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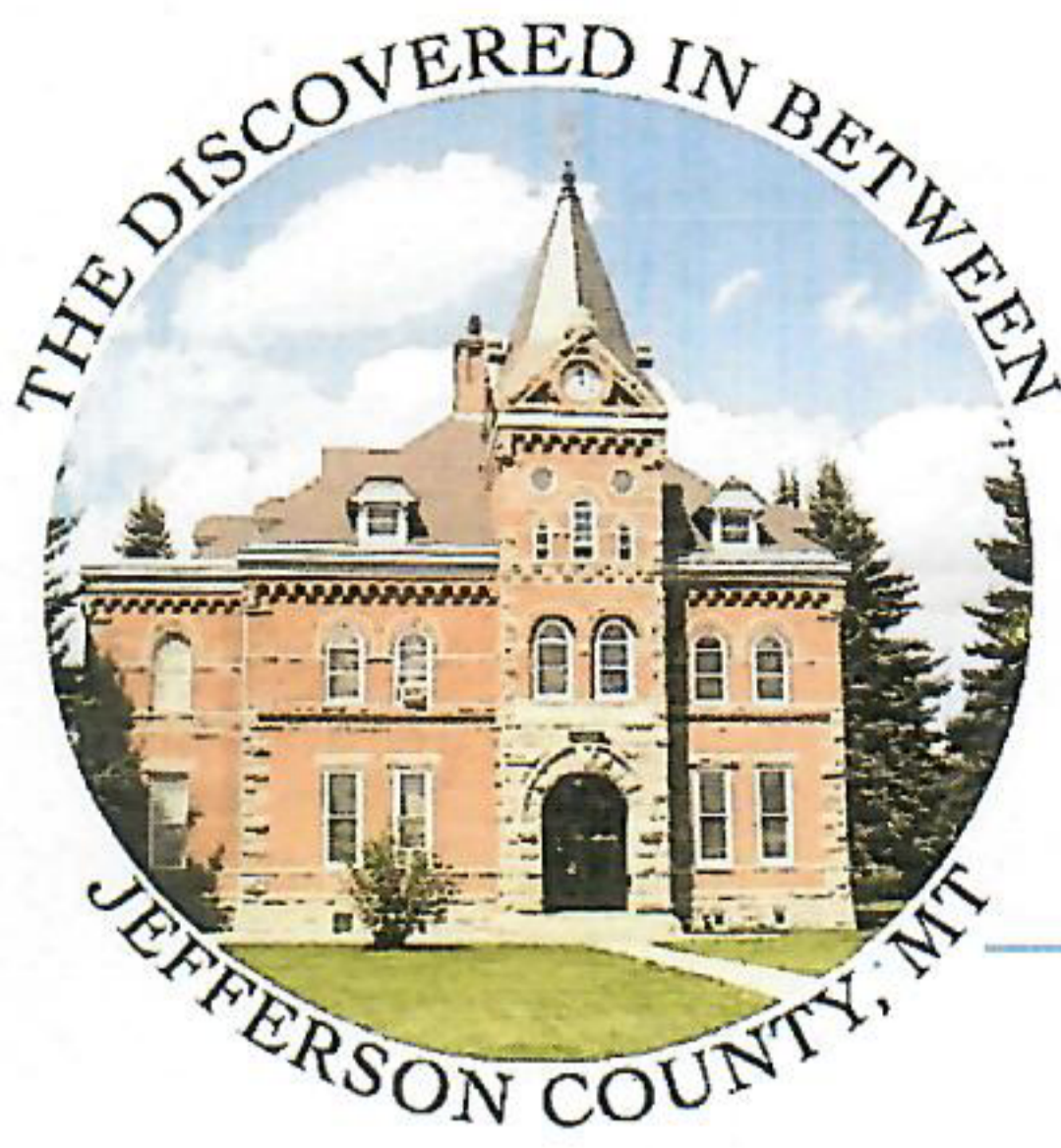
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## DESIGNATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

April 15, 2026

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Dear Ms Lee,

This is to notify you that Cory Kirsch, Commissioner, is designated as the Environmental Certifying Official responsible for all activities associated with the environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the 2019 CDBG grant awarded to Jefferson County, Montana.

Sincerely,

  
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Signature\*

Cory Kirsch, Commissioner



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## **Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58**

### **Project Information**

**Project Name: Clancy Water and Sewer District Water Improvements Project**

**Responsible Entity: Jefferson County**

**Grant Recipient** (if different than Responsible Entity):

**State/Local Identifier:** Montana

**Preparer: Kasia Bothman-Little, Compliance Specialist**

**Certifying Officer Name and Title: Cory Kirsch, Commissioner**

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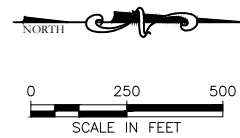
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### Clancy Water System Improvements Phase 1 & Phase 2

CLANCY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

**Project Location:**

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is located within the unincorporated community of Clancy, in Jefferson County, Montana. The project area includes multiple segments within the existing developed roadway corridors and adjacent utility easements throughout the community.

Project activities will occur along and near the following roadways and areas:

- South 1st Street
- Clancy Creek Road
- East Clancy Street
- North Main Street
- South Main Street
- Cutoff Road
- Legal Tender Lane

As shown on the attached Clancy Water System Improvements Phase 1 & Phase 2 Project Location Map, Phase 1 and Phase 2 components are distributed throughout the existing community footprint and occur primarily within previously disturbed rights-of-way and developed areas

**Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.21 & 58.32]:**

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project consists of the phased development of a centralized public water supply system to serve residents and users within the Clancy Water and Sewer District in Clancy, Jefferson County, Montana. The project includes development of new municipal groundwater sources and construction of associated treatment, storage, transmission, and distribution infrastructure.

The project will be located within the existing developed areas of Clancy and will utilize a combination of previously disturbed sites, existing public roadways, easement agreements, and utility rights-of-way. Project components are planned along and near South 1st Street, Clancy Creek Road, East Clancy Street, North Main Street, South Main Street, Cutoff Road, and Legal Tender Lane. The locations of all Phase 1 and Phase 2 improvements are depicted on the attached project location maps.

**Phase 1 – Water Supply Development**

Phase 1 of the project includes the drilling, construction, development, and testing of two new municipal groundwater wells to provide a safe and reliable potable water source for the community. These wells will be constructed in accordance with applicable Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements and will serve as the primary and redundant water supply sources for the future public water system.

Phase 1 activities include:

- Drilling and completion of two groundwater supply wells
- Installation of well casing and grouting to protect groundwater quality
- Aquifer testing and water quality sampling
- Temporary disturbance associated with drilling equipment and site access

Phase 1 activities will be limited in duration and footprint and will occur on property where permanent easements are being secured by the Clancy Water and Sewer District.

**Phase 2 – Water System Infrastructure**

Phase 2 of the project includes construction of facilities necessary to distribute treated potable water throughout the community. Phase 2 improvements include:

- Construction of a wellhouse to house pumping equipment and system controls
- Installation of chlorine disinfection equipment to provide required primary disinfection
- Construction of a new water storage tank to provide system storage and operational reliability
- Installation of water transmission mains connecting the wells to the storage and distribution system
- Development of a water distribution system, including service connections and installation of water meters

Most Phase 2 infrastructure will be installed within existing roadways or utility corridors and will involve trenching, pipe installation, and restoration of disturbed surfaces to pre-construction conditions.

Construction will involve standard water utility construction techniques, including drilling, trenching, pipe installation, and facility construction. Temporary impacts such as noise, dust, traffic disruptions, and ground disturbance will occur during construction but will be minimized through best management practices and local permitting requirements.

The project is planned as a phased implementation, with Phase 1 well development occurring first, followed by Phase 2 system construction once source capacity is established.

Following construction, the system will be owned, operated, and maintained by the Clancy Water and Sewer District as a regulated public water system. No change in land use is proposed beyond installation of essential utility infrastructure. The project does not include wastewater system improvements.

The proposed project will develop new groundwater supply wells and construct supporting water system infrastructure to establish a centralized public water supply for Clancy. All project components are located within or adjacent to existing development and utilize established transportation and utility corridors, minimizing disturbance to undeveloped lands and sensitive environmental resources.

### **Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal:**

The purpose of the proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is to provide a safe, reliable, and centrally managed public water supply system for residents and users within the Clancy Water and Sewer District in Clancy, Jefferson County, Montana. The project is intended to eliminate reliance on unsafe private drinking water sources, protect public health, and ensure long-term water system reliability in compliance with applicable federal and state drinking water standards.

The need for the proposed action is demonstrated by documented deficiencies in existing drinking water conditions within the project area. The community does not currently have a centralized public water system and relies on individual private wells, many of which are shallow, aging, and located in close proximity to onsite septic systems. Testing of private wells in Clancy has identified elevated concentrations of nitrates, uranium, and bacterial contaminants, including exceedances of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Maximum Contaminant Levels. These conditions present a direct and ongoing risk to public health, particularly for infants, pregnant individuals, and other sensitive populations.

Due to shallow groundwater conditions, small lot sizes, and the prevalence of failing or aging septic systems, individual corrective measures—such as well replacement, septic upgrades, or point-of-use water treatment—are not feasible or effective as long-term solutions. Continued reliance on private wells would perpetuate unsafe drinking water conditions and does not provide a regulated, enforceable mechanism to ensure water quality compliance.

The proposed project addresses these conditions by developing new municipal groundwater sources (Phase 1) and constructing associated treatment, storage, and distribution infrastructure (Phase 2). This centralized system will provide treated, monitored potable water that meets regulatory standards, eliminate reliance on contaminated private wells, and improve public health, safety, and system reliability. The project also supports the continued viability of existing residences and modest, planned community growth without creating significant environmental impacts.

### **Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:**

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is located within the unincorporated community of Clancy, in Jefferson County, Montana. The project area consists primarily of existing residential development, limited commercial uses, public facilities, and associated roadway corridors. Land use within the Clancy Water and Sewer District reflects a small, rural community that has developed incrementally over time, with a mixture of older homes and limited infill development.

#### Existing Water Supply Conditions

Clancy does not currently have a centralized public water supply system. Domestic water service is provided by individual private groundwater wells, many of which were constructed prior to modern design standards and regulatory oversight. These wells vary in depth, construction, and yield and are not subject to centralized monitoring, treatment, or enforcement.

Groundwater quality investigations conducted within the community have documented widespread water quality concerns, including elevated concentrations of nitrates, uranium, and episodic bacterial contamination in private drinking water wells. Testing has identified exceedances of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Maximum Contaminant Levels for nitrate and uranium in a significant portion of sampled wells, indicating that existing groundwater sources are not consistently safe for potable use.

#### Septic Systems and Groundwater Interaction

Wastewater disposal within Clancy relies on individual onsite septic systems, many of which are aging, undersized, or failing. Due to shallow groundwater conditions, small lot sizes, and close proximity of wells to drainfields, adequate separation distances required by current health regulations often cannot be met. Local and regional investigations have concluded that failing septic systems are a primary contributor to groundwater degradation, particularly elevated nitrate concentrations.

Groundwater depths within the community generally become shallower toward Prickly Pear Creek and Clancy Creek, increasing vulnerability to contamination. Groundwater flow is generally toward local surface water features, further linking septic system performance with groundwater and surface water quality concerns.

#### Public Health and Environmental Trends

Water quality trends indicate that existing conditions within Clancy present an ongoing public health risk, particularly to infants, pregnant individuals, and other sensitive populations. Elevated nitrate concentrations in drinking water are associated with methemoglobinemia and other adverse health effects, while long-term exposure to elevated uranium levels has been linked to kidney damage and increased cancer risk. These conditions have been persistent over time and are not expected to improve without removal of reliance on contaminated private wells.

Interim measures such as bottled water or point-of-use treatment systems have been used by some residents but do not represent reliable, enforceable, or sustainable solutions at the community scale. Continued

reliance on private wells is expected to perpetuate unsafe drinking water conditions and limit the community's ability to safeguard public health.

### Land Use and Development Trends

Development within the Clancy Water and Sewer District has remained limited due in part to drinking water and wastewater constraints. The absence of a centralized water system has restricted new development and infill, and has had complications achieving compliance with public health regulations. Existing development generally follows established transportation corridors and previously disturbed areas, and no significant land use changes are anticipated absent public infrastructure improvements.

### Summary of Existing Conditions

Existing conditions within the project area are characterized by:

- Lack of a centralized public water supply
- Documented groundwater contamination affecting private wells
- Aging and failing onsite septic systems
- Shallow groundwater conditions increasing contamination potential
- Persistent public health risks related to drinking water quality

These conditions are expected to continue or worsen without implementation of a centralized, regulated public water system.

### **Funding Information**

<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>HUD Program</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
MT-CDBG-19PF-06	Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities	\$450,000

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$450,000**

**Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$4,561,120**

**Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities**

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

<b>Compliance Factors:</b> Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
<b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6</b>		
<b>Airport Hazards</b>  24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes    No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>A review was conducted to determine compliance with HUD Airport Hazards standards under 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D. FAA mapping indicates that the proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is not located within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport or 15,000 feet of a military airport, and is not within any Runway Protection Zone (RPZ), Clear Zone (CZ), or Accident Potential Zone (APZ).</p> <p>In addition to spatial review, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Helena Airports District Office, reviewed the proposed project scope, figures, and location. In a response dated March 20, 2026, the FAA concluded that the project is unlikely to pose a risk to navigable airspace and identified no aviation safety concerns.</p> <p>Based on FAA mapping and written agency concurrence, the project complies with 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D (Airport Hazards). No further consultation, mitigation measures, or special approvals are required.</p> <p>See downloaded map information and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix A.</p>
<b>Coastal Barrier Resources</b>  Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes    No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is not located within a designated Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) unit. Review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper confirms that the project location in Clancy, Jefferson County, Montana is entirely outside mapped CBRS boundaries.</p> <p>Because the project site is not within a CBRS unit, the restrictions of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act do not apply, and the project is in compliance with this authority. No further consultation, mitigation, or special approvals are required.</p>

		See the downloaded map information and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix B.
<p><b>Flood Insurance</b></p> <p>Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Based on review of best available floodplain information, including the Montana DNRC Flood Risk Map Viewer (Draft Mapping and Effective Mapping) and project-specific floodplain exhibits, portions of the Clancy Water System Improvements Project are located within the 1-percent annual chance (100-year) floodplain and Zone X. Project mapping indicates approximately 0.20 acres of disturbance within the 100-year floodplain and 0.15 acres within Zone X.</p> <p>Jefferson County does not currently have effective FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the project area; therefore, DNRC draft and effective mapping constitute the best available information for this determination.</p> <p>The proposed action involves public water system utility infrastructure (wells, transmission and distribution mains, and related facilities) and does not include HUD mortgage insurance, acquisition, rehabilitation, or assistance for insurable residential structures. Accordingly, mandatory flood insurance requirements are not triggered under the Flood Disaster Protection Act or the National Flood Insurance Reform Act.</p> <p>Floodplain impacts and mitigation measures have been evaluated and documented separately under Executive Order 11988 and 24 CFR Part 55, including completion of public notice and identification of measures to minimize impacts to floodplain functions.</p> <p>See the downloaded floodplain information in Appendix C.</p>
<p><b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 &amp; 58.5</b></p>		
<p><b>Clean Air</b></p> <p>Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) &amp; (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The project is located in Jefferson County, Montana, which is designated as attainment for all criteria pollutants according to the EPA Green Book. The project does not involve construction of residential, commercial, or industrial facilities that would trigger Clean Air Act conformity requirements. The project is therefore in compliance with the Clean Air Act, and no mitigation measures are required.</p> <p>See downloaded information and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix D.</p>
<p><b>Coastal Zone Management</b></p> <p>Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) &amp; (d)</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is located in Clancy, Jefferson County, Montana, which is not within a federally approved Coastal Zone Management (CZM) area. Montana is not a coastal state and does not have an approved</p>

		<p>Coastal Zone Management Program under the Coastal Zone Management Act.</p> <p>Review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) Mapper confirms that the project location is inland and outside all designated coastal zones and coastal barrier units. Because the project is not located in, adjacent to, or affecting a coastal zone, the requirements of CZMA Sections 307(c) and (d) do not apply.</p> <p>The project is therefore in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act, and no coastal consistency determination or state coastal agency consultation is required.</p> <p>See the downloaded map information and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix B.</p>
<p><b>Contamination and Toxic Substances</b></p> <p>24 CFR Part 50.3(i) &amp; 58.5(i)(2)</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Federal and state environmental databases were reviewed, including the EPA Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) and Montana DEQ Underground Storage Tank (UST) and Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) records. No Superfund, NPL, or other known contaminated sites are located on or immediately adjacent to the project area. The proposed project does not involve the use, storage, or disposal of hazardous materials and will not disturb known contamination. Therefore, the project is in compliance with HUD contamination and toxic substances requirements, and no mitigation is required.</p> <p>See the downloaded source documentation and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix E.</p>
<p><b>Endangered Species</b></p> <p>Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>An official species list was obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Montana Ecological Services Field Office, for the proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project. The list identified several federally listed and proposed species that may occur in the broader region; however, no designated or proposed critical habitat overlaps the project area.</p> <p>The proposed project will be constructed entirely within previously developed areas, existing road rights-of-way, and other disturbed corridors. Project activities will not remove, modify, or degrade suitable habitat for federally listed or proposed species and will not affect surface waters or aquatic environments associated with listed species. Based on project location, design, and construction methods, the Responsible Entity has determined that the project will have No Effect on federally listed or proposed species or designated critical habitat.</p> <p>In addition to compliance with the Endangered Species Act, the project was reviewed for consistency with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Executive Order 13186. Project activities will occur primarily within existing rights-of-way and previously disturbed areas and are</p>

		<p>not expected to result in adverse effects to migratory bird populations. To the extent practicable, construction will avoid unnecessary vegetation removal during the primary nesting season. If active nests are encountered during construction, they will be avoided or protected until nesting activity has concluded.</p> <p>Because the project will have No Effect, consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required pursuant to 50 CFR §402.14. The project is therefore in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and its implementing regulations.</p> <p>See downloaded IPAC information and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix F.</p>
<p><b>Explosive and Flammable Hazards</b></p> <p>24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is not the development of a hazardous facility and does not involve the storage, handling, or processing of flammable or explosive materials. Review of Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) hazardous and flammable facilities data was conducted to identify any stationary aboveground storage containers within one mile of the project area. The Explosive and Flammable Facilities – Clancy map dated March 11, 2026, indicates that no stationary aboveground storage containers subject to 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C are present within one mile of the project site.</p> <p>In addition, the TW5 Piping Exhibit (Phase 1 &amp; Phase 2) confirms that all project components (wells, transmission mains, storage, and distribution piping) are located within existing road corridors and previously disturbed areas and do not intersect or approach any identified explosive or flammable facilities.</p> <p>Because no covered explosive or flammable facilities are present within the applicable screening distance, Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) calculations are not required, and no mitigation measures are necessary. The project therefore complies with 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C.</p> <p>See downloaded map information and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix G.</p>
<p><b>Farmlands Protection</b></p> <p>Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project will not convert farmland to non-agricultural use. The project consists of construction of municipal water infrastructure located primarily within existing road rights-of-way, utility corridors, developed areas, and previously disturbed lands. No acquisition or conversion of agricultural land is proposed.</p> <p>Review of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey for the project area indicates that no prime farmland, unique farmland, or</p>

