such as raccoon, beaver, and deer inhabit the area. Some game animals (mountain lion, moose, bear) have been sited moving through the proposed site.

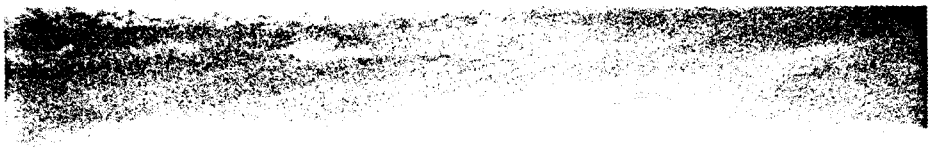
Site Cost

17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisors. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

Appraised value of this site: $ NA
Date of Appraisal: _____
Name of Appraisor and Company: _____

18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? $ 152,000

I, R. Jph C. Olson Shawn L. Olson resident of
(owner's name)
Helena Montana, owner of
(city, state)
the property described by this proposal, on 12-4-84
(today's date)
verify by my signature that the information in item number 18 is correct.



## WHITE SANDY BEACH

White Sandy Beach is located on Hauser Reservoir, an impoundment of the Missouri River, just thirteen miles north of Helena. It offers on of the only white sand beaches in Montana and is already receiving significant use by recreationists as a leased State Recreation Area. It provides two boat launch areas and plenty of flat play area in addition to the unique beaches.

White Sandy Beach is adjacent to Black Sandy State Recreation Area, and if acquired would be managed as an extension of this area. This is consistent with present management policy.

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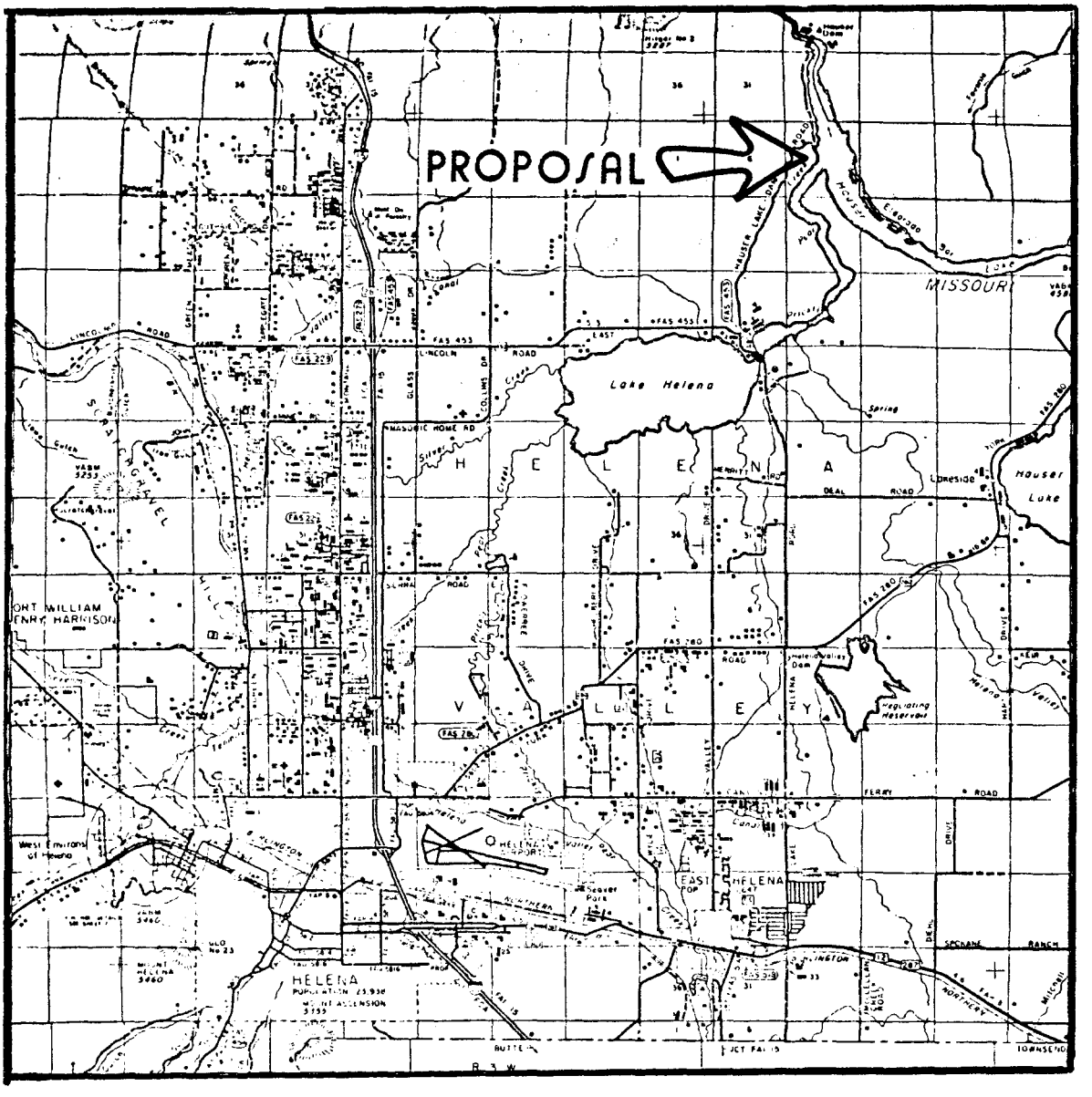
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MASONIC HOME RD
West Environs of Helena
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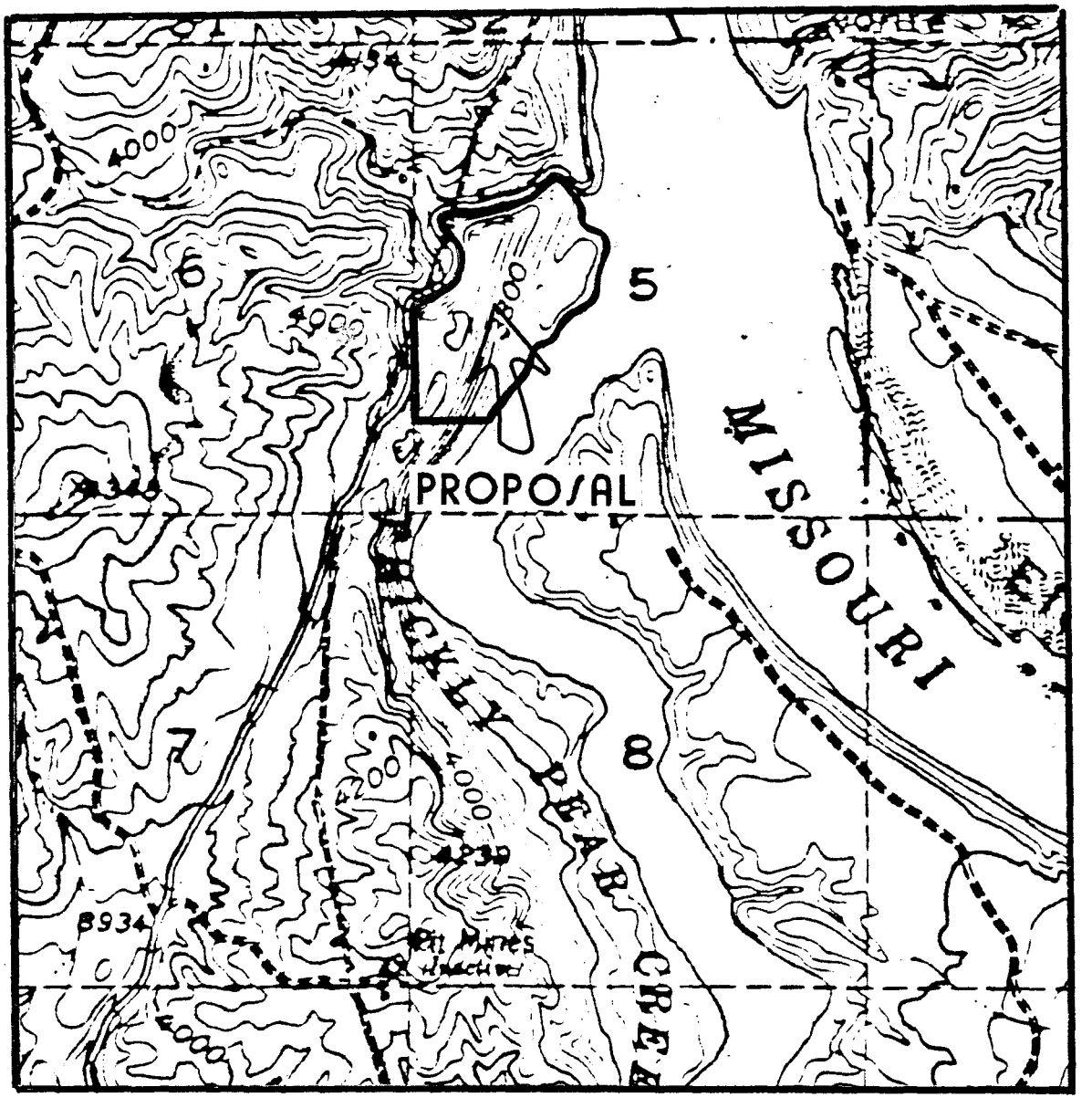