		<p>farmland of statewide or local importance regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act occurs within the project footprint. Identified soils consist predominantly of disturbed, stony, steep-slope, bouldery, mine-affected, or complex upland soil units that are not classified as important farmland.</p> <p>Because the project does not involve conversion of agricultural land and qualifies as development within areas already committed to infrastructure use, the project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act. Preparation of Form AD-1006 or NRCS-CPA-106 and coordination with NRCS are not required.</p> <p>See downloaded map information and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix H.</p>
<p><b>Floodplain Management</b></p> <p>Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Responsible Entity reviewed the Clancy Water System Improvements in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Section 2(a) and 24 CFR Part 55. Best available floodplain information, including draft DNRC/FEMA floodplain mapping, indicates portions of the project are located within the FFRMS floodplain, triggering compliance with §55.20.</p> <p>The Responsible Entity completed the 8-Step Floodplain Management Decision-Making Process, including early and final public notices. Practicable alternatives to floodplain involvement were evaluated, including the No Action alternative. Due to the geographic setting of Clancy and the need to provide community-wide water infrastructure along existing corridors, no practicable alternative exists that would meet the project purpose and avoid floodplain impacts.</p> <p>Floodplain impacts have been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable through project design. No new habitable structures or substantial improvements are located within the floodplain. Public comment periods were completed, and no comments were received.</p> <p>The project complies with Executive Order 11988, Section 2(a), and 24 CFR Part 55.</p> <p>See the documented maps, 8-step process, public notices, and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix C.</p>
<p><b>Historic Preservation</b></p> <p>National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project was reviewed in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. The Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) conducted a cultural resource file search and concurred with a finding of No Historic Properties Affected, provided that no structures over fifty (50) years of age are disturbed.</p> <p>Tribal consultation was initiated with all potentially affiliated Tribes in accordance with HUD guidance. No Tribes submitted objections, concerns, or requests</p>

		<p>for further consultation. Based on SHPO concurrence and completion of tribal consultation, compliance with Section 106 has been achieved and no mitigation measures are required.</p> <p>See the consultation letters, responses (if received), and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix I.</p>
<p><b>Noise Abatement and Control</b></p> <p>Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The proposed project does not include new residential construction or other noise-sensitive land uses as defined under 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B. The project consists of public water system infrastructure, which is a non-noise-sensitive and noise-compatible use. A preliminary noise screening identified existing transportation noise sources in the vicinity, including an active railroad corridor and Interstate 15; however, the project will not introduce new population exposure to noise, nor will it increase existing noise levels.</p> <p>Based on the absence of noise-sensitive receptors and the compatibility of the proposed infrastructure with surrounding land uses, noise exposure is considered acceptable (<math>\leq 65</math> dB DNL) for purposes of HUD environmental review. No detailed quantitative noise modeling or mitigation measures are required. The project complies with the Noise Control Act of 1972, the Quiet Communities Act of 1978, and HUD noise regulations at 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B.</p> <p>See source documentation and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix J.</p>
<p><b>Sole Source Aquifers</b></p> <p>Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is not located on or within the recharge area, streamflow source area, or designated boundary of an EPA-designated Sole Source Aquifer. Review of the EPA Sole Source Aquifers mapping database (ArcGIS viewer) confirms that no Sole Source Aquifer designation applies to the project area in Clancy, Jefferson County, Montana.</p> <p>Because the project is not located on a designated Sole Source Aquifer, it will not contaminate a sole or principal drinking water source protected under the Safe Drinking Water Act and will not create a significant hazard to public health. Therefore, consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and additional review under 40 CFR Part 149 are not required.</p> <p>See downloaded map information and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix K.</p>
<p><b>Wetlands Protection</b></p> <p>Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Jefferson County reviewed the proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project in accordance with Executive Order 11990 and 24 CFR Part 55. National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapping identifies Freshwater Emergent and Riverine wetlands in portions of the project area. The proposed action includes limited, temporary ground disturbance within</p>

		<p>mapped wetland areas associated with installation of underground utility infrastructure within existing rights-of-way and previously disturbed corridors.</p> <p>These disturbances will not result in permanent loss of wetlands or long-term impairment of wetland functions. Temporarily disturbed wetland areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and vegetative condition following construction. Avoidance and minimization measures were incorporated into project design to the maximum extent practicable, including placement of above-ground facilities outside wetland areas and limiting impacts to linear crossings.</p> <p>Jefferson County completed the required 8-Step Floodplain and Wetlands Decision-Making Process, including early and final public notices. No practicable alternative exists that would meet the project purpose and need while completely avoiding wetland areas due to the geographic setting of the Clancy community and the need to install community-wide infrastructure along established corridors. No public comments were received. Based on implementation of avoidance, minimization, and restoration measures, the proposed project will not result in significant adverse impacts to wetlands or their natural and beneficial functions.</p> <p>Please see the documented 8-step process in Appendix C. Please see the wetland map documentation and the HUD-Issued worksheet in Appendix L.</p>
<p><b>Wild and Scenic Rivers</b></p> <p>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)</p>	<p>Yes    No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>A review of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS), including designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, Study Rivers, and the Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI), was conducted for the proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project in Clancy, Jefferson County, Montana. Designated Wild and Scenic Rivers in Montana are limited to specific segments of East Rosebud Creek, the Flathead River, and the Missouri River, none of which are located within or near the project area.</p> <p>The project is not within proximity to a designated Wild and Scenic River, Study River, or NRI segment, and will not have direct or indirect effects on rivers protected or identified under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Accordingly, consultation with a river-managing agency under Section 7 of the Act is not required, and no avoidance or mitigation measures are necessary.</p> <p>See map documentation and HUD-issued worksheet in Appendix M.</p>

**Environmental Assessment Factors** [24 CFR 58.40] Recorded below is the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed

action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable and supportive source documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. **All conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.**

**Impact Codes:** Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact – May require mitigation
- (4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
<b>LAND DEVELOPMENT</b>		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	2	<p>The proposed project includes development of two new municipal groundwater wells (Phase 1) and construction of water treatment, storage, transmission, and distribution infrastructure (Phase 2) within the existing developed community of Clancy. No change in land use designation, zoning classification, development density, or urban design is proposed.</p> <p>Land use in the project area is regulated by the North Jefferson County Zoning Regulations (adopted November 26, 2013), which designate the area for low-density residential and utility uses. Public water system facilities are allowed uses within these zoning districts. Review of the Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer (parcels, zoning, aerial imagery layers) confirms that all project components are located within existing development, public roadways, or secured utility easements and do not extend into undeveloped or agricultural lands.</p> <p>The project is consistent with the Jefferson County Growth Policy and the Southwestern Montana Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which emphasize public health, safety, and infrastructure rehabilitation rather than growth inducement.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Jefferson County Zoning Regulations (2013),</li> <li>• Jefferson County Growth Policy; Southwestern Montana CEDS (2012–2017);</li> <li>• Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer (parcel, zoning, and aerial imagery layers reviewed);</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report, Clancy Water System Improvements</i> (2018)</li> </ul>
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	2	<p>Phase 1 well drilling and Phase 2 pipeline and facility construction will result in temporary ground disturbance associated with drilling pads, trenching, and equipment access. These disturbances are localized, short-term, and occur within previously disturbed areas and existing road rights-of-way.</p> <p>Soil characteristics within the project area were reviewed using USDA NRCS soil data for Jefferson County. NRCS mapping indicates soils typical of developed valley areas with moderate erosion potential when disturbed. Review of the Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer slope and hillshade layers confirms that construction will not occur on steep or unstable slopes.</p> <p>The project will not permanently alter drainage patterns or stormwater runoff. Disturbed surfaces will be restored to pre-construction contours following installation.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS),</li> <li>• Soil Survey for Jefferson County, Montana (Web Soil Survey);</li> <li>• Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer (slope, hillshade, and aerial imagery layers);</li> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report, Clancy Water System Improvements</i> (2018)</li> </ul>
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise	2	<p>Temporary noise, dust, and traffic disruption will occur during drilling and construction activities and will be limited to the construction period. These conditions are typical of water utility projects and will be managed through standard construction practices and local permitting requirements.</p> <p>Long-term, the project provides a net reduction in community hazard exposure. The Jefferson County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (2011) identifies Clancy as having a high concentration of residences within Very High Wildfire Risk Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) zones. The development of reliable groundwater sources, storage, and distribution infrastructure directly improves fire-flow availability and emergency response capability.</p> <p>Noise conditions were evaluated in accordance with 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B and documented in Appendix J.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jefferson County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (2011), Section 4.2 – Wildfire;</li> <li>• Jefferson County ArcGIS Viewer (WUI and development context);</li> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report, Clancy Water System Improvements</i> (2018)</li> </ul>
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<b>SOCIOECONOMIC</b>		
Employment and Income Patterns	2	<p>The project will not result in long-term changes to employment patterns or income levels. Construction employment is temporary and limited to project installation.</p> <p>Income characteristics were evaluated using ACS 2015–2019 data and the 2018 Clancy Water and Sewer District Income Survey, which documented a median household income of \$48,266.50 and identified 53.8% of surveyed households as Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI). These data demonstrate a stable residential community served by the project rather than a workforce-driven population change.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clancy Income Survey Results Memorandum (June 4, 2018);</li> <li>• ACS 2015–2019</li> </ul>
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	<p>The project does not involve acquisition or demolition of occupied structures and does not require relocation of residents or businesses. Easements for wells and infrastructure are being secured in developed areas and public rights-of-way.</p> <p>Review of zoning, parcel data, and aerial imagery using the Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer confirms that no residential displacement will occur. The project serves existing development only and does not increase density or induce growth.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Jefferson County Zoning Regulations (2013);</li> <li>• Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer (parcels and aerial imagery);</li> <li>• Clancy Income Survey (2018);</li> <li>• Project Description and Maps</li> </ul>

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES</b>		
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	<p>The proposed project will have no significant effect on educational or cultural facilities serving Clancy, Montana. Educational services in the project area are anchored by Clancy Elementary School District 1, which serves students in grades K–8, and by Montana City Elementary/Middle School, which serves the nearby area. Additional early childhood education options include Discovery Kidzone and the Montana City School Preschool. Secondary and post-secondary education services for Clancy residents are provided by facilities located in nearby communities, including high schools in Helena and Jefferson High School in Boulder, as well as higher-education institutions in the Helena area.</p> <p>Cultural and educational enrichment resources include the Clancy Library, operated as part of the North Jefferson County Library District, and the Jefferson County Museum/Old Red Schoolhouse, which provides educational exhibits related to local history. Review of project location and construction activities confirms that no educational or cultural facilities are located within or adjacent to the project footprint, and no school operations, access, or services will be disrupted during construction.</p> <p>The project will not displace facilities, reduce capacity, or create demand for additional educational or cultural services. Construction activities are confined to existing rights-of-way and utility corridors and will not interfere with school operations or community programs. As a result, effects to educational and cultural facilities are absent and not significant, and no mitigation measures or coordination with school districts are required.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clancy Elementary School District 1 (K–8) — local public school serving Clancy</li> <li>• Montana City Elementary/Middle School and Preschool — regional elementary and early education services</li> <li>• Discovery Kidzone — local preschool and childcare provider</li> <li>• Clancy Library (North Jefferson County Library District) — community library services</li> <li>• Jefferson County Museum / Old Red Schoolhouse — local educational and cultural resource</li> <li>• Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer — facilities and parcel context</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report, Clancy Water System Improvements (2018)</i></li> </ul>
Commercial Facilities	1	<p>The proposed project will result in minor, long-term beneficial effects to commercial facilities serving the Clancy, Montana area. Commercial activity in Clancy is primarily characterized by warehousing, light industrial, storage, and flexible office space, with direct access to regional transportation routes, including Interstate 15 and the Helena urban area. Review of Jefferson County ArcGIS land-use and parcel data shows that commercial facilities, including developments such as Canyon Enterprises Plaza and multiple industrial and storage properties near the Montana City interchange, rely on adequate and reliable public infrastructure.</p> <p>The project will not displace, disrupt, or burden existing commercial operations. Instead, improved water system reliability will support ongoing and future commercial and industrial uses by enhancing infrastructure capacity and operational dependability. Construction-related effects will be temporary and localized, with no long-term interruption to commercial activities. As documented in the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER, 2018), the project is intended to support existing development rather than induce new commercial growth. Effects are beneficial, incremental, and not significant.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer — Commercial, Industrial, and Parcel Layers (59634 area)</li> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report (2018)</i>, system reliability benefits</li> </ul>
Health Care and Social Services	1	<p>The proposed project will result in minor, long-term beneficial effects to health care and social services in Clancy, Montana. Health care and social services for Clancy residents are primarily provided through the Jefferson County Health Department, which maintains a local office in Clancy offering public health nursing, health assessments, vaccinations, WIC services, and community health programs. Additional services are provided through state-administered programs of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), including Medicaid/Healthy Montana Kids, SNAP, TANF, WIC, LIHEAP, and senior and disability support services.</p>

		<p>The project will not disrupt, displace, or burden existing health care or social service facilities. Instead, by improving drinking water quality, reliability, and fire protection, the project will support public health outcomes and reduce health risks associated with contaminated private wells, consistent with deficiencies identified in the Preliminary Engineering Report (2018). No mitigation measures, service expansions, or additional permits are required. The effects are beneficial and not significant, and the project will not create demand for new health or social service infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jefferson County Health Department, Clancy office — public health services and contact information (406-225-4007) <a href="http://jeffersoncounty-mt.gov/public_health/">jeffersoncounty-mt.gov/public_health/</a></li> <li>• Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) — Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, WIC, senior and disability services, <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov">dphhs.mt.gov</a></li> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report, Clancy Water System Improvements</i> (2018) — public health purpose and need</li> </ul>
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	<p>The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project will not result in long-term changes to solid waste generation, disposal practices, or recycling services within Jefferson County. Construction-related waste, including excavated materials, packaging, and debris, will be temporary in nature and managed using existing, permitted county solid waste facilities.</p> <p>Jefferson County operates an established countywide solid waste management system that provides disposal and recycling services to residents and contractors, including facilities accessible to the Clancy area. According to the Jefferson County Solid Waste Department, permitted county residents and authorized users may dispose of construction and demolition debris, inert waste, and typical solid waste at designated county facilities in accordance with established acceptance criteria, fee schedules, and permit requirements. Recycling services for common materials (e.g., metals, cardboard, used oil, batteries) are provided at transfer sites serving the region.</p> <p>The project does not generate hazardous waste, infectious waste, or other materials restricted by Jefferson County Solid Waste regulations. All construction debris will be transported to and disposed of at approved county facilities in compliance with local requirements. Existing solid waste and recycling capacity is sufficient to accommodate</p>

		<p>temporary construction waste volumes without adverse effects on system operations.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jefferson County Solid Waste Department, <i>Solid Waste Program and Disposal Requirements</i>, Jefferson County, Montana (<a href="https://jeffersoncounty-mt.gov/solid-waste/">https://jeffersoncounty-mt.gov/solid-waste/</a>);</li> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report, Clancy Water System Improvements</i> (2018)</li> </ul>
Waste Water / Sanitary Sewers	2	<p>The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project does not include wastewater or sanitary sewer system construction, expansion, or modification and will not directly affect existing wastewater treatment or disposal facilities in the community.</p> <p>Wastewater treatment in the Clancy area is limited and decentralized. The Elkhorn Health and Rehabilitation Center operates the primary centralized wastewater treatment facility in the immediate Clancy area, located at 474 Highway 287, Clancy, Montana. This facility is permitted under Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) Permit No. MT0023566 and discharges treated effluent to Prickly Pear Creek. No project components are located at, connected to, or dependent on this facility.</p> <p>The broader Clancy community generally relies on individual on-site septic systems for wastewater disposal rather than a centralized municipal sewer system. Elevated nitrate concentrations in groundwater have been identified as a concern in areas served by septic systems. While centrally treated water supply improvements may provide indirect long-term public health benefits, the proposed action does not alter wastewater generation, disposal methods, septic system density, or wastewater discharge locations.</p> <p>Other water user associations operate private potable water systems in the area (e.g., Blue Sky Heights Water Users Association and Forest Park Water Users Association); however, these entities do not operate wastewater treatment infrastructure and are not affected by the proposed project.</p> <p>Construction and operation of the public water supply system will not increase wastewater flows, create new wastewater discharges, or require modifications to existing wastewater permits or facilities. Therefore, no adverse impacts to wastewater treatment capacity or receiving waters are anticipated.</p>

		<p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elkhorn Health and Rehabilitation Center Wastewater Treatment Plant information (location: 474 Highway 287, Clancy, MT; MPDES Permit No. MT0023566; receiving water: Prickly Pear Creek);</li> <li>• Clancy Water System Improvements Project Description; Clancy Water System Improvements Preliminary Engineering Report (2018)</li> </ul>
Water Supply	1	<p>The Clancy Water and Sewer District currently lacks a centralized public water supply. Residents rely on individual private groundwater wells, many of which were constructed prior to modern standards. The 2018 Clancy Water System Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) documents widespread groundwater contamination in existing wells, including nitrate and uranium concentrations exceeding EPA Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), posing a documented public health risk. Contamination is partially attributed to the close proximity of aging septic systems and shallow groundwater conditions.</p> <p>The proposed project will develop a centralized public groundwater supply system, including two new municipal wells and associated treatment, storage, and distribution infrastructure. The system is designed in accordance with Montana DEQ Circular DEQ-1 and sized to serve existing development and limited infill within the District. Projected maximum day demand is approximately 205,440 gallons per day (143 gpm) based on a 20-year planning population of 321 persons.</p> <p>The project will replace contaminated private wells with a regulated public water system, resulting in improved water quality, reliability, and public health protection. Groundwater withdrawals will be subject to DEQ approval, water-rights acquisition, and mitigation requirements. Because the project primarily replaces existing groundwater use and does not induce significant growth, impacts to water supply are beneficial and not significant under 24 CFR 58.40.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report, Clancy Water System Improvements</i> (2018)</li> </ul>
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	1	<p>Public safety services in Clancy are provided by a combination of local volunteer, regional, and county agencies. Fire protection and initial emergency response are provided by the Clancy Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), an all-volunteer department that coordinates with neighboring departments including Montana City VFD and</p>

		<p>Jefferson City VFD for mutual aid. Emergency medical services and transport are provided by regional providers, including Eagle Ambulance Service in Clancy and St. Peter's Health in Helena, which provides 24-hour Advanced Life Support (ALS) for the region, while law enforcement and emergency management are provided by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Jefferson County Disaster and Emergency Services. Under existing conditions, the lack of a centralized public water system limits firefighting effectiveness. The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project will improve baseline water reliability and system resilience, thereby enhancing emergency response capability and public safety without increasing service demand or altering emergency service operations. Impacts to public safety are beneficial and not significant under 24 CFR 58.40.</p> <p><b>Source documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fire &amp; EMS:</b> Clancy Volunteer Fire Department (mutual aid with Montana City &amp; Jefferson City); EMS by Eagle Ambulance Service and St. Peter's Health (ALS).</li> <li>• <b>Law Enforcement &amp; Emergency Management:</b> Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Jefferson County Disaster &amp; Emergency Services (CodeRED alerts).</li> <li>• <b>Project Context:</b> Clancy Water System Improvements Project Description and 2018 Preliminary Engineering Report.</li> </ul>
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	<p>Review of parks, open space, and recreational features using the Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer confirms that no public parks, trails, or recreational areas are located within the project footprint. The project will not reduce access to recreational resources.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jefferson County ArcGIS Parks and Open Space layers</li> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report</i> (2018), alignment selection</li> </ul>
Transportation and Accessibility	3	<p>Construction will occur along existing public roads identified in the Jefferson County ArcGIS Map Viewer, potentially causing temporary access constraints and traffic delays. Temporary, short-term traffic disruptions may occur during construction. These impacts are localized, reversible, and mitigated through traffic control measures described in the</p>

		<p>PER (2018) and required during construction. No long-term transportation or accessibility impacts will occur. Effects are minor and not significant.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jefferson County ArcGIS Transportation layer</li> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report</i> (2018), construction phasing and access maintenance</li> <li>• Local traffic control requirements</li> </ul>
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<b>NATURAL FEATURES</b>		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources	2	<p>Wetlands, floodplains, sole source aquifers, and Wild and Scenic Rivers were evaluated using federal, state, and county datasets. The project footprint avoids sensitive natural features. Where applicable, permitting requirements (e.g., USACE) have been identified.</p> <p>National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapping identifies Freshwater Emergent and Riverine wetlands in portions of the project area. The proposed action includes limited, temporary ground disturbance within mapped wetland areas associated with installation of underground utility infrastructure within existing rights-of-way and previously disturbed corridors. These disturbances will not result in permanent loss of wetlands or impairment of wetland functions. Temporarily disturbed wetland areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and vegetative condition following construction. As a result, the project will not result in long-term adverse impacts to wetlands or their natural and beneficial functions.</p> <p>The PER (2018) documents avoidance in design. Effects are absent or negligible and not significant.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Fish &amp; Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (Wetlands Map, March 11, 2026)</li> <li>• Floodplain Worksheet and FEMA/DNRC flood mapping</li> <li>• Sole Source Aquifer Worksheet (EPA SSA screening)</li> <li>• Wild and Scenic Rivers Worksheet (rivers.gov)</li> <li>• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers correspondence (March 20, 2026)</li> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report</i> (2018), avoidance in design</li> </ul>

Vegetation, Wildlife	2	<p>Project construction will occur primarily within existing road rights-of-way, utility corridors, and previously disturbed upland areas, minimizing disturbance to native vegetation. An Endangered Species Act (ESA) review was completed using the USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system. Although several federally listed or proposed species may occur in the broader region, the project will have No Effect on listed species or designated critical habitat due to the absence of suitable habitat and avoidance of sensitive areas. No wildlife corridors or habitat areas will be disturbed.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USFWS IPaC Official Species List (March 11, 2026)</li> <li>• Endangered Species Act Worksheet</li> <li>• Project Environmental Figures and alignment plans</li> </ul>
Other Factors	2	<p>No additional natural feature factors, such as geologic hazards, mineral resources, or unique ecological communities, were identified in the project area. Review of all completed environmental worksheets and agency consultations did not reveal other natural resource concerns requiring further analysis.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed EA worksheets (Air Quality, Noise, Hazards, Water Resources, etc.)</li> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report</i> (2018)</li> </ul>

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<b>ENERGY</b>		
Energy Efficiency	1	<p>Replacement of decentralized private systems with a modern centralized water system will result in long-term, minor beneficial energy effects through improved efficiency and reduced redundancy. Effects are beneficial and not adverse.</p> <p><b>Source Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Preliminary Engineering Report</i> (2018), centralized system efficiency and operational improvements</li> </ul>

**Additional Studies Performed:**

- HydroGeologic Investigation, Technical Memorandum, Hydrosolutions, 2020
- Mitigation Water Rights Research, Technical Memorandum, Hydrosolutions, 2023
- Geotechnical Evaluation, SK Geotechnical, 2026

**Field Inspection (Date and completed by):**

- February 2022 – Test Well #1 – HydroSolutions and Great West Engineering
- March 2023 – Test Well #2 – HydroSolutions and Great West Engineering
- May 2024 – Test Well #3 – HydroSolutions and Great West Engineering
- July 2025 – Test Well #4 – HydroSolutions and Great West Engineering
- October 2025 – Test Well #5 – HydroSolutions and Great West Engineering
- March 2026 – Geotechnical Site Walk/Bores – SK Geotechnical and Great West Engineering

**List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted:**

- Department of Commerce, Census and Economic Information Center
- Department of Labor and Industry
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- Department of Transportation
- State Historic Preservation Office
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Forest Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) — Water Quality, UST/LUST, Drinking Water Program
- National Park Service
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Helena Airports District Office
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- US Department of Transportation
- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Water Resources Regional Office

**List of Permits Obtained:**

- Montana DEQ Public Water Supply approvals (prior to operation)
- Montana DEQ well construction permits
- Water rights authorization (as required by DNRC)
- Local roadway and right-of-way permits (as required during construction)
- Clean Water Act Section 404 (USACE)
  - The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is being implemented in two phases. Phase 1 activities, which include development of groundwater supply wells, do not

involve impacts to wetlands or surface waters and do not require authorization under the Clean Water Act.

Phase 2 of the project includes installing transmission and distribution infrastructure within existing roadways and utility corridors. Portions of Phase 2 are located in proximity to areas mapped as wetlands or surface waters. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) reviewed project information and did not issue a jurisdictional determination for waters of the United States. USACE indicated that permit applicability cannot be determined without a site-specific evaluation to identify the presence and extent of any jurisdictional aquatic resources associated with Phase 2 construction.

Jefferson County is continuing coordination regarding Phase 2 design and potential aquatic resource involvement. If Phase 2 activities are determined to impact jurisdictional waters or wetlands, the applicability of authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be evaluated in coordination with the USACE prior to construction of Phase 2. No ground-disturbing activities affecting jurisdictional waters will occur unless and until all required approvals are obtained.

If Clean Water Act Section 404 authorization is required for Phase 2, Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality will be obtained prior to construction, as applicable.

**Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]:**

Public participation was conducted in accordance with HUD environmental review requirements. The Responsible Entity provided public notice and opportunity for comment through the floodplain and wetlands 8-Step Process, including early and final public notices as required under 24 CFR Part 55. No public comments were received during the applicable comment periods.

In addition, community outreach related to the Clancy Water System Improvements Project has occurred through public meetings, surveys, and coordination documented in the 2018 Preliminary Engineering Report and related planning efforts for the Clancy Water and Sewer District.

**Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:**

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project was evaluated for cumulative effects in combination with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions in the Clancy area. The project is primarily an infrastructure replacement and public health protection project that does not induce growth, change land use patterns, or introduce new environmental stressors.

Other actions in the area consist of routine maintenance of roads, utilities, and existing development. When considered cumulatively, these actions do not result in significant environmental impacts. Instead, the proposed project contributes beneficial cumulative effects by improving water quality, reducing public health risks, enhancing emergency response capability, and improving infrastructure reliability. No significant cumulative environmental impacts are anticipated.

**Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e)]**

Alternatives considered include the No Action Alternative and practicable alternatives to floodplain and wetland involvement as part of the required 8-Step Process in Appendix C.

No practicable alternative locations or designs exist that would meet the project purpose and need while completely avoiding use of existing developed corridors, floodplain areas, or wetlands due to the geographic setting of Clancy and the need to serve the established community footprint.

**No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]:**

Under the No Action Alternative, the Clancy Water System Improvements Project would not be implemented, and residents would continue relying on individual private wells and aging septic systems. Existing groundwater contamination, including elevated nitrate and uranium levels, would persist and potentially worsen, posing continued public health risks. Fire protection and emergency response limitations would remain unchanged. The No Action Alternative would not address the documented need for safe, reliable drinking water and would fail to meet the project purpose.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusions:**

Based on review of all applicable environmental factors, statutes, executive orders, and regulations under 24 CFR Parts 50 and 58, the proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project will not result in significant adverse impacts to the quality of the human environment. The project avoids and minimizes impacts to environmental resources to the maximum extent practicable and includes appropriate mitigation measures where temporary impacts may occur during construction. All required permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction. The project supports a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

**Mitigation Measures and Conditions**

Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
Floodplain Management (EO 11988 / 24 CFR Part 55)	Implementation of floodplain avoidance and minimization measures identified in the 8-Step Process, including restoring disturbed areas and avoiding habitable structures in floodplains
Wetlands Protection (EO 11990)	Use of existing rights-of-way, erosion and sediment controls, and restoration of temporarily disturbed wetlands

Construction-Related Impacts	Application of standard BMPs for dust control, noise control, traffic safety, and site restoration
Unanticipated Contamination	Construction stop-work and coordination with DEQ if previously unidentified contamination is encountered

All mitigation measures and conditions identified in this Environmental Assessment, including those related to floodplains, wetlands, construction activities, and unanticipated discoveries, will be incorporated into applicable construction specifications, contract documents, and permit conditions. Jefferson County, as the Responsible Entity, will be responsible for ensuring implementation and compliance with these measures. Documentation of mitigation implementation will be retained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.38.

No mitigation measures beyond those identified herein are anticipated to be necessary to ensure compliance with applicable federal environmental authorities, and all required permits and approvals will be obtained prior to initiation of construction activities.

**Determination:**

**Finding of No Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1)]  
The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

**Finding of Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2)]  
The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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Certifying Officer Signature: Cory Kirsch Date: 4-15-26

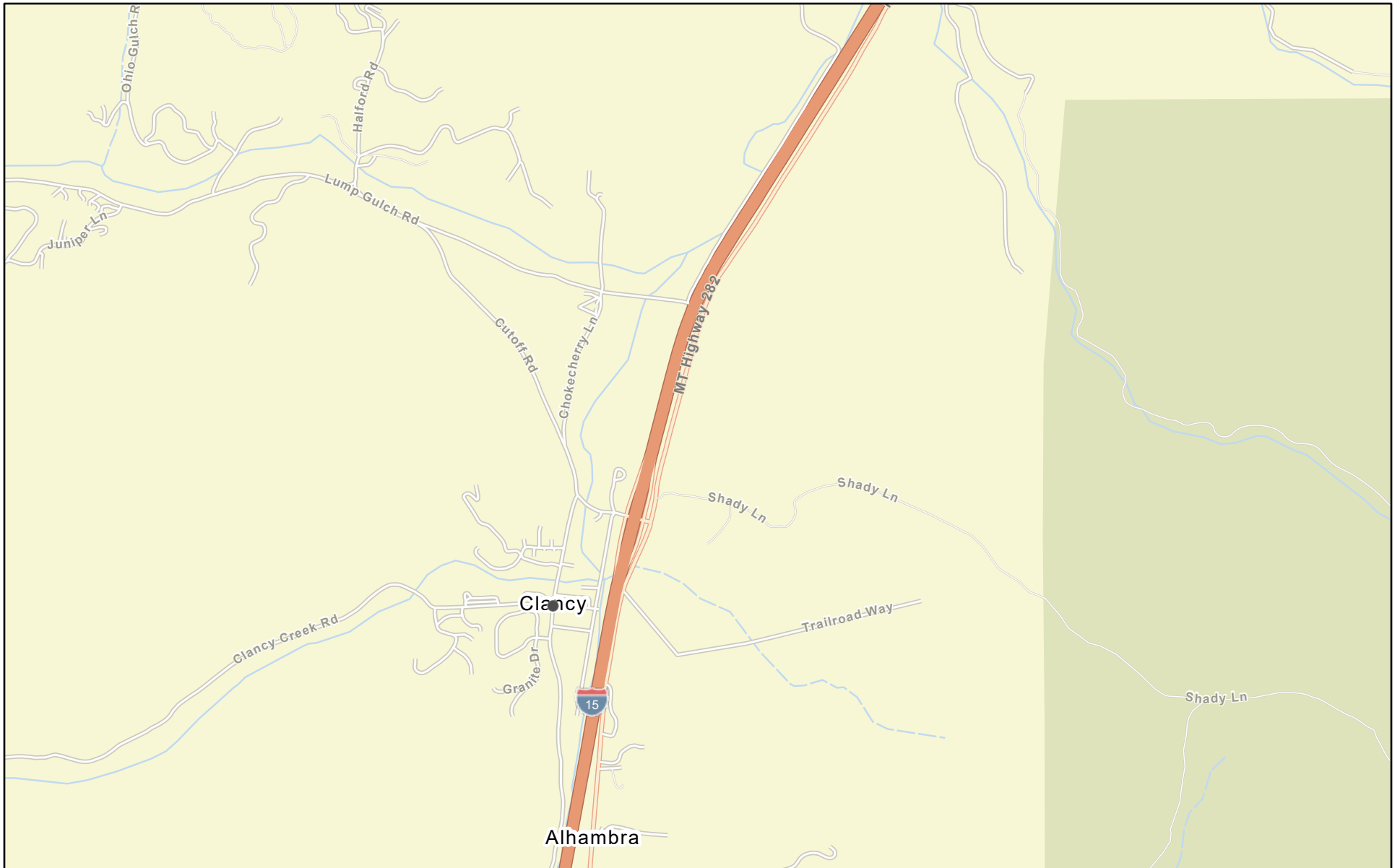
Name/Title: Cory Kirsch, Commissioner

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

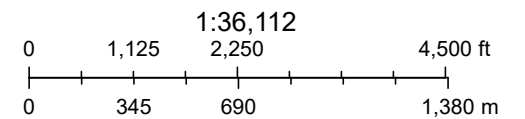
# **APPENDIX A**

## Airport Hazards

# UAS Facility Map - Clancy



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Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

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## Jesse Novak

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You don't usually receive emails from this address. Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

Dear Jesse Novak,

Thank you for your letter regarding the subject project. We have reviewed the provided figures, the proposed scope of work, and the location of the project. We conclude that the project is unlikely to pose risk to navigable airspace.

Please note FAA Helena ADO is now located at 2800 Skyway Drive, Suite E in Helena. The ZIP code remains 59602.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,  
Heidy



**Heidy S. Bruner, P.E.**

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## Airport Hazards (CEST and EA)

General policy	Legislation	Regulation
It is HUD's policy to apply standards to prevent incompatible development around civil airports and military airfields.		24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D
References		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards</a>		

**1. To ensure compatible land use development, you must determine your site's proximity to civil and military airports. Is your project within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?**

No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within the applicable distances to a military or civilian airport.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

**2. Is your project located within a Runway Potential Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ) or Accident Potential Zone (APZ)?**

Yes, project is in an APZ → *Continue to Question 3.*

Yes, project is an RPZ/CZ → *Project cannot proceed at this location.*

No, project is not within an APZ or RPZ/CZ

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within either zone.*

**3. Is the project in conformance with DOD guidelines for APZ?**

Yes, project is consistent with DOD guidelines without further action.

**Explain how you determined that the project is consistent:**

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this determination.*

No, the project cannot be brought into conformance with DOD guidelines and has not been approved. → *Project cannot proceed at this location.*

Project is not consistent with DOD guidelines, but it has been approved by Certifying Officer or HUD Approving Official.

**Explain approval process:**

**If mitigation measures have been or will be taken, explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this determination.*

**Worksheet Summary**

**Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project complies with HUD Airport Hazards regulations at 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D. FAA mapping demonstrates that the project is not located within proximity thresholds requiring further review (2,500 feet from a civilian airport or 15,000 feet from a military airport), nor is it located within any RPZ, CZ, or APZ.

In addition to spatial review, the Federal Aviation Administration, Helena Airports District Office, reviewed the project scope, figures, and location and determined that the project is unlikely to pose a risk to navigable airspace, confirming compliance with FAA airspace protection requirements.

Documentation Reviewed:

- *FAA UAS Facility Map – Clancy, Montana*, dated March 11, 2026
- *FAA Response Letter*, dated March 20, 2026, from Heidi S. Bruner, P.E., Environmental Protection Specialist, Helena Airports District Office
- Airport Hazards Worksheet (HUD format)

No mitigation measures, special approvals, or additional coordination are required.

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

# **APPENDIX B**

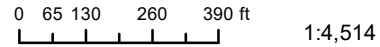
## Coastal Resources

Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper Documentation



CBRS Units

- Otherwise Protected Area
- CBRS Buffer Zone
- System Unit
- 111.986526, 46.464772



The pin location displayed on the map is a point selected by the user. Failure of the user to ensure that the pin location displayed on this map correctly corresponds with the user supplied address/location description below may result in an invalid federal flood insurance policy. **The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has not validated the pin location with respect to the user supplied address/location description below. The Service recommends that all pin locations be verified by federal agencies prior to use of this map for the provision or denial of federal funding or financial assistance.** Please note that a structure bisected by the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) boundary (i.e., both "partially in" and "partially out") is within the CBRS and therefore affected by CBRA's restrictions on federal flood insurance. A pin placed on a bisected structure must be placed on the portion of the structure within the unit (including any attached features such as a deck or stairs).

**User Name:** Clancy Water and Sewer District  
**User Supplied Address/Location Description:** Clancy, Jefferson County, Montana  
**Pin Location:** Outside CBRS  
**Pin Flood Insurance Prohibition Date:** N/A  
**Pin System Unit Establishment Date:** N/A

The user placed pin location is not within the CBRS. The official CBRS maps are accessible at <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/official-coastal-barrier-resources-system-maps>.