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# COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interivew with the sponsor.

Interview Date NA

Department Interview Personnel:

NA

Sponsor's Name Randy Poulsen

Sponsor's Mailing Address

P. O. Box 4447

Helena, Montana 59604

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 443-5100

Evening 458-9429

## Site Description

1. Site Name: White Sandy Beach

2. Site Location:

County Lewis and Clark

Township 11N Range 2W Section 5 and 6

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 88.8

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

X Yes _____ No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

Five miles north of Helena on I-15, then east on Lincoln Road 5 miles, and then north on Hauser Dam Road 3 miles.

5. Include two maps:

   a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and

   b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X | Picnicking | X | Motor boating |
| X | Camping | X | Water Skiing |
| | Trail Walking | X | Swimming |
| | Bicycling | X | Fishing |
| X | Canoeing or Rafting | | Hunting |

Other: specify _____

Other: specify _____

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

X Spring; X Summer; X Fall; X Winter

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

Helena (city, town) _____ (city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

8 miles (miles) I-15 (I, State, or U.S. number)

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11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

Black Sandy SRA (site name)

Causeway FAS (site name)

Helena Valley Reservoir FAS (site name)

_____ (site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

_____ Yes

__x__ No

If yes, please explain: _____

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

__x__ Yes

_____ No

If yes, please explain: Beaches are covered with an abundant layer of white sand, unique in Montana

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

Hauser Reservoir, an impoundment of the Missouri River.

15. Indicate the predominant type of vegitative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

_____ Coniferous Trees
_____ Deciduous Trees
_____ Brushy
__X__ Grassland
_____ Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

In May 1982, a 5 year lease was obtained by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks at no cost. Since that time, this site has been operated as a State Recreation Area. The 1983 Legislature considered, but did not fund this proposal. The lease made the area available for public use while affording future Legislatures the opportunity to purchase the site.

Site Cost

17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisors. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

Appraised value of this site: $ 420,000
Date of Appraisal: January 5, 1983
Name of Appraisor and Company: James McKay

18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? $ 420,000

I, Harold R. Coulson, resident of
(owner's name)
Great Falls, Mont, owner of
(city, state)
the property described by this proposal, on 11/9/84
(today's date)
verify by my signature that the information in item number 18 is correct.

## Incomplete Citizen's Proposal

The Amazon Trail project proposes the acquisition of railroad bed which is in the process of being abandoned. The sponsor of this proposal has been unable to obtain a selling price from the owner during the abandonment procedure. Never the less, the project is viable and is being presented with all the information available at the time of printing.

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THE AMAZON TRAIL

Thirty four miles of rail bed between Montana City (near Helena) and Basin have been abandoned and is now being proposed as a recreation trail. Rails and ties have already been removed and the road bed smoothed. Unfortunately bridges have been removed at stream crossings. The route has a number of desirable and unique attributes. It passes through some remote areas over Boulder Pass, yet is readily accessible from I-15 at the Helena and Boulder ends. The route also passes over a 600 foot long steel trestle and through a one mile long tunnel.