The CBRS information is derived directly from the CBRS web service provided by the Service. This map was exported on 4/9/2026 and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date. The CBRS boundaries on this map may become superseded by new boundaries over time.

This map image may be void if one or more of the following map elements do not appear: basemap imagery, CBRS unit labels, prohibition date labels, legend, scale bar, map creation date. For additional information about flood insurance and the CBRS, visit: <https://www.fws.gov/node/263838>.



BASEMAPS >  
MAP LAYERS >  
 CBRS Units  
[Click here to learn more about CBRS Units.](#)



## Coastal Barrier Resources (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD financial assistance may not be used for most activities in units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). See 16 USC 3504 for limitations on federal expenditures affecting the CBRS.	Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) of 1982, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 USC 3501)	
References		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/coastal-barrier-resources">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/coastal-barrier-resources</a>		

Projects located in the following states must complete this form.

Alabama	Georgia	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Puerto Rico	Virgin Islands
Connecticut	Louisiana	Michigan	New York	Rhode Island	Virginia
Delaware	Maine	Minnesota	North Carolina	South Carolina	Wisconsin
Florida	Maryland	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas	

### 1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?

- No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within a CBRS Unit.*
- Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

Federal assistance for most activities may not be used at this location. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project. In very rare cases, federal monies can be spent within CBRS units for certain exempted activities (e.g., a nature trail), after consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (see [16 USC 3505](#) for exceptions to limitations on expenditures).

### 2. Indicate your selected course of action.

- After consultation with the FWS the project was given approval to continue  
→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map and documentation of a FWS approval.*
- Project was not given approval  
Project cannot proceed at this location.

## **Worksheet Summary**

### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

## Coastal Zone Management Act (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Federal assistance to applicant agencies for activities affecting any coastal use or resource is granted only when such activities are consistent with federally approved State Coastal Zone Management Act Plans.	Coastal Zone Management Act (16 USC 1451-1464), particularly section 307(c) and (d) (16 USC 1456(c) and (d))	15 CFR Part 930
References		
<a href="https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/coastal-zone-management">https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/coastal-zone-management</a>		

Projects located in the following states must complete this form.

Alabama	Florida	Louisiana	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas
Alaska	Georgia	Maine	New Hampshire	Oregon	Virgin Islands
American Samona	Guam	Maryland	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Virginia
California	Hawaii	Massachusetts	New York	Puerto Rico	Washington
Connecticut	Illinois	Michigan	North Carolina	Rhode Island	Wisconsin
Delaware	Indiana	Minnesota	Northern Mariana Islands	South Carolina	

### 1. Is the project located in, or does it affect, a Coastal Zone as defined in your state Coastal Management Plan?

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within a Coastal Zone.*

### 2. Does this project include activities that are subject to state review?

Yes → *Continue to Question 3.*

No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination.*

### 3. Has this project been determined to be consistent with the State Coastal Management Program?

Yes, with mitigation. → *Continue to Question 4.*

Yes, without mitigation. → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination.*

No, project must be canceled.

Project cannot proceed at this location.

**4. Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the State Coastal Management Program letter of consistency) and any other documentation used to make your determination.*

**Worksheet Summary**

**Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
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- Any additional requirements specific to your region

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

# **APPENDIX C**

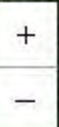
## Floodplain



# MONTANA FLOOD RISK MAP VIEWER

Montana DNRC Floodplain Mapping Program

Montana DNRC Floodplain Mapping Projects



This section ONLY reflects the current FEMA floodplain mapping from the official FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). The official FEMA maps and other flood hazard products are available from the FEMA Map Service Center online at: <http://www.msc.fema.gov>

**Effective Cross Sections**

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**Effective Base Flood Elevation**

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**Boundaries - County**

Gallatin County

Jefferson County

Missoula-Granite

Powell County

Teton County

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**Effective Special Flood Hazard Area**

100-Year Floodplain (1% Annual Chance)

Floodway

Zone X



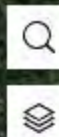
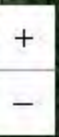
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- Jefferson County
- Missoula-Granite
- Powell County
- Teton County



# MONTANA FLOOD RISK MAP VIEWER

Montana DNRC Floodplain Mapping Program

Montana DNRC Floodplain Mapping Projects



**Draft/Preliminary Floodplain Mapping**  
 To search by address, click the magnifying glass to the right.  
 To navigate, use a mouse or the (+) and (-) signs.

The flood hazard information in this section is currently a **draft/preliminary** product. The draft/preliminary floodplain designations are undergoing public review and are based on updated flood study information.




**Draft Cross Sections**

**Draft Base Flood Elevation**

**Boundaries - County**



**Draft Special Flood Hazard Area**

- Flood Zone**
-  Floodway
  -  100-Year Floodplain (1% Annual Chance)
  -  Zone X

-  Gallatin County
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Clancy, Montana

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Whether you are in a high risk zone or not, you may need [flood insurance](https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program) because most homeowners insurance doesn't cover flood damage. If you live in an area with low or moderate flood risk, you are 5 times more likely to experience flood than a fire in your home over the next 30 years. For many, a National Flood Insurance Program's flood insurance policy could cost less than \$400 per year. Call your insurance agent today and protect what you've built.

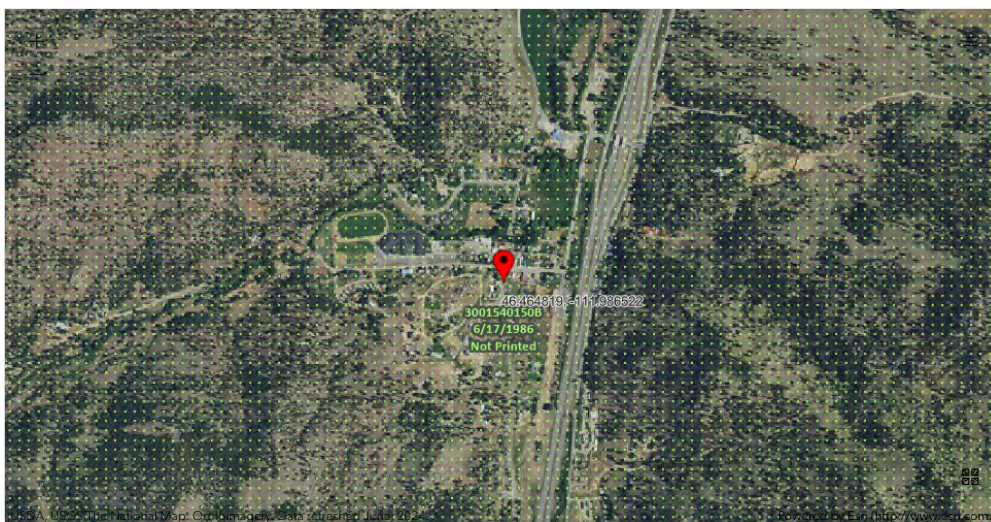
Learn more about [steps you can take](https://www.fema.gov/what-mitigation) to reduce flood risk damage.

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Show ALL Products » (<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/availabilitySearch?addcommunity=300154&communityName=JEFFERSON COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS#search>)

The flood map for the selected area is number **3001540150B**, effective on **6/17/1986**

You can choose a new flood map or move the location pin by selecting a different location on the locator map below or by entering a new location in the search field above. It may take a minute or more during peak hours to generate a dynamic FIRMette.



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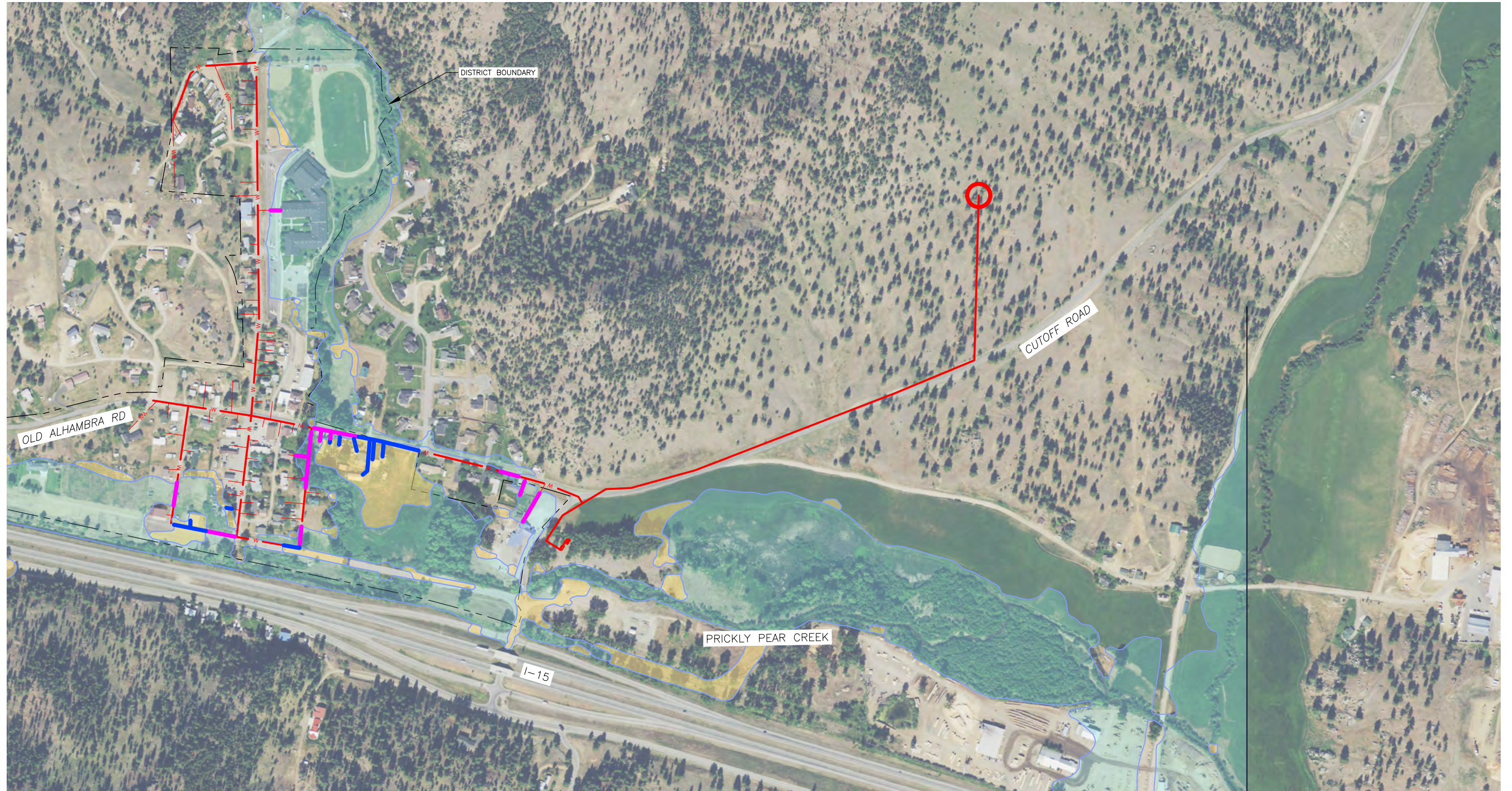
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



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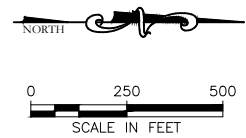


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PROJECT LOCATIONS	
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ZONE X IMPACT	 0.15 ACRES
100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN	
ZONE X	



## Clancy Water System Improvements Phase 1 & Phase 2

CLANCY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

## 8-STEP DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

--Clancy, Jefferson County, Montana

Clancy Water System Improvements – Phase 1 & Phase 2  
Community Development Block Grant (MT-CDBG-19PF-06)

--Decision-Making Process for E.O. 11988 and E.O. 13690 as Provided by 24  
CFR §55.20

### Step 1

***Determine whether the action is located within the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain using the Climate-Informed-Science-Approach (CISA) which applies the best-available, actionable, hydrologic and hydraulic data; the 0.2-Percent-Annual-Chance (500-Year) Flood Approach which uses the elevation and flood hazard area as depicted by the 0.2-Percent-Annual-Chance floodplain; or the Freeboard-Value-Approach (FVA) = Base-Flood-Elevation or 100-year floodplain (BFE+2' or BFE+3' for critical actions) to calculate the FFRMS floodplain elevation.***

Jefferson County evaluated whether the proposed Clancy Water System Improvements are located within the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain using the best available flood hazard information, including:

- Montana DNRC Flood Risk Map Viewer (Draft and Effective Mapping)
- FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC)
- Draft FFRMS mapping using the 0.2-percent annual chance (500-year) flood approach
- Climate-Informed Science Approach (CISA) referenced in DNRC updated floodplain efforts

The First Notice Floodplain and Wetlands identified that portions of the project may intersect areas modeled as floodplain and wetland based on draft DNRC/FEMA flood risk mapping, including approximately 0.35 acres of modeled floodplain/wetland impacts. These floodplain extents were derived from future flood risk modeling and are not based on effective FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Review of the effective FEMA FIRM via the Flood Map Service Center confirms that the project area is mapped as Zone X (Area of Minimal Flood Hazard) under FIRM Panel 3001540150B, effective June 17, 1986. Therefore, the project is not located within a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area, but portions of the project area fall within the FFRMS floodplain based on draft modeling, triggering compliance with Executive Order 11988.

Although the project is located in Zone X under the effective FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, best available information including draft DNRC/FEMA floodplain mapping indicates portions of the project are located within the FFRMS floodplain, thereby triggering compliance with 24 CFR §55.20.

## Step 2

***Notify the public for early review of the proposal and involve the affected and interested public in the decision-making process.***

Jefferson County published an Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain and/or Wetland on March 12, 2026, in accordance with 24 CFR §55.20 using an approved public notification method.

The notice informed the public that the proposed action may be located in a floodplain and/or wetland, described the nature and location of the project, and invited public comment on:

- Alternatives to locating the project in the floodplain
- Methods to minimize or mitigate floodplain and wetland impacts

The comment period remained open through March 23, 2026, and the notice provided multiple avenues for public comment, including mail, email, and in-person review of project materials.

No comments were received during the public review period.

## Step 3

***Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives.***

Jefferson County evaluated practicable alternatives to locating the proposed action within the floodplain and/or wetland.

(i) Reasons the Action Must Occur Within the Floodplain and/or Wetland

The proposed project must take place within the identified floodplain and/or wetland boundaries because no practicable alternative location exists that can meet the project purpose and need. The Town of Clancy resides partially within a floodplain due to Prickly Pear Creek to the west and Clancy Creek running west to east through the

community. There is no feasible way to construct a community-wide water distribution system without entering floodplain and/or wetland areas.

The proposed improvements are necessary to address existing public health and safety concerns. Failure to act would result in continued exposure to risk and potential degradation of water quality for Clancy residents.

#### (ii) Alternatives Considered and Reasons for Non-Selection

The following alternatives were considered:

- **No Action Alternative**  
The No Action alternative would avoid disturbance within floodplain and wetland areas; however, it would not address existing water quality concerns within the community. Nitrate levels and other contaminants in individual wells continue to increase due to the high density of septic systems in the District. As a result, the No Action alternative was deemed unacceptable.
- **Construction of a Centralized Water Distribution System (Proposed Action)**  
This alternative includes the planning, design, and construction of a centralized water distribution system divided into two phases. Phase 1 consists of identifying a suitable water source and constructing two wells. Phase 2 includes construction of a wellhouse with disinfection, a storage tank, and a piped distribution system with individual service connections. This alternative best meets the project purpose and need and was selected as the preferred alternative

## Step 4

### ***Identify potential direct and indirect impacts associated with floodplain development.***

The proposed action may result in temporary disturbances to floodplain and wetland areas associated with utility installation. Potential impacts include short-term disruption to soils and vegetation during construction activities.

However, these impacts are limited in scope and duration, and no significant adverse effects on floodplain or wetland functions are anticipated. Identified wetlands do not provide significant natural or beneficial floodplain functions, and the action will not increase flood risk to adjacent properties

## Step 5

### ***Where practicable, design or modify the proposed action to minimize the potential adverse impacts to lives, property, and natural values within the floodplain and to restore and preserve the values of the floodplain.***

The project has been designed to minimize adverse impacts to floodplains and wetlands and to preserve their natural and beneficial functions to the greatest extent practicable. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to:

- Locating above-ground components (including the water storage tank and wellhouse) outside of floodplain and wetland areas
- Implementing erosion and sediment control measures during construction to prevent off-site sediment transport and protect water quality
- Restoring temporarily disturbed areas to pre-construction contours and vegetation
- Maintaining natural drainage patterns and flood storage capacity to avoid increases in flood risk to surrounding properties
- Complying with all applicable federal, state, and local floodplain management regulations and obtaining required permits prior to construction

These measures ensure that unavoidable impacts are minimized and that floodplain and wetland areas will continue to provide important natural and beneficial functions following project completion.

The project does not include new habitable structures or substantial improvements within the floodplain. Above-ground components are sited outside floodplain and wetland areas; therefore, Elevation Certificates or Floodproofing Certificates are not required for this action.

## Step 6

### ***Reevaluate the alternatives***

Following the identification of impacts and mitigation measures, Jefferson County reevaluated the practicable alternatives and determined that no practicable alternative exists that would avoid floodplain and/or wetland involvement while still meeting the project purpose and need.

The proposed action incorporates all reasonable avoidance and minimization measures and will not result in significant adverse floodplain impacts

## Step 7

### ***Determination of no practicable alternative and publication of final notice***

Jefferson County determined that no practicable alternative exists to locating portions of the project within the floodplain and/or wetland. A Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain and/or Wetland was published on April 9, 2026, in accordance with 24 CFR §55.20.

The public comment period closed on April 17, 2026.  
No comments were received during this public comment period.

## Step 8

### ***Implement the proposed action***

Jefferson County will implement the Clancy Water System Improvements as designed, ensuring that all identified mitigation measures are incorporated during construction. The project will be carried out in compliance with HUD regulations, Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, and all applicable state and local requirements.



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## Notices

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## County Websites



## County Holidays 2026

County Offices are closed and services may not be available on Federal Holidays.

- Martin Luther King Jr Day, January 19
- President's Day, February 16
- Memorial Day, May 25
- Independence Day, July 3
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- Thanksgiving Day, November 26
- Christmas Day, December 25
- New Year's Day, January 1, 2027



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## **Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain and/or Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

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Jefferson County is collaborating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to create updated floodplain maps that reflect a 1% annual chance (100-year) flood risk. The project not only aims to update all existing mapped floodplains in the county but also to generate new floodplain maps for parts of Prickly Pear Creek and its tributaries in the northern region of the county. These updated maps are anticipated to be finalized in late 2026 or early 2027.

Approximately 16,000 linear feet of water lines and services will be installed in Clancy along the specified locations. The project may impact about 0.35 acres of floodplain and wetland areas. The extent of the draft FFRMS floodplain was determined using a 0.1% (100-year) and 0.2% (500-year) floodplain approach. The wetlands affected include Riverine and Freshwater Emergent Wetlands. However, these wetland areas do not provide significant natural or beneficial functions and do not offer intrinsic values. Overall, the floodplain and wetland areas are not expected to experience any adverse effects from this project.

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**Date: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

# Jefferson County

Clancy, Montana

Drummond

## Legend

-  Jefferson County
-  Project Location



# Current Floodplain Map

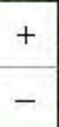
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**Effective Cross Sections**

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**Effective Base Flood Elevation**

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**Boundaries - County**

Gallatin County

Jefferson County

Missoula-Granite

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**Effective Special Flood Hazard Area**

100-Year Floodplain (1% Annual Chance)

Floodway

Zone X



# Montana DNRC Draft Floodplain Map

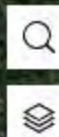
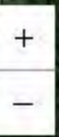
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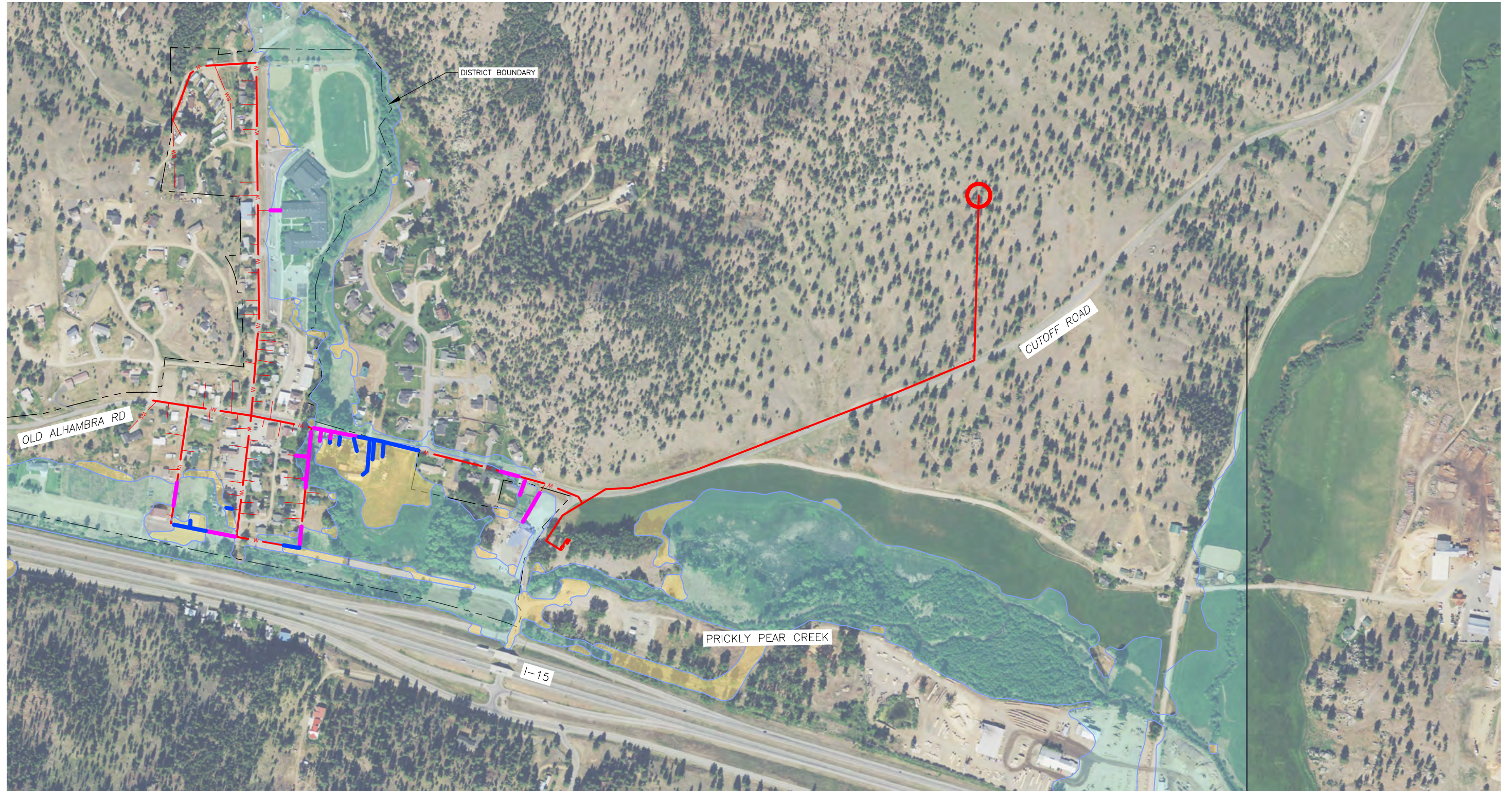
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



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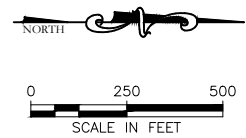


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## Clancy Water System Improvements Phase 1 & Phase 2

CLANCY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
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# **Project Location and Wetlands**





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- Martin Luther King Jr Day, January 19
- President's Day, February 16
- Memorial Day, May 25
- Independence Day, July 3
- Labor Day, September 7
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- Election Day, November 3
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- Thanksgiving Day, November 26
- Christmas Day, December 25



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## **Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain and/or Wetland**

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Jefferson County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain/wetland:

### **(i) Reasons the Action Must Occur Within the Floodplain and/or Wetland**

The proposed project must take place within the identified floodplain and/or wetland boundaries because no practicable alternative location exists that can meet the project purpose and need. The town of Clancy resides partly in a floodplain due to Prickly Pear Creek on the west and Clancy Creek which runs west to east through the Town. There is no feasible way to construct a water Distribution system for the District without entering the Floodplain and/or Wetland. The proposed improvements are necessary to address existing public health and safety concerns, and failure to act would result in continued exposure to risk or degradation of existing water quality for Clancy residents.

### **(ii) Alternatives Considered and Reasons for Non-Selection**

Two alternatives were considered as part of the planning and environmental review process:

1. No Action Alternative  
This alternative would avoid disturbance within the floodplain or wetland; however, it would not address existing water quality concerns for Clancy residents. Nitrate levels and other contaminants in individual wells are increasing due to the high density of septic systems in the District. Therefore, the no-action alternative was deemed unacceptable.
2. Construction of a Centralized Water Distribution System  
This alternative consists of the planning, design, and construction of a centralized water distribution system for the District. Project components were broken into two phases. Phase 1 includes identi-

ying a suitable water source and construction of two wells. Phase 2 includes construction of a well-house with disinfection, storage tank, and a piped distribution system with individual service connections

### **(iii) Mitigation Measures to Minimize Impacts and Preserve Floodplain/Wetland Functions**

The project has been designed to minimize adverse impacts to the floodplain and/or wetland and to preserve their natural and beneficial functions to the greatest extent practicable. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to:

- Construction of above-ground components (Tank, Wellhouse) outside of floodplains and wetlands.
- Implementing erosion and sediment control measures during construction to prevent off-site transport of sediment and protect water quality.
- Restoring temporarily disturbed areas to pre-construction contours and vegetation.
- Maintaining natural drainage patterns and flood storage capacity to avoid increases in flood risk on adjacent properties.
- Complying with all applicable state, federal, and local floodplain management regulations and obtaining required permits prior to construction.

These measures ensure that unavoidable impacts are minimized and that the floodplain and/or wetland will continue to provide important natural and beneficial functions following project completion.

Jefferson County has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and/or wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain and/or wetland development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, and/or Executive Order 11990, and 24 CFR 55, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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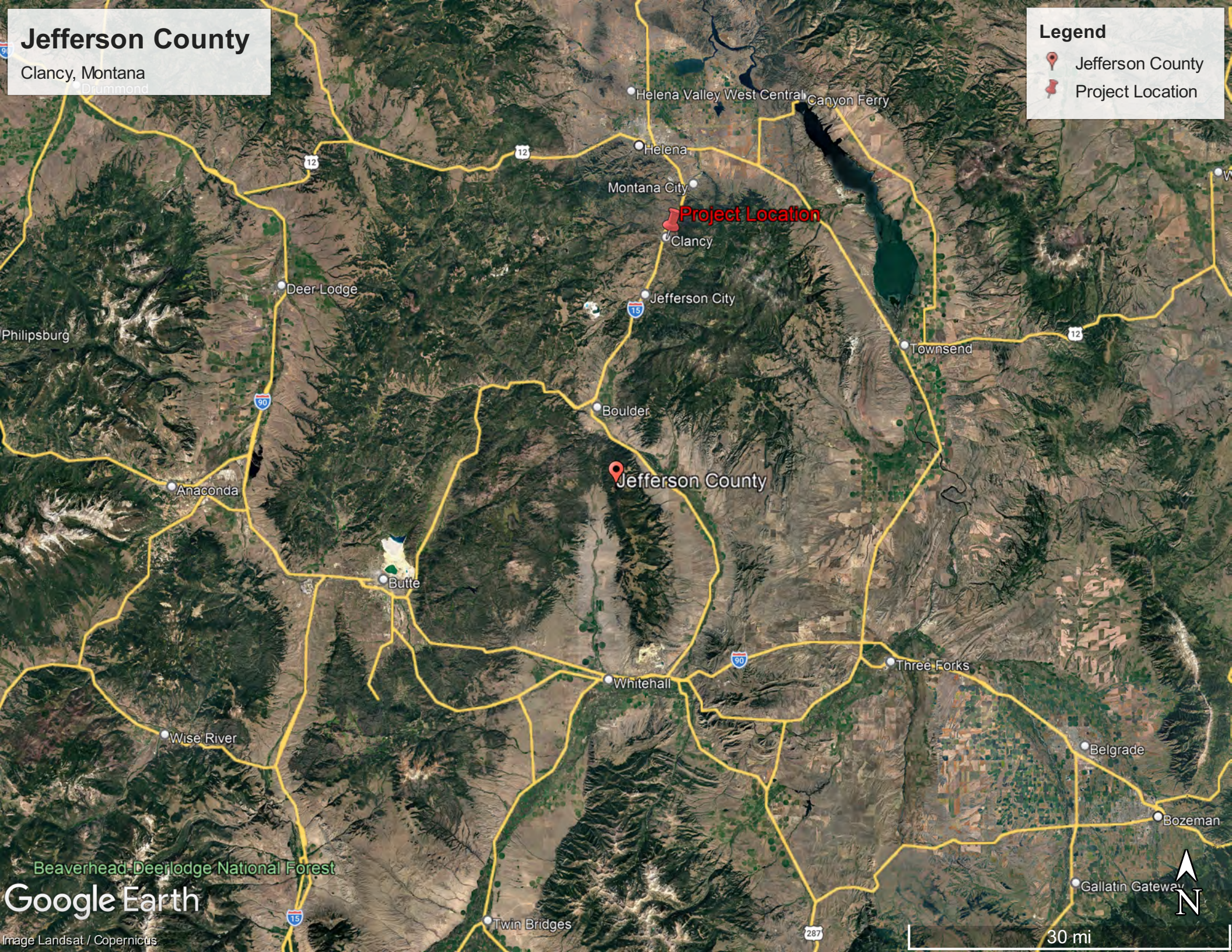
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# Current Floodplain Map

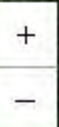
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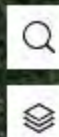
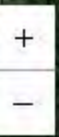
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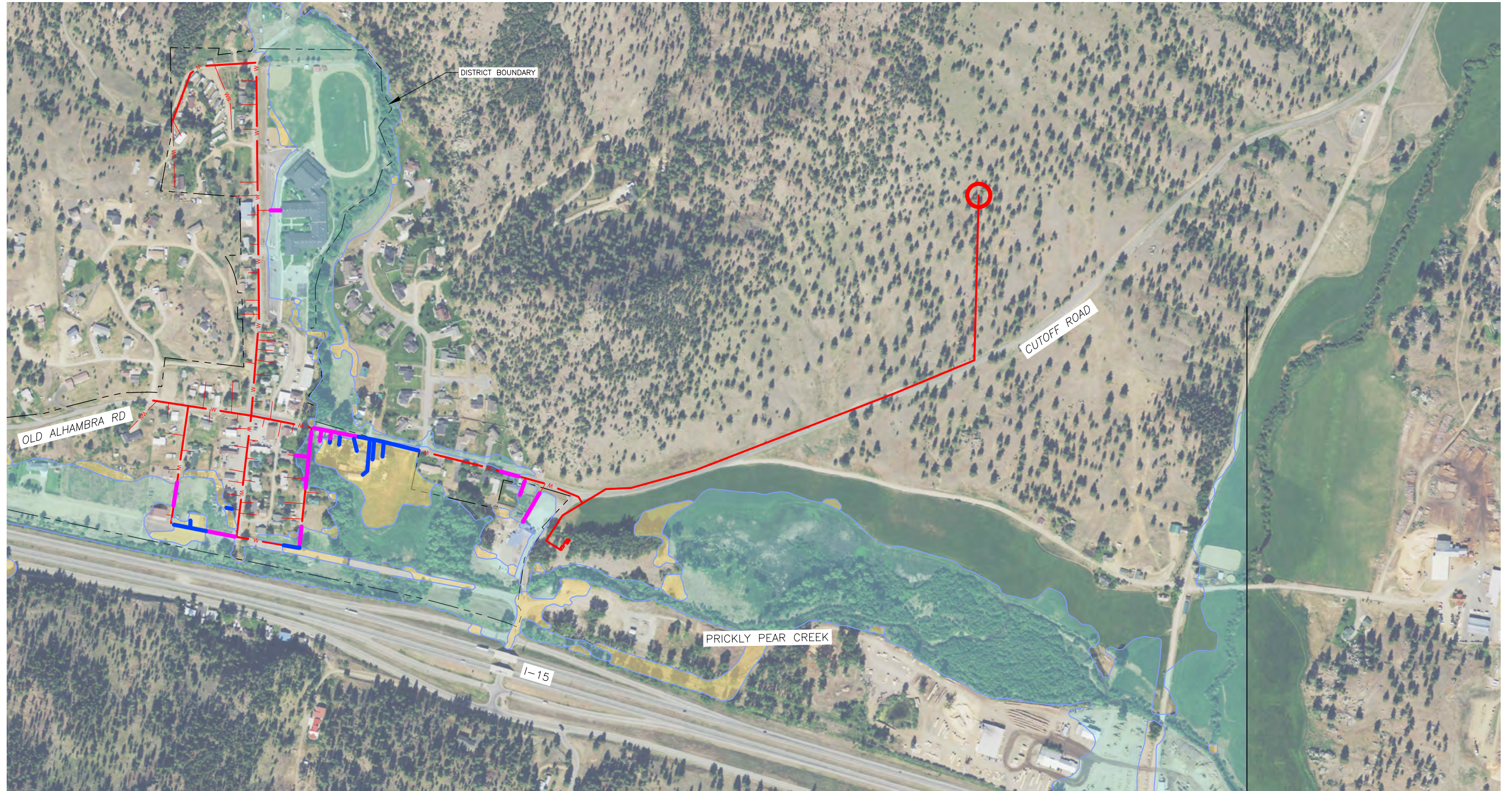
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



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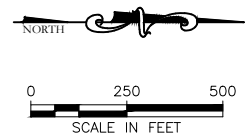


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ZONE X		



**Clancy Water System Improvements  
Phase 1 & Phase 2**  
CLANCY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

# **Project Location and Wetlands**



March 11, 2026

### Wetlands

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Lake
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Other
- Riverine

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## Flood Insurance (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation	Reference
Certain types of federal financial assistance may not be used in floodplains unless the community participates in National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance is both obtained and maintained.	Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 as amended (42 USC 4001-4128)	24 CFR 50.4(b)(1) and 24 CFR 58.6(a) and (b); 24 CFR 55.5.	<a href="#">Flood Insurance - HUD Exchange</a>

**1. Does this project involve mortgage insurance, refinance, acquisition, repairs, construction, or rehabilitation of a structure, mobile home, or insurable personal property?**

No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.  
*Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

Yes *Continue to Question 2.*

**2. Provide a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site.**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The [FEMA Map Service Center](#) provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use the best available information to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site. Provide FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number, and date within your documentation.

**Is the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area?**

No *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

Yes *Continue to Question 3.*

**3. Is the community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards?**

Yes, the community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

For loans, loan insurance or loan guarantees, flood insurance coverage must be continued for the term of the loan. For grants and other non-loan forms of financial assistance, flood insurance coverage must be continued for the life of the building irrespective of the transfer of ownership. The amount of coverage must equal the total project cost or the maximum coverage limit of the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less. Provide a copy of the flood insurance policy declaration or a paid receipt for the current annual flood insurance premium and a copy of the application for flood insurance.

*Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

- Yes, less than one year has passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards.  
If less than one year has passed since notification of Special Flood Hazards, no flood insurance is required.

*Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

- No. The community is not participating, or its participation has been suspended.  
Federal assistance may not be used at this location. Cancel the project at this location.

### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

Jefferson County completed a flood insurance review for the Clancy Water System Improvements using the FEMA Flood Map Service Center, the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map for Jefferson County, the Montana DNRC Flood Risk Map Viewer, and the Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain and/or Wetland dated March 12, 2026.

The FEMA Flood Map Service Center confirms that the applicable regulatory flood map for the project area is FIRM Panel 3001540150B, effective June 17, 1986, and that the site is mapped within Zone X, an area of minimal flood hazard.

While the First Notice documents potential impacts identified using draft floodplain and wetland mapping, these draft floodplain boundaries are informational and intended for floodplain management and environmental compliance under Executive Orders 11988 and 11990. Draft floodplain maps do not establish Special Flood Hazard Areas and do not impose flood insurance requirements.

Based on the effective FEMA FIRM, the project is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area, and therefore:

Flood insurance is not required in accordance with:

- Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 USC 4001–4128)
- 24 CFR Part 55
- 24 CFR 58.6

## **Floodplain Management (CEST and EA)**

<b>General Requirements</b>	<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Regulation</b>
Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, requires Federal activities to avoid impacts to floodplains and to avoid direct and indirect support of floodplain development to the extent practicable.	Executive Order 11988 Executive Order 13690 42 USC <u>4001-4128</u> 42 USC 5154a	24 CFR 55

### **Reference**

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/floodplain-management>

1. Does this project meet an exemption at [24 CFR 55.12](#) from compliance with HUD's floodplain management regulations in Part 55 or utilize the delayed compliance date for certain Office of Housing programs?