The trail would be popular for family or small group day excursions, and would be suitable for overnight camping trips. It also has great potential as a unique jogging or bicycle trail.

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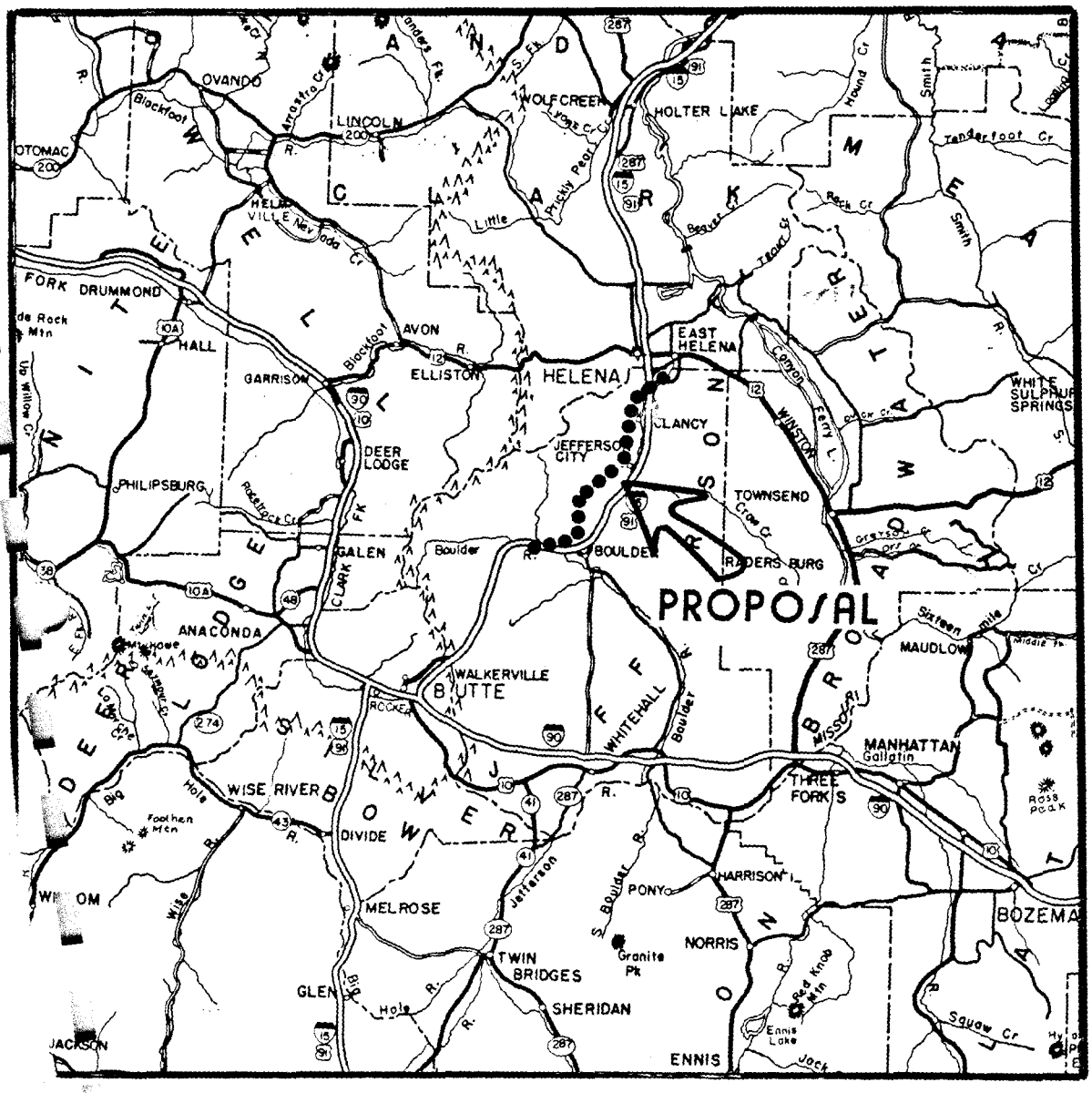
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EAST HELENA
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DEER LODGE
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Red Knob Mtn
Ennis Lake
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Mt Howe
Blackfoot
Little
Prickly Pear
Nevada Cr
Beaver Cr
Tenderfoot Cr
Smith
Hound Cr
Canyon Ferry L.
Crow Cr
Boulder
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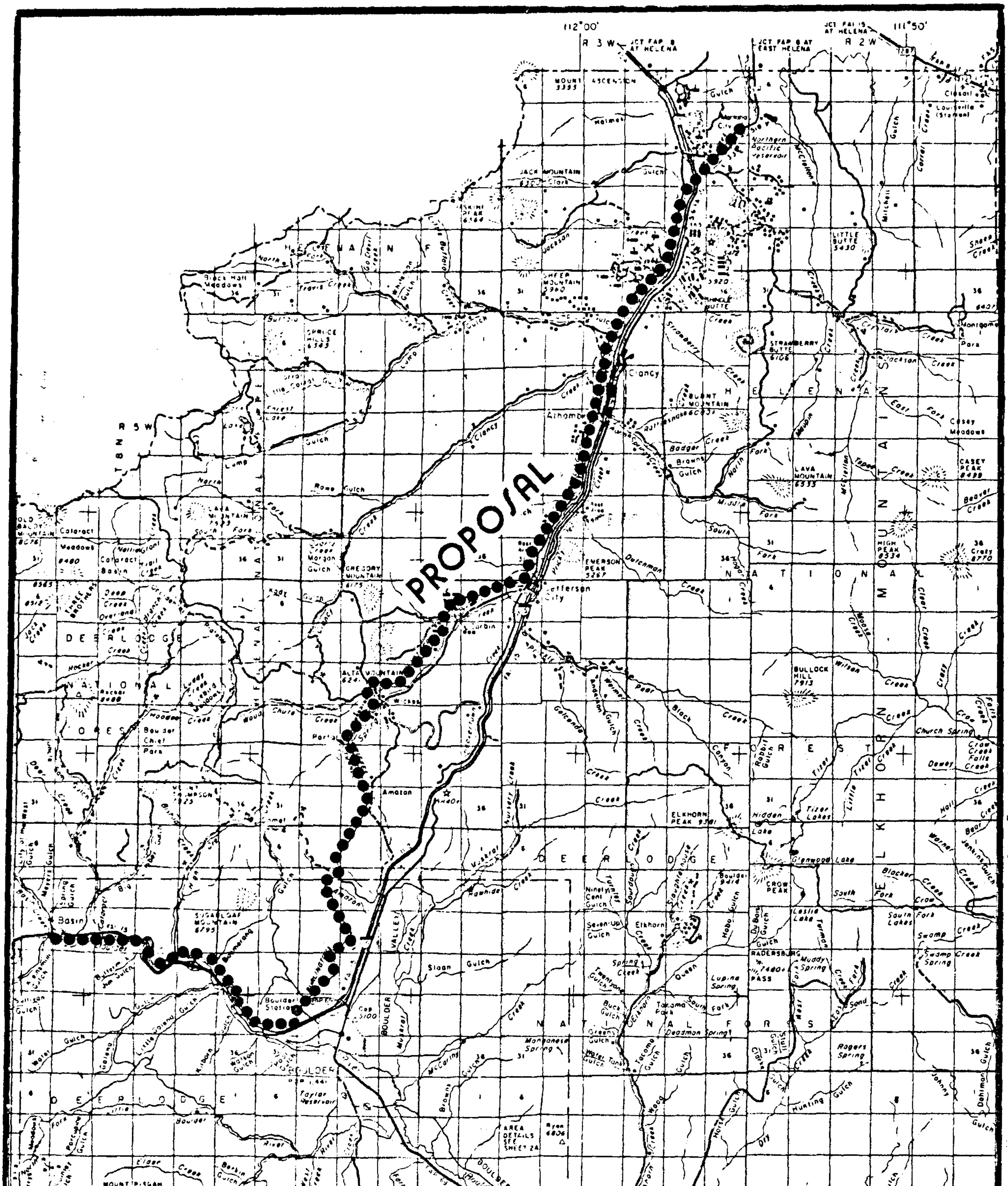
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SPRUCE HILLS
Clancy
BURNT MOUNTAIN
STRAWBERRY BUTTE
LAVA MOUNTAIN
CASEY PEAK
HIGH PEAK
EMERSON PEAK
GREGORY MOUNTAIN
Jefferson City
Corbin
ALTA MOUNTAIN
Wickes
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ELKHORN PEAK
BULLOCK HILL
CROW PEAK
Basin
SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN
Boulder Station
BOULDER
Elkhorn
RADERSBURG PASS
Glenwood Lake
Taylor Reservoir
MOUNT PISGAH
Hadley Park
Sloan Gulch
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AREA DETAILS SEE SHEET 2A

COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

To be completed by Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel by means of a personal interivew with the sponsor.

Interview Date October 24, 1984

Department Interview Personnel:

Don Hyyppa

Paul Pacini

Sponsor's Name Becky Gilmer

Sponsor's Mailing Address

P. O. Box 465

Boulder, Montana 59632

Sponsor's Phone Number...

Day 225-3810

Evening 225-4217

Site Description

1. Site Name: Amazon Recreation Trail (abandoned BN R.R.)

2. Site Location:

County Jefferson

Township 6N,7N,8N,9N Range 3W,4W,5W Section _____

3. How many acres comprise the proposal? 412.12 acres, 34 mile length of abandoned RR right-of-way extending from Montana City, traveling by old mountain mining communities including Wickes and Corbin, within one mile of Boulder and terminating at the Basin depot.

4. Does legal access to the property now exist?

X Yes _____ No

If yes, describe the access route from the nearest federal, state, county or city highway/road.

Access is available to the RR right-of-way at various points as it passes through Montana City, Jefferson City, Clancy, Boulder, and Basin.

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5. Include two maps:

   a) a location map showing the proposal's boundary, and

   b) a vicinity map showing the proposal's relationship to a nearby community.

6. Include black and white photographs or color slides of the proposed site depicting the features which would affect its propriety as an addition to the State Park System.

Site Amenities

7. Check the recreational activities that would be popular at this site.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X | Picnicking | | Motor boating |
| X | Camping | | Water Skiing |
| X | Trail Walking | | Swimming |
| X | Bicycling | X | Fishing |
| | Canoeing or Rafting | X | Hunting |
| X | Other: specify Cross-country skiing | | |
| | Other: specify | | |

8. During what season(s) would this site receive significant use?

   X Spring; X Summer; X Fall; X Winter

9. What incorporated cities or towns are located within 25 driving miles of the proposed site?

   Boulder (city, town) Helena (city or town)

10. How many miles is it to the nearest Interstate, State or U.S. numbered highway?

   less than a mile at selected points (miles) I-15 (I, State, or U.S. number)

ART

11. Within 25 driving miles of the proposed site, what federal, state or local government owned recreation sites exist which would provide the same kind of recreational opportunities as this proposal?

None
(site name)

(site name)

(site name)

(site name)

12. Does the proposed site have historic or archaeological value?

X Yes

No

If yes, please explain: A turn of the century rail route, complete with a 1 mile tunnel, and a 600 foot long, 100 foot high trestle passing through historic mining country. Historic structures such as a brick kiln, and smelter stack are located within a mile of the rail bed and partially visible from the proposed trail at Wicks and Corbin. Evidence of historic mining activities are evident throughout the length of the rail bed.

13. Does the proposed site have scientific value? ie: unique geological or ecological features

X Yes

No

If yes, please explain: Natural features along most of the length of the proposed trail would lend itself well to elementary through college level scientific field trips.

14. Name any lake, pond, river or stream which is contiguous with or contained within the proposed site:

Prickley Pear Creek, Boulder River, Corbin Creek, Spring Creek, Amazon Creek

ART

15. Indicate the predominant type of vegitative cover found on the proposed site. Check more than one if appropriate.

__x__ Coniferous Trees
_____ Deciduous Trees
__x__ Brushy
__x__ Grassland
_____ Barren

16. If there are other features of the proposed site which should be taken into consideration, please describe them here.