Yes

Select the applicable citation at [24 CFR 55.12](#) and provide supporting documentation for the determination if applicable.

- a)  HUD-assisted activities described in 24 CFR 58.34 and 58.35(b)
- b)  HUD-assisted activities described in 24 CFR 50.19, except as otherwise indicated in § 50.19
- c)  The approval of financial assistance for restoring and preserving the natural and beneficial functions and values of floodplains and wetlands, including through acquisition of such floodplain and wetland property, where a permanent covenant or comparable restriction is placed on the property's continued use for flood control, wetland protection, open space, or park land, but only if:
- (1) The property is cleared of all existing buildings and walled structures; and
  - (2) The property is cleared of related improvements except those which:
    - (i) Are directly related to flood control, wetland protection, open space, or park land (including playgrounds and recreation areas);
    - (ii) Do not modify existing wetland areas or involve fill, paving, or other ground disturbance beyond minimal trails or paths; and
    - (iii) Are designed to be compatible with the beneficial floodplain or wetland function of the property.
- d)  An action involving a repossession, receivership, foreclosure, or similar acquisition of property to protect or enforce HUD's financial interests under previously approved loans, grants, mortgage insurance, or other HUD assistance
- e)  Policy-level actions described at 24 CFR 50.16 that do not involve site-based decisions
- f)  A minor amendment to a previously approved action with no additional adverse impact on or from a floodplain or wetland;

- g)  HUD's or the responsible entity's approval of a project site, an incidental portion of which is situated in the FFRMS floodplain (not including the floodway, LiMWA, or coastal high hazard area) but only if:
  - (1) The proposed project site does not include any existing or proposed buildings or improvements that modify or occupy the FFRMS floodplain except de minimis improvements such as recreation areas and trails; and
  - (2) the proposed project will not result in any new construction in or modifications of a wetland
- h)  Issuance or use of Housing Vouchers or other forms of rental subsidy where HUD, the awarding community, or the public housing agency that administers the contract awards rental subsidies that are not project-based (i.e., do not involve site-specific subsidies)
- i)  Special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to elderly and persons with disabilities.

*Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

- Yes. Office of Housing programs utilizing the January 1, 2025 compliance date. These reviews must comply with the 2013 version of the Part 55 regulations. Continue to Worksheet Summary for 2013 version to upload supporting documentation.
- No. *Continue to Question 2.*

**2. Does the project include a Critical Action?**

- Yes. Describe the Critical Action. Examples of Critical Actions include projects involving hospitals, fire and police stations, nursing homes, hazardous chemical storage, storage of valuable records, and utility plants. Continue to Question 4.
- No. Continue to Question 3.

**3. Determine the extent of the FFRMS floodplain and provide mapping documentation in support of that determination.**

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain can be determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA), 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2 PFA), or freeboard value approach (FVA). For projects in areas without available CISA data or without FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) or Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs), use the best available information to determine flood elevation. Include documentation and an explanation of why this

is the best available information for the site. Note that newly constructed and substantially improved structures must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain regardless of the approach chosen to determine the floodplain.

**Select one of the following three options:**

CISA for non-critical actions. If using a local tool, data, or resources, ensure that the FFRMS elevation is higher than would have been determined using the 0.2 PFA or the FVA.

0.2-PFA. Where FEMA has defined the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that FEMA has designated as within the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain.

FVA. If neither CISA nor 0.2-PFA is available, for non-critical actions, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that results from adding two feet to the base flood elevation as established by the effective FIRM or FIS or—if available—a FEMA-provided preliminary or pending FIRM or FIS or advisory base flood elevations, whether regulatory or informational in nature. However, an interim or preliminary FEMA map cannot be used if it is lower than the current FIRM or FIS.

**a. Does your project occur in the FFRMS floodplain?**

Yes, continue to part b.

No. Review for floodplain management is complete.

**b. Is your project located in any of the floodplain categories below? Select all that apply. If none apply, continue to question 7. **None apply.****

Floodway: *Continue to Question 5. Floodways.*

Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) or Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA): *Continue to Question 6. Coastal High Hazard Areas and LiMWAs.*

**4. Determine the extent of the FFRMS floodplain and provide mapping documentation in support of that determination.**

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain can be determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA), or the higher of the 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2 PFA), or freeboard value approach (FVA). For projects in areas without available CISA data or without FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) or Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs), use the best available information to determine flood elevation. Note that newly constructed and substantially improved structures must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain regardless of the approach chosen to determine the floodplain.

**Utilize CISA to determine the FFRMS floodplain for critical actions**

CISA for Critical Actions. If using a local tool, ensure that the FFRMS elevation provided is higher than the 0.2 PFA or 3' above the base flood elevation.

**OR;**

**Choose the higher of 0.2 PFA or FVA elevations**

0.2-PFA. Where FEMA has defined the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that FEMA has designated as within the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain.

FVA. For critical actions, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that results from adding three feet to the base flood elevation as established by the effective FEMA FIRM or FIS or—if available —a FEMA-provided preliminary or pending FIRM or FIS or advisory base flood elevations, whether regulatory or informational in nature. However, an interim or preliminary FEMA map cannot be used if it is lower than the current FIRM or FIS.

**a. Does your project occur in the FFRMS floodplain?**

Yes, continue to part b.

No. Review for floodplain management is complete.

**b. Is your project located in any of the floodplain categories below? Select all that apply. If none apply, continue to question 7.**

Floodway: *Continue to Question 5. Floodways.*

Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) or LiMWA: *Continue to Question 6. Coastal High Hazard Areas and LiMWAs.*

**5. Floodways**

**Do the floodway exemptions at [55.8](#) or [55.21](#) apply?**

Yes

The 8-Step Process is required. Document mitigation measures necessary to meet the requirements in 55.8 or 55.21. Provide a completed 8-Step Process, including the early public notice and the final notice.

*Continue to Question 7. 8-Step Process.*

No

**Federal assistance may not be used at this location.** You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project at this location.

**6. Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) and LiMWAs**

**Do the exemptions at [55.8](#) or [55.21](#) apply?**

Yes

The 8-Step Process is required. Document mitigation measures necessary to meet the requirements in 55.8 or 55.21. Provide a completed 8-Step Process, including the early public notice and the final notice.

Continue to Question 7. 8-Step Process.

No

**Federal assistance may not be used at this location. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project at this location.**

**7. 8-Step Process.**

**Does the 8-Step Process apply? Select one of the following options:**

8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.13.

Select the applicable citation:

- (a) HUD's mortgage insurance actions and other financial assistance for the purchasing, mortgaging, or refinancing of existing one- to four-family properties in communities that are in the Regular Program of the NFIP and in good standing ( i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24), where the action is not a critical action and the property is not located in a floodway, coastal high hazard area, or LIMWA;
- (b) Financial assistance for minor repairs or improvements on one- to four-family properties that do not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(12);
- (c) HUD or a recipient's actions involving the disposition of individual HUD or recipient held, one- to four-family properties;
- (d) HUD guarantees under the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund Program (24 CFR part 573), where any new construction or rehabilitation financed by the existing loan or mortgage has been completed prior to the filing of an application under the program, and the refinancing will not allow further construction or rehabilitation, nor result in any physical impacts or changes except for routine maintenance;
- (e) The approval of financial assistance to lease units within an existing structure located within the floodplain, but only if;
  - (1) The structure is located outside the floodway or coastal high hazard area, and is in a community that is in the Regular Program of the NFIP and in good standing ( i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24); and
  - (2) The project is not a critical action; and
  - (3) The entire structure is or will be fully insured or insured to the maximum extent available under the NFIP for at least the term of the lease.
- (f) Special projects for the purpose of improving efficiency of utilities or installing renewable energy that involve the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing structures or infrastructure, do not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(12), and do not include the installation of equipment below the FFRMS floodplain elevation.

*Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

5-Step Process is applicable per 55.14.

Provide documentation of 5-Step Process.

Select the applicable citation:

- (a) HUD actions involving the disposition of HUD-acquired multifamily housing projects or “bulk sales” of HUD-acquired one- to four-family properties in communities that are in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in good standing (i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24).
- (b) HUD's actions under the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1701) for the purchase or refinancing of existing multifamily housing projects, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, and intermediate care facilities, in communities that are in good standing under the NFIP.
- (c) HUD's or the recipient's actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing multifamily housing projects, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, intermediate care facilities, and one- to four-family properties, in communities that are in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and are in good standing, provided that the number of units is not increased more than 20 percent, the action does not involve a conversion from nonresidential to residential land use, the action does not meet the thresholds for “substantial improvement” under § 55.2(b)(10), and the footprint of the structure and paved areas is not increased by more than 20 percent.
- (d) HUD's (or the recipient's) actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing nonresidential buildings and structures, in communities that are in the Regular Program of the NFIP and are in good standing, provided that the action does not meet the thresholds for “substantial improvement” under § 55.2(b)(10) and that the footprint of the structure and paved areas is not increased by more than 20 percent
- (e) HUD's or the recipient's actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing nonstructural improvements including streets, curbs and gutters, where any increase of the total impervious surface area of the facility is de minimis. This provision does not include critical actions, levee systems, chemical storage facilities (including any tanks), wastewater facilities, or sewer lagoons.

*Continue to Question 8. Mitigation.*

- 8-Step Process applies.

Provide a completed 8-Step Process, including the early public notice and the final notice.

*Continue to Question 8. Mitigation.*

## 8. Mitigation

The project has been designed to minimize adverse impacts to floodplains and wetlands and to preserve their natural and beneficial functions to the greatest extent practicable. Mitigation measures include:

- Siting above-ground components (e.g., storage tank, wellhouse) outside floodplain and wetland areas
- Utilizing existing disturbed corridors and road rights-of-way
- Implementing erosion and sediment control measures during construction
- Restoring temporarily disturbed areas to pre-construction contours and vegetation
- Maintaining natural drainage patterns and flood storage capacity
- Complying with all applicable federal, state, and local floodplain management regulations

The project does not include new habitable structures or substantial improvements within the floodplain; therefore, Elevation Certificates or Floodproofing Certificates are not required under the Final Rule.

**For the project to comply with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the measures that must be implemented to mitigate the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation. Note: newly constructed and substantially improved structures within the FFRMS floodplain must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain elevation or floodproofed, if applicable.**

**Which of the following if any mitigation/minimization measures have been identified for this project in the 8-Step or 5-Step Process? Select all that apply.**

- Buyout and demolition or other supported clearance of floodplain structures
- Insurance purchased in excess of statutory requirement under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973
- Permeable surfaces
- Natural landscape enhancements that maintain or restore natural hydrology
- Planting or restoring native plant species
- Bioswales
- Stormwater capture and reuse
- Green or vegetative roofs with drainage provisions
- Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation easements or similar easements
- Floodproofing of structures as allowable (e.g. non-residential floors)
- Elevating structures (including freeboard above the required base flood elevations)
- Levee or structural protection from flooding
- Channelizing or redefining the floodway or floodplain through a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)

*Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

**Worksheet Summary**

**Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- FIRM panel numbers
- CISA data or maps
- Information on other data or tools used or accessed
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

Jefferson County completed floodplain management review in accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 24 CFR Part 55, documented within the Environmental Review Record prepared pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.

Floodplain determination was based on:

- FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM Panel 3001540150B, effective June 17, 1986 – Zone X)
- Montana DNRC Draft Floodplain Mapping (best available information for FFRMS)
- Early Notice published March 12, 2026
- Final Notice published April 9, 2026
- Completed 8-Step Floodplain Management Decision-Making Process

Public comment periods for both the Early and Final Notices were completed.

No comments were received.

The project incorporates practicable avoidance and minimization measures and will not increase flood risk or adversely affect floodplain or wetland functions.

**Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD**

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

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**Worksheet Summary for 2013 Version**

**Compliance Determination**

Attach 'Floodplain Management Partner Worksheet' (OMB No. 2506-0177), FIRM map indicating project location, and summary of 8-step or 5-step decision making process if applicable.

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates

- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

**Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD**

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

# **APPENDIX D**

Clean Air



**You are here:** EPA Home > Green Book > >National Area and County-Level Multi-Pollutant Information >Montana Nonattainment/Maintenance Status for Each County by Year for All Criteria Pollutants

# Montana Nonattainment/Maintenance Status for Each County by Year for All Criteria Pollutants

Data is current as of February 28, 2026

Listed by County, NAAQS, Area. The 8-hour Ozone (1997) standard was revoked on April 6, 2015 and the 1-hour Ozone (1979) standard was revoked on June 15, 2005.

\* The 1997 Primary Annual PM-2.5 NAAQS (level of 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) is revoked in attainment and maintenance areas for that NAAQS. For additional information see the PM-2.5 NAAQS SIP Requirements Final Rule, effective October 24, 2016. (81 FR 58009)

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Important Notes

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County	NAAQS	Area Name	Nonattainment in Year	Redesignation to Maintenance	Classification	Whole or/Part County	Population (2010)	State/County FIPS Codes
<b>MONTANA</b>								
Cascade County	Carbon Monoxide (1971)	Great Falls, MT	92939495969798990001	07/08/2002	Not Classified	Part	57,573	30/013
Flathead County	PM-10 (1987)	Flathead County; Columbia Falls and vicinity, MT	92939495969798990001020304050607080910111213141516171819	07/27/2020	Moderate	Part	4,610	30/029
Flathead County	PM-10 (1987)	Flathead County; Kalispell and vicinity, MT	92939495969798990001020304050607080910111213141516171819	07/27/2020	Moderate	Part	18,422	30/029
Flathead County	PM-10 (1987)	Flathead County; Whitefish and vicinity, MT	9394959697989900010203040506070809101112131415161718192021	07/08/2022	Moderate	Part	6,138	30/029

County	NAAQS	Area Name	Nonattainment in Year	Redesignation to Maintenance	Classification	Whole or/Part County	Population (2010)	State/County FIPS Codes
Lake County	PM-10 (1987)	Lake County; Polson, MT	9293949596979899000102030405060708091011121314151617181920212223242526	//	Moderate	Part	4,099	30/047
Lake County	PM-10 (1987)	Lake County; Ronan, MT	9293949596979899000102030405060708091011121314151617181920212223242526	//	Moderate	Part	2,734	30/047
Lewis and Clark County	Lead (1978)	Lewis & Clark County (part); City of East Helena and vicinity, MT	929394959697989900010203040506070809101112131415161718	10/11/2019		Part	2,669	30/049
Lewis and Clark County	Sulfur Dioxide (1971)	East Helena Area, MT	929394959697989900010203040506070809101112131415161718	10/11/2019		Part	2,669	30/049
Lincoln County	PM-10 (1987)	Lincoln County; Libby and vicinity, MT	92939495969798990001020304050607080910111213141516171819	07/27/2020	Moderate	Part	3,378	30/053
Lincoln County	PM-2.5 (1997)-NAAQS revoked	Libby, MT	050607080910111213141516171819202122	08/23/2023 *	Moderate	Part	9,429	30/053
Missoula County	Carbon Monoxide (1971)	Missoula, MT	929394959697989900010203040506	09/17/2007	Moderate <= 12.7ppm	Part	59,733	30/063
Missoula County	PM-10 (1987)	Missoula, MT	929394959697989900010203040506070809101112131415161718	06/24/2019	Moderate	Part	59,733	30/063
Rosebud County	PM-10 (1987)	Rosebud County; Lame Deer, MT	9293949596979899000102030405060708091011121314151617181920212223242526	//	Moderate	Part	527	30/087
Sanders County	PM-10 (1987)	Sanders County (part); Thompson Falls and vicinity, MT	94959697989900010203040506070809101112131415161718192021	07/08/2022	Moderate	Part	1,317	30/089
Silver Bow County	PM-10 (1987)	Silver Bow County; Butte, MT	9293949596979899000102030405060708091011121314151617181920	07/26/2021	Moderate	Part	34,201	30/093
Yellowstone County	Carbon Monoxide (1971)	Billings, MT	92939495969798990001	04/22/2002	Not Classified	Part	104,360	30/111

County	NAAQS	Area Name	Nonattainment in Year	Redesignation to Maintenance	Classification	Whole or/Part County	Population (2010)	State/County FIPS Codes
Yellowstone County	Sulfur Dioxide (1971)	Laurel Area (Yellowstone County), MT	9293949596979899000102030405060708091011121314151617181920212223242526	//		Part	6,525	30/111
Yellowstone County	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	Billings, MT	131415	06/09/2016		Part	2,621	30/111

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## Air Quality (CEST and EA)

General Requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Clean Air Act is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which sets national standards on ambient pollutants. In addition, the Clean Air Act is administered by States, which must develop State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to regulate their state air quality. Projects funded by HUD must demonstrate that they conform to the appropriate SIP.	Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401 et seq.) as amended particularly Section 176(c) and (d) (42 USC 7506(c) and (d))	40 CFR Parts 6, 51 and 93
Reference		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/air-quality">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/air-quality</a>		

### Scope of Work

- 1. Does your project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units?**

Yes

→ Continue to Question 2.

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

### Air Quality Attainment Status of Project's County or Air Quality Management District

- 2. Is your project's air quality management district or county in non-attainment or maintenance status for any criteria pollutants?**

Follow the link below to determine compliance status of project county or air quality management district:

<http://www.epa.gov/oaqps001/greenbk/>

No, project's county or air quality management district is in attainment status for all criteria pollutants

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

Yes, project's management district or county is in non-attainment or maintenance status for one or more criteria pollutants.

Describe the findings:

→ Continue to Question 3.

**3. Determine the estimated emissions levels of your project for each of those criteria pollutants that are in non-attainment or maintenance status on your project area. Will your project exceed any of the *de minimis* or *threshold* emissions levels of non-attainment and maintenance level pollutants or exceed the screening levels established by the state or air quality management district?**

No, the project will not exceed *de minimis* or threshold emissions levels or screening levels

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Explain how you determined that the project would not exceed *de minimis* or threshold emissions.

Yes, the project exceeds *de minimis* emissions levels or screening levels.

→ Continue to Question 4. Explain how you determined that the project would not exceed *de minimis* or threshold emissions in the Worksheet Summary.

**4. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

## **Worksheet Summary**

### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project complies with the Clean Air Act and applicable HUD environmental review requirements. The project does not include construction of residential dwelling units, commercial facilities, or industrial facilities, and does not facilitate land use changes subject to air quality conformity analysis. Additionally, the project is located in Jefferson County, Montana, which is designated as in attainment for all criteria pollutants according to the EPA Green Book.