None

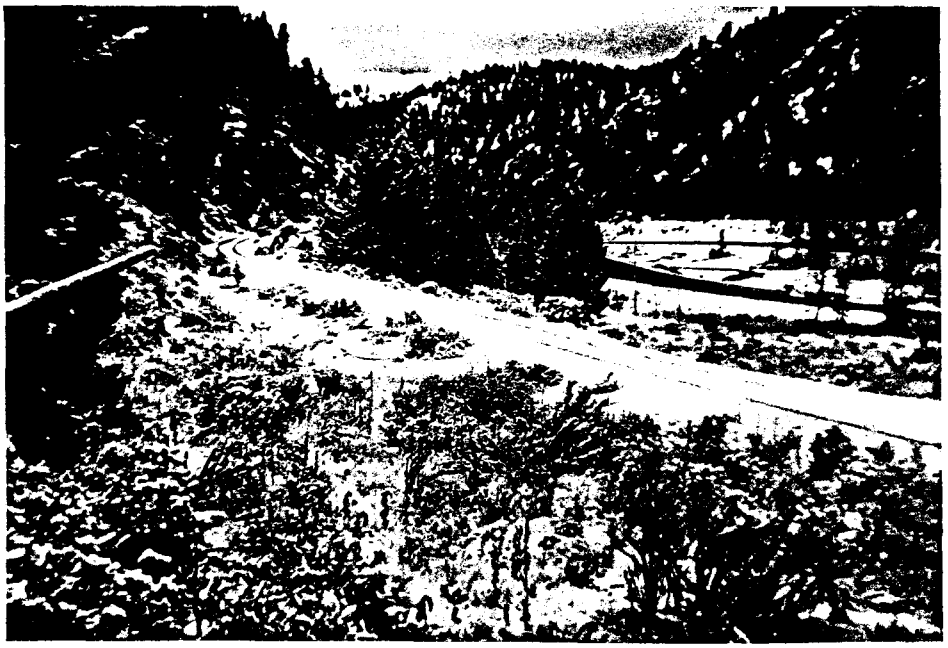
Site Cost

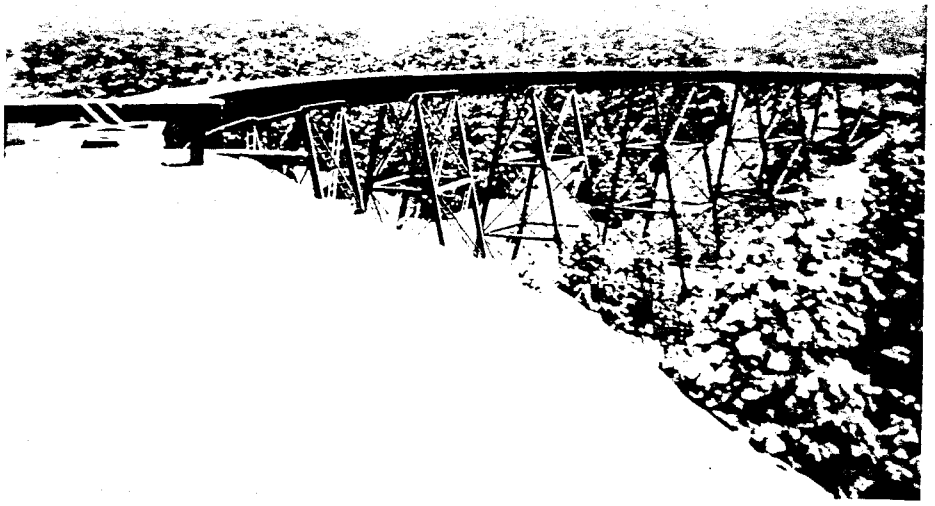
17. It is strongly urged that an appraisal accompany this proposal. The appraisal must be completed by a certified MAI (Member Appraisal Institute) of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisors. The sponsor is responsible for any costs incurred.

Appraised value of this site: $_____
Date of Appraisal: _____
Name of Appraisor and Company: _____

18. For what price is the owner willing to sell? $_____.__

I, _____, resident of
(owner's name)
_____, owner of
(city, state)
the property described by this proposal, on _____
(today's date)
verify by my signature that the information in item number 18 is correct.





## DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS PROPOSALS

The 1981 Legislature's Long Range Building Committee passed a resolution authorizing the Department to submit proposals along with those received from the public, for Coal Tax Trust Fund acquisitions. The instructions from the resolution state...

> As a "governing unit" the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks shall submit a proposal or proposals for the acquisition of a site or area described in 23-1-102 from the income of the trust fund created b 15-35-103 (2) (h) (ii). The proposal(s) shall be included in the list of areas that are proposed for purchase as additions to Montana State Parks system which the Fish and Game Commission presents to the Legislature by the 15th day of the legislative session.

During the 1983 Legislature, two specific sites and authority to acquire miscellaneous inholdings within the Park System were approved at the Department's request.

The Coal Tax Park Acquisition Program was created a decade ago. In that time nineteen acquisitions have been made, adding more than 6500 acres to the State Park System. Unfortunately, the potential of many of these sites remain unrealized because of budgetary emphasis on acquisition rather than development. At the same time our ability to properly care for other elements of the State Parks System is diminishing relative to needs. This is especially true at sites which must rely on the General Fund.

Therefore, after examining the alternatives the Department will recommend a temporary change of emphasis for the Coal Tax Parks program...

First it is recommended that no new sites be acquired this biennium and the Department, therefore, is submitting no proposals. This decision was made with mixed feelings. There are numerous opportunities to acquire outstanding additions to the park system and some may be lost if not purchased now. On the other hand we feel it is more important to properly manage the present system.

This visionary acquisition program should not be abandoned but rather tabled for this session. Later a balanced program of acquisitions, development and maintenance can be achieved.

Second we recommend allowing the parks coal tax to be used to operate any element of the parks system, not just the sites acquired with coal tax as the present law provides.

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PRELIMINARY

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
1984 APPLICATIONS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECOMMENDATIONS
WATER RESERVATIONS CATEGORY

| APPLICANT/PROJECT | REQUEST | RECOMMENDATION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. LOWER YELLOWSTONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/Reserved Water Development Investigation | $ 25,000 | $25,000 | $100,374 projected funds in this category |
| 2. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION—CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DIVISION, Water Reservation Development Program | 100,000 | 70,000 | |

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
1984 APPLICATIONS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECOMMENDATIONS--TIMBER CATEGORY

| APPLICANT/PROJECT | REQUEST | RECOMMENDATION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA<br>Montana Forest and Conservation Experiment Station | $ 19,359 | $ 19,000 | $150,561 projected funds available |
| 2. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS | 270,343 | 91,000 | |
| TOTALS | $289,702 | $110,000 | |

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
1984 APPLICATIONS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECOMMENDATIONS
IMPROVEMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND CATEGORY

| APPLICANT/PROJECT | REQUEST | RECOMMENDATION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. TOOLE COUNTY—Marias River Basin Weed Control | $197,468 | $46,000 | |
| 2. MILE HIGH CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Reclamation of Heavy Metal Contaminated Agricultural Lands | 103,961 | 88,400 | |
| **3. MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY/TETON COUNTY<br>Leafy Spurge; Biological Control | 18,000 | 14,000 | |
| 4. JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Cooperative Noxious Weed Control | 70,567 | 46,000 | $150,561 projected funds available in this category |
| 5. MCCONE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Conservation Tillage Demonstration Project | 45,740 | 34,000 | |
| 6. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS<br>Mt. Haggin Fencing Project | 53,000 | 42,000 | |
| 7. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS<br>Noxious Plant Control on State Wildlife Management Areas | 103,168 | 83,000 | |
| 8. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION—CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DIVISION<br>Grazing Management for Noxious Weed Control | 10,600 | 7,000 | |
| 9. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE<br>Coordinated Weed Management Project | 100,000 | 65,000 | |

| APPLICANT/PROJECT | REQUEST | RECOMMENDATION |
|---|---|---|
| 10. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION—CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DIVISION Rangeland Weed Control Cost Assistance | 150,000 | 90,000 |
| **11. VALLEY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT Leafy Spurge Control Project | 20,000 | 13,000 |
| 12. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION—CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DIVISION Soil Survey Mapping Project | 61,000 | -0- |
| 13. MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND ECONOMICS Research the Economic Incentives and Policy Implications of "Plowout" in Montana | 67,000 | -0- |
| TOTALS | $1,000,504 | $528,400 |

** Reapplications were permitted for projects that were approved for funding but did not receive any or all of the grant funds because of unforeseen reductions in the coal tax revenues. These 1984 recommendations do not exceed the previously approved grant amounts.

TABLE 11
RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
"OTHER" CATEGORY
FUNDING REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

| APPLICANT/PROJECT | REQUEST | RECOMMENDATION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. GALLATIN COUNTY—West Yellowstone/Hebgen Basin Bear-Proof Refuse Container | 69,959 | 70,000 | |
| 2. MISSOULA, CITY OF—Missoula Open Space and agricultural land conservation program | $ 27,500 | $ 27,500 | |
| **3. MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND ECONOMICS Economics of on-farm wind generation | 20,200 | 14,000 | $50,187 projected funds available in this category plus $45,935 transferred from Timber and Water Reservation categories as recommended. Total available funds: $96,122 |
| 4. WEST YELLOWSTONE, CITY OF Rendezvous Ski Trail | 38,945 | 27,300 | |
| **5. CASCADE COUNTY—Park Board King's Hill Nordic Ski Center | 10,750 | 7,000 | |
| 6. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION—Conservation Education Grants Program | 40,000 | 24,000 | |
| TOTALS | $207,354 | $169,800 | |

** Reapplications were permitted for projects that were approved for funding by the 1983 Legislature but did not receive any or all of the grant funds because of reductions in coal tax revenues. The recommendations do not exceed the previously approved grant amounts.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
1984 APPLICATIONS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECOMMENDATIONS
WATER PROJECTS

| APPLICANT/PROJECT | REQUEST | RECOMMENDATION |
|---|---|---|
| 1. MONTANA BUREAU OF MINES & GEOLOGY<br>Statewide Groundwater Information Center | $131,800 | $100,000 |
| 2. TRIANGLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Triangle Saline Seep | 807,790 | 100,000 |
| 3. CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Willow Creek Stream Corridor Management | 84,886 | 68,000 |
| 4. UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA--MONTANA FOREST AND EXPERIMENT STATION/Riparian Vegetation System | 99,771 | 85,000 |
| 5. ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Vegetative Streambank Stabilization | 5,500 | 5,500 |
| 6. TETON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Upper Teton Aquifer Study | 155,470 | 100,000 |
| 7. MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY<br>Hydrological Assess of Pony and Cow Creeks | 68,808 | 69,000 |
| 8. TOWN OF EKALAKA<br>Water and Sewer Facilities Plan | 17,000 | 17,000 |
| 9. LEWIS & CLARK/JEFF VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT/Prickley Pear Stream Stabilization | 173,866 | 100,000 |
| 10. CUT BANK NORTH GLACIER WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT/North Cut Bank Sewer System | 175,000 | 50,000 grant<br>125,000 loan |
| 11. SEELEY LAKE MISSOULA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT<br>Development of Water and Sewer System Facilities Plan | 9,000 | 9,000 |