Construction-related emissions (e.g., dust and equipment exhaust) will be temporary and minor and will not result in long-term degradation of local or regional air quality. No conformity determination, emissions modeling, or mitigation measures are required.

Documentation Reviewed:

- *Montana Nonattainment/Maintenance Status for Each County by Year for All Criteria Pollutants*, EPA Green Book, data current as of February 28, 2026
- HUD Air Quality Worksheet guidance

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

# **APPENDIX E**

## Contamination and Toxic Substances

# Search for Superfund Sites Where You Live

On this page:

- National Priorities List and Superfund Alternative Approach Sites
- Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) Where You Live Map
- Advanced Search: For National Priorities List and Non-NPL Sites
- Cleanups in My Community Mapped Search

## National Priorities List and Superfund Alternative Approach Sites

Search for sites proposed to, currently on, and deleted from Superfund's National Priorities List (NPL) <<https://epa.gov/superfund/superfund-national-priorities-list-npl>> as well as sites being addressed under the Superfund Alternative Approach (SAA) <<https://epa.gov/enforcement/superfund-alternative-approach>>.

Select a State

After selecting a state, click Go to display sites in that state.

State of Montana Selected

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Search:

Region	City	County	State	Zip Code	EPA ID	Site Name	NPL Status
08	ANACONDA	DEER LODGE	Montana	59711	MTD093291656	ANACONDA CO. SMELTER	Final
08	BASIN	JEFFERSON	Montana	59631	MTD982572562	BASIN MINING AREA	Final
08	BILLINGS	YELLOWSTONE	Montana	59101	MTD986073252	BILLINGS PCE	Final
08	BILLINGS	YELLOWSTONE	Montana	59101	MT0007623052	LOCKWOOD SOLVENT GROUND WATER PLUME	Final
08	BLACK EAGLE	CASCADE	Montana	59414	MTD093291599	ACM SMELTER AND REFINERY	Final
08	BOZEMAN	GALLATIN	Montana	59715	MTD006232276	IDAHO POLE CO.	Final
08	BUTTE	SILVER BOW	Montana	59701	MTD006230635	MONTANA POLE AND TREATING	Final
08	BUTTE	SILVER BOW	Montana	59750	MTD980502777	SILVER BOW CREEK/BUTTE AREA	Final
08	COLUMBIA FALLS	FLATHEAD	Montana	59912	MTD057561763	ANACONDA ALUMINUM CO COLUMBIA FALLS REDUCTION PLANT	Final
08	COLUMBUS	STILLWATER	Montana	59019	MTD021997689	MOUAT INDUSTRIES	Final
08	EAST HELENA	LEWIS AND CLARK	Montana	59635	MTD006230346	EAST HELENA SITE	Final
08	HELENA	LEWIS AND CLARK	Montana	59601	MTSFN7578012	UPPER TENMILE CREEK MINING AREA	Final
08	LIBBY	LINCOLN	Montana	59923	MT0009083840	LIBBY ASBESTOS SITE	Final
08	LIBBY	LINCOLN	Montana	59923	MTD980502736	LIBBY GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION	Final
08	MILLTOWN	MISSOULA	Montana	59851	MTD980717565	MILLTOWN RESERVOIR SEDIMENTS	Final

Region	City	County	State	Zip Code	EPA ID	Site Name	NPL Status
08	MISSOULA	MISSOULA	Montana	59808	MTN000802850	SMURFIT-STONE MILL FRENCHTOWN	Proposed
08	MONARCH	CASCADE	Montana	59469	MT6122307485	BARKER HUGHESVILLE MINING DISTRICT	Final
08	NEIHART	CASCADE	Montana	59465	MT0001096353	CARPENTER SNOW CREEK MINING DISTRICT	Final
08	SUPERIOR	MINERAL	Montana	59872	MT0012694970	FLAT CREEK IMM	Final

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## Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) Where You Live Map

\*The latitude and longitude coordinates for the sites displayed in the map are derived from Hazard Ranking System documentation records used to support the addition of these sites to the National Priorities List.

View larger map of NPL and SAA sites <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/4822dbc3d1c04131a548d4404bb1496a>

## Advanced Search: For National Priorities List and Non-NPL Sites

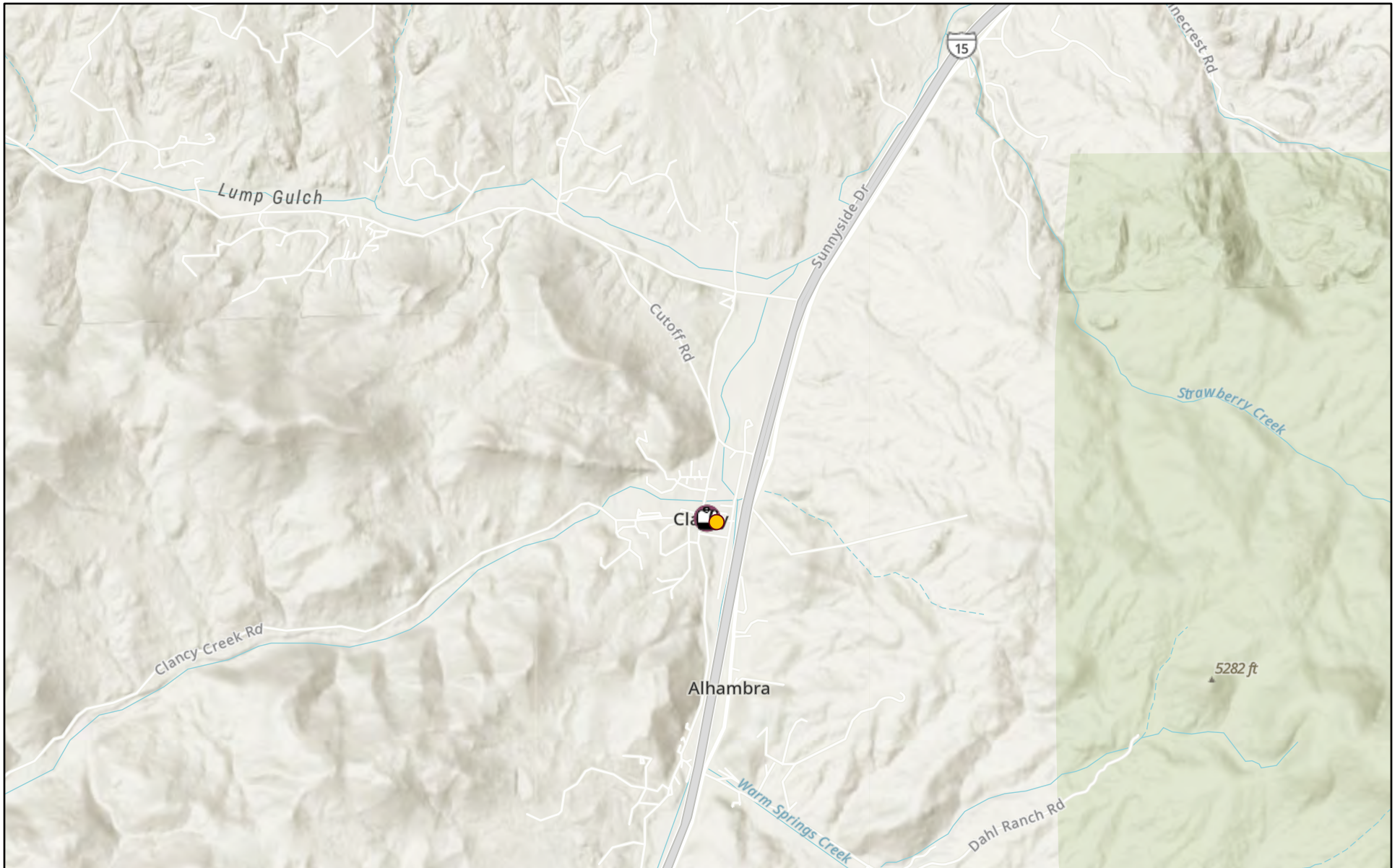
Search the Superfund data system for active and archived NPL and non-NPL sites. <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/srchsites.cfm>

## Cleanups in My Community Mapped Search



View EPA's Cleanups in my Community map <https://epa.gov/cleanups/cleanups-my-community>, which includes Superfund sites as well as sites and facilities addressed under other programs.

Last updated on October 1, 2025

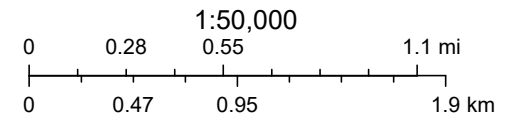
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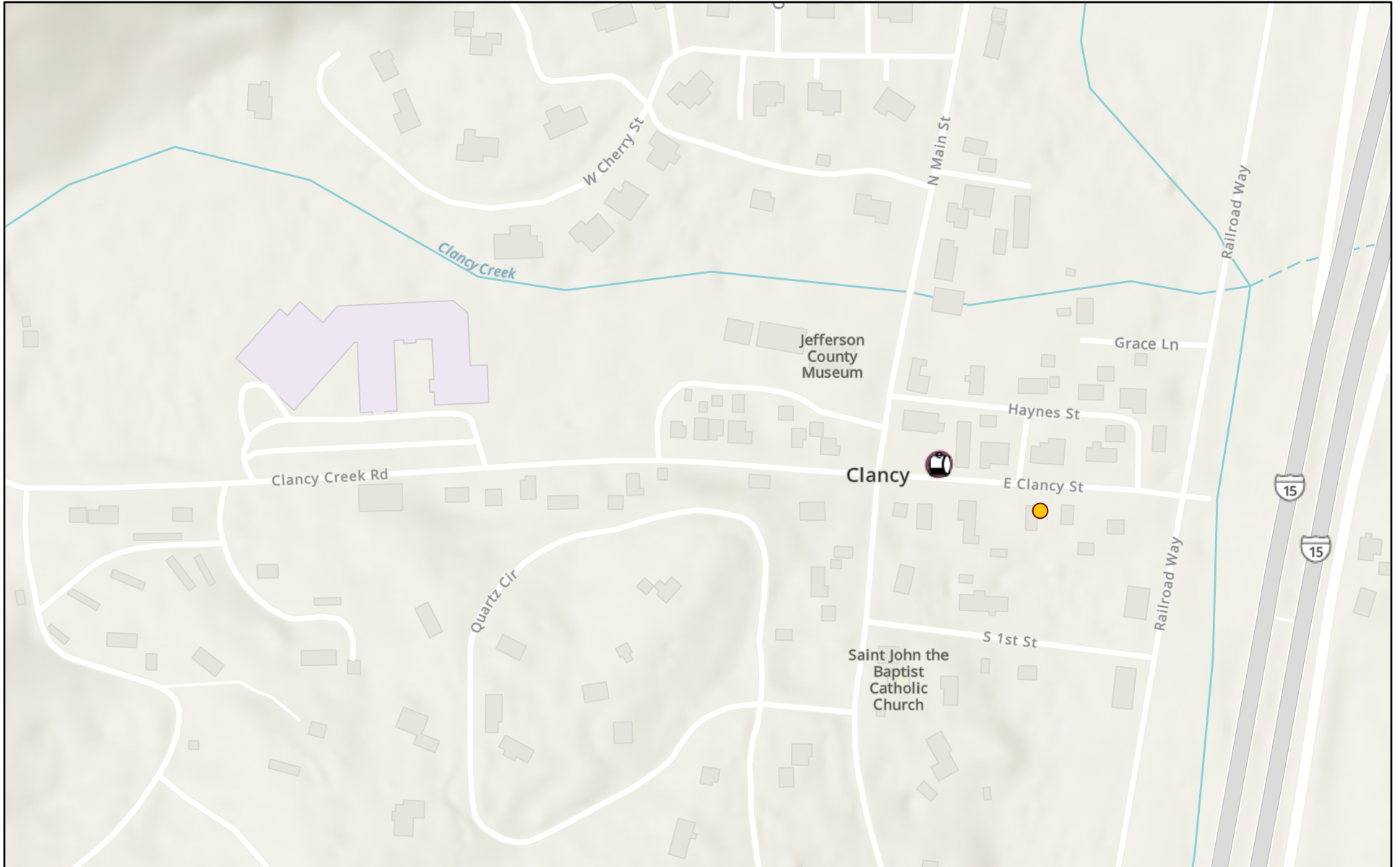
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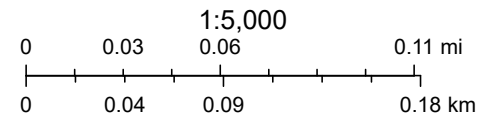
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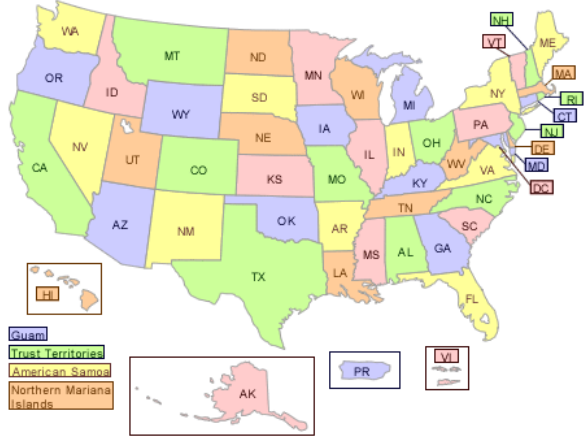


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# National Priorities List (NPL) Sites - by State

[View NPL Sites - by Site Name <<https://epa.gov/superfund/national-priorities-list-npl-sites-site-name>>] | [View NPL Sites - by Date <<https://epa.gov/superfund/national-priorities-list-npl-sites-listing-date>>]

Choose a state or territory from the map or list below.  ▼



This page provides information about sites listed on the NPL; including Site Name, City, Site EPA ID, Listing Date, Site Score, and Federal Facility Indicator. Links to the Site Narrative, Site Progress Profile, and Federal Register Notice are provided in the Additional Information column. The Site Location column contains a link to a map with the site location. Select a state from the map for a list of NPL sites in that state.

( 1343 Sites as of March 13, 2026 )

Alabama ( 12 sites )							
Site Name	City	Site EPA ID	Listing Date	Site Score	Federal Facility Indicator	Additional Information	Site Location
Alabama Army Ammunition Plant	Childersburg	AL6210020008	07/22/1987	36.83	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121411">https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121411</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189629">https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189629</a>&gt; (27 pp, 287 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Alabama Plating Company, Inc.	Vincent	ALD004022448	09/18/2012	30.20	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121061">https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121061</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2012-09-18/pdf/2012-22851.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2012-09-18/pdf/2012-22851.pdf</a>&gt; (10 pp, 261 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
American Brass	Headland	ALD981868466	05/10/1999	55.61	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121379">https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121379</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-1999-05-10/pdf/99-11705.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-1999-05-10/pdf/99-11705.pdf</a>&gt; (8 pp, 189 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Anniston Army Depot (Southeast Industrial Area)	Anniston	AL3210020027	03/13/1989	51.91	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121396">https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121396</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189630">https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189630</a>&gt; (11 pp, 136 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Ciba-Geigy Corp. (McIntosh Plant)	McIntosh	ALD001221902	09/21/1984	53.42	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121407">https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/04/11121407</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189627">https://semsub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189627</a>&gt; (22 pp, 177 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location

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Site Name	City	Site EPA ID	Listing Date	Site Score	Federal Facility Indicator	Additional Information	Site Location
Washington County Lead District - Old Mines	Old Mines	MON000705027	03/19/2008	76.81	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296027">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296027</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2008-03-19/pdf/e8-5557.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2008-03-19/pdf/e8-5557.pdf</a>&gt; (9 pp, 214 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Washington County Lead District - Potosi	Potosi	MON000705023	03/19/2008	50.00	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296028">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296028</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2008-03-19/pdf/e8-5557.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2008-03-19/pdf/e8-5557.pdf</a>&gt; (9 pp, 214 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Washington County Lead District - Richwoods	Richwoods	MON000705032	03/19/2008	76.81	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296029">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296029</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2008-03-19/pdf/e8-5557.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2008-03-19/pdf/e8-5557.pdf</a>&gt; (9 pp, 214 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Weldon Spring Former Army Ordnance Works	St. Charles County	MO5210021288	02/21/1990	30.26	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296203">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296203</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189635">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189635</a>&gt; (21 pp, 326 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Weldon Spring Quarry/Plant/Pits (USDOE/Army)	St. Charles County	MO3210090004	07/22/1987	58.60	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296134">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296134</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189629">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189629</a>&gt; (27 pp, 287 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Westlake Landfill	Bridgeton	MOD079900932	08/30/1990	29.85	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296142">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296142</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189637">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189637</a>&gt; (22 pp, 293 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location

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Site Name	City	Site EPA ID	Listing Date	Site Score	Federal Facility Indicator	Additional Information	Site Location
ACM Smelter and Refinery	Black Eagle	MTD093291599	03/10/2011	54.26	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1570671">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1570671</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2011-03-10/pdf/2011-5337.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2011-03-10/pdf/2011-5337.pdf</a>&gt; (9 pp, 179 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Anaconda Aluminum Co Columbia Falls Reduction Plant	Columbia Falls	MTD057561763	09/09/2016	68.39	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1570788">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1570788</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2016-09-09/pdf/2016-21615.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2016-09-09/pdf/2016-21615.pdf</a>&gt; (7 pp, 245 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location