| APPLICANT/PROJECT | REQUEST | RECOMMENDATION |
|---|---|---|
| 12. UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA<br>Missoula Aquifer Study | 176,335 | 100,000 |
| 13. STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT & BEARTOOTH RC&D<br>Saline Seep Reclamation and Plowout | 94,912 | 80,000 |
| 14. GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT<br>Rehabilitation & Automation of Bifurcation Structure (new) | 49,244 | 17,000 grant<br>32,244 loan |
| 15. GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT<br>Rehabilitation & Automation of Bifurcation Structure (old) | 54,226 | 54,000 |
| 16. CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Cottonwood Creek Stream Corridor Management | 27,068 | 19,000 |
| 17. MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY<br>Impacts of Small Hydropower on Trout | 99,698 | 97,000 |
| 18. ANTELOPE WATER/SEWER DISTRICT<br>Water/Sewer System Construction | 160,000 | 60,000 grant<br>100,000 loan |
| 19. DANIELS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Poplar River Monitoring | 99,173 | 99,000 |
| 20. TOWN OF CASCADE/Landfill<br>Rehabilitation and Park Development | 100,000 | 44,000 grant<br>66,000 loan |
| 21. SHERIDAN COUNTY<br>Northeast Montana Groundwater Study | 100,000 | 75,000 |
| 22. TREASURE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Irrigation System Reorganization | 17,160 | 17,000 |
| 23. TOWN OF SACO<br>Water Systems Improvement | 200,000 | 41,800 grant<br>158,200 loan |
| 24. TWO LEGGINS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION<br>Weed & Moss Catcher | 120,000 | 20,000 grant<br>100,000 loan |

| APPLICANT/PROJECT | REQUEST | RECOMMENDATION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25. BOX ELDER RURAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT<br>Well Development | 100,000 | 28,000 grant<br>142,000 loan | |
| 26. SHERIDAN COUNTY—RESERVE SEWER DISTRICT<br>Reserve Sewer System | 150,000 | 33,000 grant<br>117,000 loan | |
| 27. PIPESTONE DITCH COMPANY<br>Gravity Irrigation System | 35,000 | 6,000 grant<br>29,000 loan | |
| 28. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS<br>Gartside Dam Repair | 403,200 | 100,000 | |
| 29. BUTTE/SILVER BOW<br>Sewer Sludge Application and Plant Trials | 88,981 | 82,000 | |
| 30. DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Gilman Wilberly Group Flood Protection | 38,167 | 15,000 | |
| 31. MONTANA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS, INC.<br>Potable Water System Technical Advisor | 100,000 | 16,700 | $1,740,240 projected grant funds available for water projects |
| 32. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS<br>McNeil Slough Dam Restoration | 86,773 | 56,000 | |
| 33. FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY<br>Groundwater Study | 73,280 | 57,000 | |
| 34. MONTANA BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY<br>Madison Valley Arsenic Groundwater Study | 43,989 | 44,000 | |
| 35. BILLINGS BENCH WATER ASSOCIATION<br>Ditch Rehabilitation | 200,000 | 33,000 grant<br>167,000 loan | |
| 36. MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY<br>Groundwater Exploration of Bozeman Fan | 113,817 | 85,000 | |

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| 37. WHITEFISH WATER & SEWER DISTRICT<br>Whitefish Lake Critical Area Study | 208,592 | 100,000 |
| 38. MEAGHER COUNTY/Newlan Creek Dam and Irrigation Feasibility | 231,000 | 100,000 |
| 39. MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY SOUTHERN AG RESEARCH CENTER/Cablegation Demonstration | 31,000 | 10,000 |
| 40. SOUTH K & G/Water System and Supply | 88,000 | 88,000 |
| 41. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS<br>Streambank Preservation | 50,000 | 35,000 |
| 42. TREASURE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT<br>Low Interest Loans for Underground Pipe Placement | 300,000 | 100,000 |
| 43. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION—CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIVISION<br>Riparian Management Program | 95,000 | 66,500 |
| 44. CUSTER COUNTY<br>Fairgrounds Sewer System | 117,380 | 25,000 grant<br>92,380 loan |
| 45. MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING/Guidelines for Community Water Demands | 31,700 | 25,000 |
| 46. GLEN LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT<br>Therriault Creek Siphon Construction | 155,000 | 32,000 grant<br>123,000 loan |
| 47. COOKE CITY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION<br>Water System Improvements | 200,000 | 42,000 grant<br>158,000 loan |
| 48. RED LODGE/Park & Irrigation System Development | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| 49. CITY OF BELT<br>Sewage System Lift Station | 160,000 | 33,000 grant<br>127,000 loan |

| APPLICANT/PROJECT | REQUEST | RECOMMENDATION |
|---|---|---|
| 50. CITY OF POLSON<br>South Polson Water Collection Project | 200,000 | 42,000 grant<br>158,000 loan |
| 51. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION--CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DIVISION<br>Streambank Reclamation | 55,000 | 38,500 |
| 52. FAIRFIELD/Open Ditch Conversion | 115,000 | 80,500 grant<br>34,500 loan |
| 53. PONDERA CANAL AND RESERVOIR COMPANY<br>Canal Dredging for Conrad Water Supply | 50,000 | 8,350 grant<br>41,650 loan |
| 54. MONTANA BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY<br>Butte Mine Flooding Monitoring | 99,527 | 96,000 |
| 55. TOWN OF DUTTON<br>Municipal Water Supply Study | 29,700 | 19,300 |
| 56. CITY OF PLENTYWOOD<br>Water System Improvement Facility | 53,400 | 37,000 |
| 57. EAST BENCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT<br>Hydropower Development Feasibility Study | 60,000 | 39,000 |
| 58. BONNIE SWANDAL<br>Low Pressure Sprinkler System Installation | 30,000 | 2,500 grant<br>27,500 loan |
| 59. CITY OF HAMILTON<br>Water System Renovation | 49,068 | 24,500 grant<br>24,568 loan |
| 60. CITY OF MILES CITY<br>Park Irrigation System Conversion | 5,562 | 3,800 |
| 61. CITY OF SHELBY<br>Water Supply Development | 81,625 | 25,000 grant<br>56,625 loan |
| 62. CASCADE COUNTY RID #26<br>Water Line Replacement | 200,000 | 33,000 grant<br>167,000 loan |

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|---|---|---|
| 63. CITY OF MILES CITY<br>Upgrade Recreation Lake Boat Facilities | 36,722 | 26,000 |
| 64. CITY OF CHOTEAU<br>Water Supply Study | 34,400 | 0 |
| 65. GORE HILL WATER DISTRICT<br>Water System Improvements | 162,000 | 27,000 grant<br>135,000 loan |
| 66. TOWN OF SCOBY<br>Water System Improvements | 8,990 | 5,000 grant<br>3,990 loan |
| 67. GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT<br>Hydropower Feasibility Study | 28,000 | 28,000 |
| 68. TOWN OF KEVIN<br>Water Storage Reservoir Repair | 200,000 | 25,000 grant<br>175,000 loan |
| 69. TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE<br>Storm Sewer/Water System Study | 32,000 | 21,000 |
| 70. SHERROT CREEK HYDRO PROJECT<br>Small Hydro Development | 160,000 | 22,000 grant<br>138,000 loan |
| 71. PLEASANT HILLS ESTATES<br>New Well and Pump | 19,550 | 3,400 grant<br>16,000 loan |
| 72. CITY OF HELENA<br>Sewage Treatment Plant Effluent Pipeline | 154,525 | 21,000 grant<br>133,525 loan |
| 73. SUN PRAIRIE ESTATES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT<br>Water System Improvements | 121,000 | 20,000 grant<br>101,000 loan |
| 74. MEAGHER COUNTY<br>Golf Course Gravity Flow Irrigation System | 144,130 | 94,000 |
| 75. CASCADE COUNTY<br>Gibson Flats Flood Control Study | 22,600 | 0 |
| 76. CITY OF HELENA<br>Water System Storage Improvement | 102,310 | 17,000 grant<br>85,310 loan |

TABLE 3
COAL SEVERANCE TAX LOAN PROGRAM
WATER PROJECTS
LOAN AMOUNTS AND INTEREST RECOMMENDATIONS

The following loan applications are arranged alphabetically in 4 groups. Each group is recommended for a different interest arrangement. Group A projects are recommended for the greatest level of subsidy and Group D projects will repay the loan at the state bond rate. The three levels of subsidy are based on the percentage above the state average utility rate or assessment per irrigated acre which would be needed to repay the requested loan. Group A projects would require rates or assessments of 200% or more above the state average to repay the loan, Group B would require rates or assessments from 100% to 200% above the state average and Group C would require up to 100% above the state average.

GROUP A The following loans are recommended for an interest rate of 4 percentage points below the rate at which the state bond is sold for the first 7 years of an anticipated 20 year term, and the rate at which the state bond is sold for the remaining 13 years.

| Applicant/Project | Recommended Loan Amount |
|---|---|
| Billings Heights Water District/Oxbow Area Water Supply | $ 1,100,000 |
| Town of Drummond/Fire and Water Project | $ 304,600 |
| Town of Dutton/Water Supply Construction | $ 652,000 |
| East Bench Irrigation District McHessor Dry Gulch Gravity Irrigation System | $ 1,317,295 |
| Evergreen Water and Sewer District/Flathead County Sewer System | $ 3,226,900 |
| Town of Neihart/Water System Improvement | $ 550,000 |
| City of Glasgow/Water Supply Source | $ 5,662,000 |
| Yellowstone County/Cedar Park Water System | $ 555,000 |
| TOTAL | $13,367,795 |
| Town of Denton/Water Source | $ 185,000 |
| Town of Dodson/Water Source | $ 145,398 |
| East Bench Irrigation District/Gravity Irrigation System | $ 400,000 |
| Geraldine County Water District/Rural Water System | $ 313,910 |
| Hungry Horse Water and Sewer District/Rehabilitation | $ 792,430 |
| TOTAL | $15,204,533 |

GROUP B The following loans are recommended for an interest rate of 3 percentage points below the rate at which the state bond is sold for the first 7 years of an anticipated 20 year term, and the rate at which the state bond is sold for the remaining 13 years.

| Applicant/Project | Recommended Loan Amount |
|---|---|
| Cooke Passe-Cooke City-Silver Gate County Water/Sewer District Sewer Improvements | $ 336,730 |
| City of Fort Benton/Water System Improvement | $ 753,060 |
| Lakeside County Sewer District/Wastewater Treatment Facility | $ 800,000 |
| Town of Lima/Water Facilities Update | $ 376,500 |
| Town of Poplar/Water System Improvement | $ 477,260 |
| Roosevelt County Rural Water District/Rural Water System | $ 2,219,124 |
| Worden/Ballentine Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District Reservoir Construction | $ 500,000 |
| TOTAL | $ 5,402,674 |

GROUP C The following loans are recommended for an interest rate of 2 percentage points below the rate at which the state bond is sold for the first 7 years of an anticipated 20 year term, and the rate at which the state bond is sold for the remaining 13 years.

| Applicant/Project | Recommended Loan Amount |
|---|---|
| City of Bozeman/Lyman Creek Water System Improvements | $ 726,079 |
| Charlo Water Users Association/Distribution System Replacement | $ 269,440 |
| City of East Helena/Water System Improvement | $ 434,454 |
| Town of Ekalaka/Water system Renovation | $ 395,250 |
| City of Havre/Water System Improvement | $ 2,590,000 |
| Hill County Water District/Rural Water Supply | $ 1,410,000 |
| Lockwood Irrigation District/System Renovation | $ 247,000 |
| Pondera County Conservation District/Lower Birch Creek Watershed | $ 750,000 |
| Seeley Lake Water District/Water Storage Tank | $ 310,706 |
| Tiber County Water District/New Control and Monitoring System | $ 559,260 |
| Whitehall/Sewer Project | $ 300,400 |
| White Sulphur Springs/Water System Improvements | $ 639,150 |
| TOTAL | $ 8,631,719 |

GROUP D The following projects are recommended for loans at the interest rate at which the state bond is sold. Middle Creek is a state project and the Tiber Dam project is revenue producing and therefore not recommended for a subsidy.

| Applicant/Project | Recommended Loan Amount |
|---|---|
| Middle Creek Dam Rehabilitation | $ 3,500,000 |
| Milk River Irrigation District/Tiber Dam Power Project | $17,869,000 |
| TOTAL | $21,369,000 |
| GRAND TOTAL | $50,667,926 |

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| Brenda Schafer | Glasgow | Montana Arts Advocacy | | |
| Ellen Fever | Helena | DofA | | |
| Rep. Jack Sands | Helena | | | |
| Joe Flynn | Helena | DFWP | | |
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