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Anaconda Co. Smelter	Anaconda	MTD093291656	09/08/1983	58.71	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000209">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000209</a>&gt;</li><li>Site Progress Profile</li><li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189620">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189620</a>&gt; (36 pp, 441 K)</li></ul>	Site Location
Barker Hughesville Mining District	Barker	MT6122307485	09/13/2001	50.00	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000187">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000187</a>&gt;</li><li>Site Progress Profile</li><li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2001-09-13/pdf/01-22741.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2001-09-13/pdf/01-22741.pdf</a>&gt; (9 pp, 193 K)</li></ul>	Site Location
Basin Mining Area	Basin	MTD982572562	10/22/1999	61.15	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000181">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000181</a>&gt;</li><li>Site Progress Profile</li><li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-1999-10-22/pdf/99-27537.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-1999-10-22/pdf/99-27537.pdf</a>&gt; (8 pp, 187 K)</li></ul>	Site Location
Billings PCE	Billings	MTD986073252	09/09/2021	50.00	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/hq/400931">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/hq/400931</a>&gt;</li><li>Site Progress Profile</li><li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2021-09-09/pdf/2021-19193.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2021-09-09/pdf/2021-19193.pdf</a>&gt; (7 pp, 280 K)</li></ul>	Site Location
Carpenter Snow Creek Mining District	Neihart	MT0001096353	09/13/2001	50.00	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000188">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000188</a>&gt;</li><li>Site Progress Profile</li><li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2001-09-13/pdf/01-22741.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2001-09-13/pdf/01-22741.pdf</a>&gt; (9 pp, 193 K)</li></ul>	Site Location
East Helena Site	East Helena	MTD006230346	09/21/1984	61.65	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000213">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000213</a>&gt;</li><li>Site Progress Profile</li><li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189627">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189627</a>&gt; (22 pp, 177 K)</li></ul>	Site Location
Flat Creek IMM	Superior	MT0012694970	09/23/2009	51.33	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1570670">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1570670</a>&gt;</li><li>Site Progress Profile</li><li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2009-09-23/pdf/e9-22934.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2009-09-23/pdf/e9-22934.pdf</a>&gt; (10 pp, 170 K)</li></ul>	Site Location
Idaho Pole Co.	Bozeman	MTD006232276	06/10/1986	38.29	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000215">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000215</a>&gt;</li><li>Site Progress Profile</li><li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189628">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189628</a>&gt; (34 pp, 369 K)</li></ul>	Site Location
Libby Asbestos	Libby	MT0009083840	10/24/2002		No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000192">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000192</a>&gt;</li><li>Site Progress Profile</li><li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2002-10-24/pdf/02-27127.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2002-10-24/pdf/02-27127.pdf</a>&gt; (7 pp, 187 K)</li></ul>	Site Location

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Site Name	City	Site EPA ID	Listing Date	Site Score	Federal Facility Indicator	Additional Information	Site Location
Libby Ground Water Contamination	Libby	MTD980502736	09/08/1983	37.67	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000210">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000210</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189620">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189620</a>&gt; (36 pp, 441 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Lockwood Solvent Ground Water Plume	Billings	MT0007623052	12/01/2000	45.69	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000186">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000186</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2000-12-01/pdf/00-30630.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-2000-12-01/pdf/00-30630.pdf</a>&gt; (8 pp, 272 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Milltown Reservoir Sediments	Milltown	MTD980717565	09/08/1983	43.78	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000211">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000211</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189620">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189620</a>&gt; (36 pp, 441 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Montana Pole and Treating	Butte	MTD006230635	07/22/1987	33.03	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000217">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000217</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189629">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189629</a>&gt; (27 pp, 287 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Mouat Industries	Columbus	MTD021997689	06/10/1986	31.66	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000216">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000216</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189628">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189628</a>&gt; (34 pp, 369 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area	Silver Bow Creek	MTD980502777	09/08/1983	63.76	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000212">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000212</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189620">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189620</a>&gt; (36 pp, 441 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location
Upper Tenmile Creek Mining Area	Helena, Rimini	MTSFN7578012	10/22/1999	50.00	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000183">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100000183</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-1999-10-22/pdf/99-27537.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/fr-1999-10-22/pdf/99-27537.pdf</a>&gt; (8 pp, 187 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location

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10th Street Site	Columbus	NED981713837	08/30/1990	28.90	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Listing Narrative &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296140">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/07/30296140</a>&gt;</li> <li>Site Progress Profile</li> <li>Federal Register Notice (PDF) &lt;<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189637">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/11/189637</a>&gt; (22 pp, 293 K)</li> </ul>	Site Location

## Contamination and Toxic Substances (Multifamily and Non-Residential Properties)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulations
It is HUD policy that all properties that are being proposed for use in HUD programs be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property.		24 CFR 58.5(i)(2) 24 CFR 50.3(i)
<b>Reference</b>		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/site-contamination">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/site-contamination</a>		

**1. How was site contamination evaluated?<sup>1</sup> Select all that apply.**

- ASTM Phase I ESA
- ASTM Phase II ESA
- Remediation or clean-up plan
- ASTM Vapor Encroachment Screening
- None of the above

→ Provide documentation and reports and include an explanation of how site contamination was evaluated in the Worksheet Summary.

Continue to Question 2.

**2. Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property? (Were any recognized environmental conditions or RECs identified in a Phase I ESA and confirmed in a Phase II ESA?)**

- No

**Explain:**

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<sup>1</sup> HUD regulations at 24 CFR § 58.5(i)(2)(ii) require that the environmental review for multifamily housing with five or more dwelling units or non-residential property include the evaluation of previous uses of the site or other evidence of contamination on or near the site. For acquisition and new construction of multifamily and nonresidential properties HUD strongly advises the review include an ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to meet real estate transaction standards of due diligence and to help ensure compliance with HUD's toxic policy at 24 CFR §58.5(i) and 24 CFR §50.3(i). Also note that some HUD programs require an ASTM Phase I ESA.

A review of EPA Superfund and NPL records confirms that **no National Priorities List (NPL) or Superfund sites are located within or immediately adjacent to the project area.** EPA records for the State of Montana identify active and historic Superfund sites in other communities (e.g., Anaconda, Butte, Basin, East Helena, Libby), none of which are located in the Clancy project area. Review of Montana DEQ LUST and UST records similarly did not identify on-site or adjacent contamination that would pose a risk to occupants or conflict with the proposed use. No recognized environmental conditions (RECs) were identified based on this review.

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.  
Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

Yes.

→ *Describe the findings, including any recognized environmental conditions (RECs), in Worksheet Summary below. Continue to Question 3.*

### 3. Mitigation

Document the mitigation needed according to the requirements of the appropriate federal, state, tribal, or local oversight agency. If the adverse environmental effects cannot be mitigated, then HUD assistance may not be used for the project at this site.

#### Can adverse environmental impacts be mitigated?

Adverse environmental impacts cannot feasibly be mitigated

→ Project cannot proceed at this location.

Yes, adverse environmental impacts can be eliminated through mitigation.

→ *Provide all mitigation requirements<sup>2</sup> and documents. Continue to Question 4.*

### 4. Describe how compliance was achieved. Include any of the following that apply: State Voluntary Clean-up Program, a No Further Action letter, use of engineering controls<sup>3</sup>, or use of institutional controls<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> Mitigation requirements include all clean-up actions required by applicable federal, state, tribal, or local law. Additionally, provide, as applicable, the long-term operations and maintenance plan, Remedial Action Work Plan, and other equivalent documents.

<sup>3</sup> Engineering controls are any physical mechanism used to contain or stabilize contamination or ensure the effectiveness of a remedial action. Engineering controls may include, without limitation, caps, covers, dikes, trenches, leachate collection systems, signs, fences, physical access controls, ground water monitoring systems and ground water containment systems including, without limitation, slurry walls and ground water pumping systems.

<sup>4</sup> Institutional controls are mechanisms used to limit human activities at or near a contaminated site, or to ensure the effectiveness of the remedial action over time, when contaminants remain at a site at levels above the applicable remediation standard which would allow for unrestricted use of the property. Institutional controls may include structure, land, and natural resource use restrictions, well restriction areas, classification exception areas, deed notices, and declarations of environmental restrictions.

**If a remediation plan or clean-up program was necessary, which standard does it follow?**

- Complete removal  
→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*
- Risk-based corrective action (RBCA)  
→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The project complies with **HUD Contamination and Toxic Substances requirements (24 CFR 58.5(i)(2) and 24 CFR 50.3(i))**. Site conditions were evaluated using both **federal and state environmental databases**, including EPA Superfund and NPL records and Montana DEQ UST/LUST data. No Superfund, NPL, or other contaminated sites were identified on or immediately adjacent to the project site. The proposed project will not increase exposure to contamination and will not conflict with the intended use of the property.

#### **Sources Reviewed**

- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Search for Superfund Sites Where You Live**
- **EPA National Priorities List (NPL) Sites – Montana DEQ Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Database, December 2025**
- **Montana DEQ Underground Storage Tank (UST) Facility Mapping, Clancy Area**

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

- Yes
- No

# **APPENDIX F**

## Endangered Species



## United States Department of the Interior



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Project Code: 2026-0061225  
Project Name: Clancy - Water System Project

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Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

### To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf>

**Migratory Birds:** In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts, see <https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/what-we-do>.

It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures, see <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds>.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit <https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Bald & Golden Eagles
- Migratory Birds
- Wetlands

## **OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST**

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

**Montana Ecological Services Field Office**

585 Shephard Way, Suite 1

Helena, MT 59601-6287

(406) 449-5225

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2026-0061225

Project Name: Clancy - Water System Project

Project Type: Water Supply Pipeline - New Constr - Below Ground

Project Description: The proposed project location is in Clancy, Jefferson County. It will extend along several locations, including S 1st Street, Clancy Creek Rd, E Clancy St, S Main St., Cutoff Rd., and Legal Tender Ln. The purpose of this project is to create Clancy's water system by drilling new water wells, constructing a new water storage tank and transmission main, and constructing a water distribution system, including installing water meters.

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@46.46992265,-111.98516566342337,14z>



Counties: Jefferson County, Montana

## ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 5 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

**MAMMALS**

NAME	STATUS
Canada Lynx <i>Lynx canadensis</i> Population: Wherever Found in Contiguous U.S. There is <b>final</b> critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3652">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3652</a>	Threatened
Grizzly Bear <i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i> Population: U.S.A., conterminous (lower 48) States, except where listed as an experimental population There is <b>proposed</b> critical habitat for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7642">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7642</a>	Threatened
North American Wolverine <i>Gulo gulo luscus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5123">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5123</a>	Threatened

**INSECTS**

NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> There is <b>proposed</b> critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743</a>	Proposed Threatened
Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee <i>Bombus suckleyi</i> Population: No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10885">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10885</a>	Proposed Endangered

**CRITICAL HABITATS**

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

**USFWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LANDS AND FISH HATCHERIES**

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the [National Wildlife Refuge](#) system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

# BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES

Bald and Golden Eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act <sup>2</sup> and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup>. Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to Bald or Golden Eagles, or their habitats, should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate avoidance and minimization measures, as described in the various links on this page.

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1. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.
2. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

There are Bald Eagles and/or Golden Eagles in your [project](#) area.

## Measures for Proactively Minimizing Eagle Impacts

For information on how to best avoid and minimize disturbance to nesting bald eagles, please review the [National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines](#). You may employ the timing and activity-specific distance recommendations in this document when designing your project/activity to avoid and minimize eagle impacts. For bald eagle information specific to Alaska, please refer to [Bald Eagle Nesting and Sensitivity to Human Activity](#).

The FWS does not currently have guidelines for avoiding and minimizing disturbance to nesting Golden Eagles. For site-specific recommendations regarding nesting Golden Eagles, please consult with the appropriate Regional [Migratory Bird Office](#) or [Ecological Services Field Office](#).

If disturbance or take of eagles cannot be avoided, an [incidental take permit](#) may be available to authorize any take that results from, but is not the purpose of, an otherwise lawful activity. For assistance making this determination for Bald Eagles, visit the [Do I Need A Permit Tool](#). For assistance making this determination for golden eagles, please consult with the appropriate Regional [Migratory Bird Office](#) or [Ecological Services Field Office](#).

## Ensure Your Eagle List is Accurate and Complete

If your project area is in a poorly surveyed area in IPaC, your list may not be complete and you may need to rely on other resources to determine what species may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys). Please review the [Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles](#), to help you properly interpret the report for your specified location, including determining if there is sufficient data to ensure your list is accurate.

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to bald or golden eagles on your list, see the "Probability of Presence Summary" below to see when these bald or golden eagles are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

NAME	BREEDING SEASON
<b>Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i></b> This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626</a>	Breeds Jan 1 to Aug 31
<b>Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i></b> This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680</a>	Breeds Jan 1 to Aug 31

## PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read "[Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles](#)", specifically the FAQ section titled "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

### Probability of Presence (■)

Green bars; the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during that week of the year.

### Breeding Season (■)

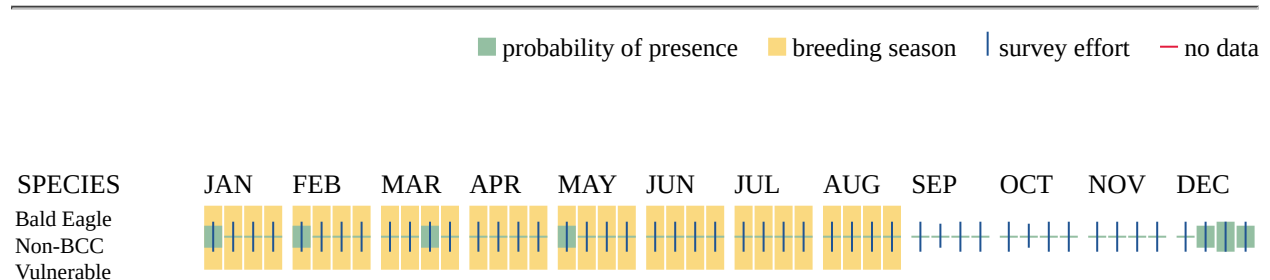
Yellow bars; liberal estimate of the timeframe inside which the bird breeds across its entire range.

### Survey Effort (|)

Vertical black lines; the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps.

### No Data (—)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.





Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Eagle Management <https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/avoiding-and-minimizing-incident-take-migratory-birds>
- Nationwide avoidance and minimization measures for birds <https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/nationwide-standard-conservation-measures.pdf>
- Supplemental Information for Migratory Birds and Eagles in IPaC <https://www.fws.gov/media/supplemental-information-migratory-birds-and-bald-and-golden-eagles-may-occur-project-action>

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup> prohibits the take (including killing, capturing, selling, trading, and transport) of protected migratory bird species without prior authorization by the Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

1. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
2. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.
3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, see the "Probability of Presence Summary" below to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

NAME	BREEDING SEASON
<b>Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i></b> This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626</a>	Breeds Jan 1 to Aug 31
<b>Broad-tailed Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus platycercus</i></b> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/11935">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/11935</a>	Breeds May 25 to Aug 21

NAME	BREEDING SEASON
<p>Calliope Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus calliope</i>            This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9526">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9526</a></p>	Breeds May 1 to Aug 15
<p>Cassin's Finch <i>Haemorhous cassinii</i>            This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9462">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9462</a></p>	Breeds May 15 to Jul 15
<p>Evening Grosbeak <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>            This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9465">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9465</a></p>	Breeds May 15 to Aug 10
<p>Flammulated Owl <i>Psiloscoops flammeolus</i>            This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7728">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7728</a></p>	Breeds May 10 to Aug 15
<p>Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>            This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680</a></p>	Breeds Jan 1 to Aug 31
<p>Lewis's Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes lewis</i>            This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9408">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9408</a></p>	Breeds Apr 20 to Sep 30
<p>Long-eared Owl <i>asio otus</i>            This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3631">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3631</a></p>	Breeds Mar 1 to Jul 15
<p>Olive-sided Flycatcher <i>Contopus cooperi</i>            This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3914">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3914</a></p>	Breeds May 20 to Aug 31
<p>Rufous Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus rufus</i>            This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8002">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8002</a></p>	Breeds Apr 15 to Jul 15
<p>Williamson's Sapsucker <i>Sphyrapicus thyroideus nataliae</i>            This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/11995">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/11995</a></p>	Breeds May 1 to Jul 31

## PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read ["Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles"](#), specifically the FAQ section titled "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

### Probability of Presence (■)

Green bars; the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during that week of the year.

### Breeding Season (■)

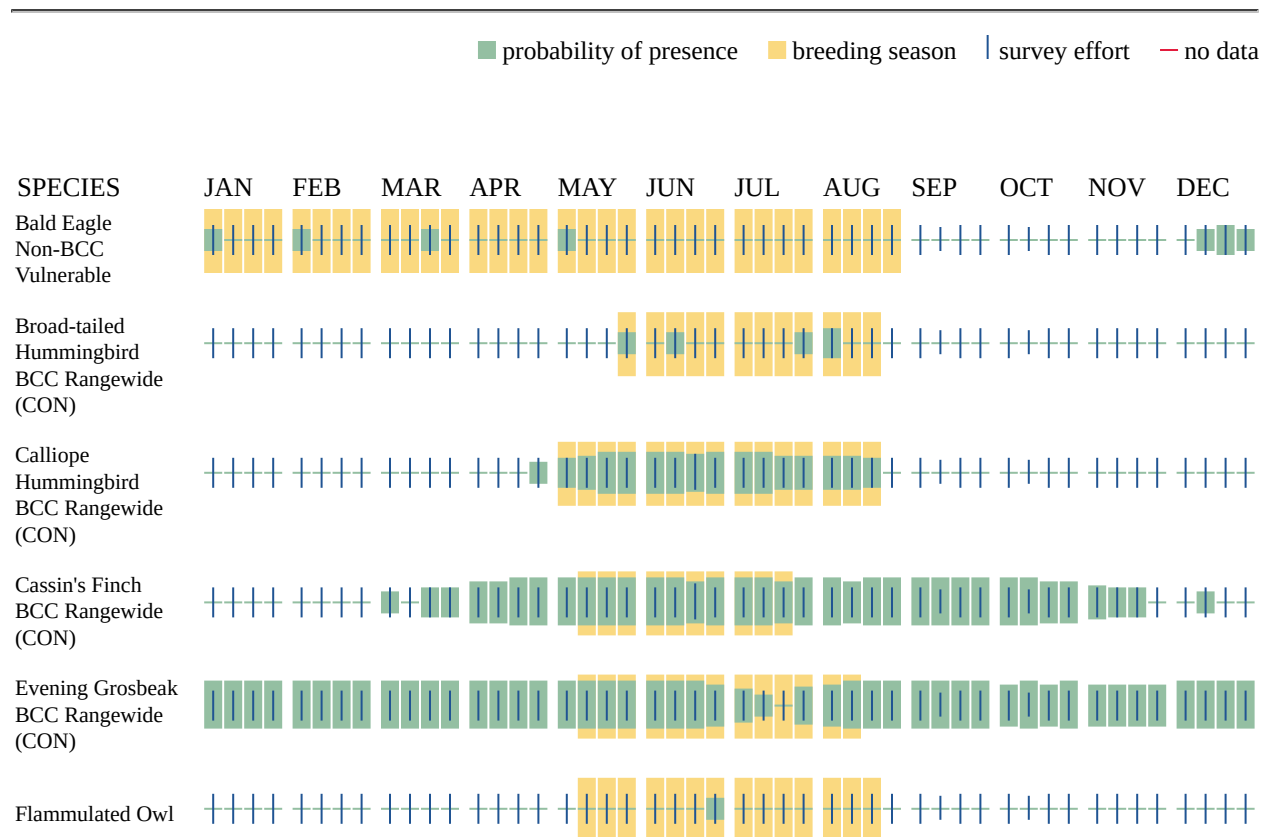
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### Survey Effort (|)

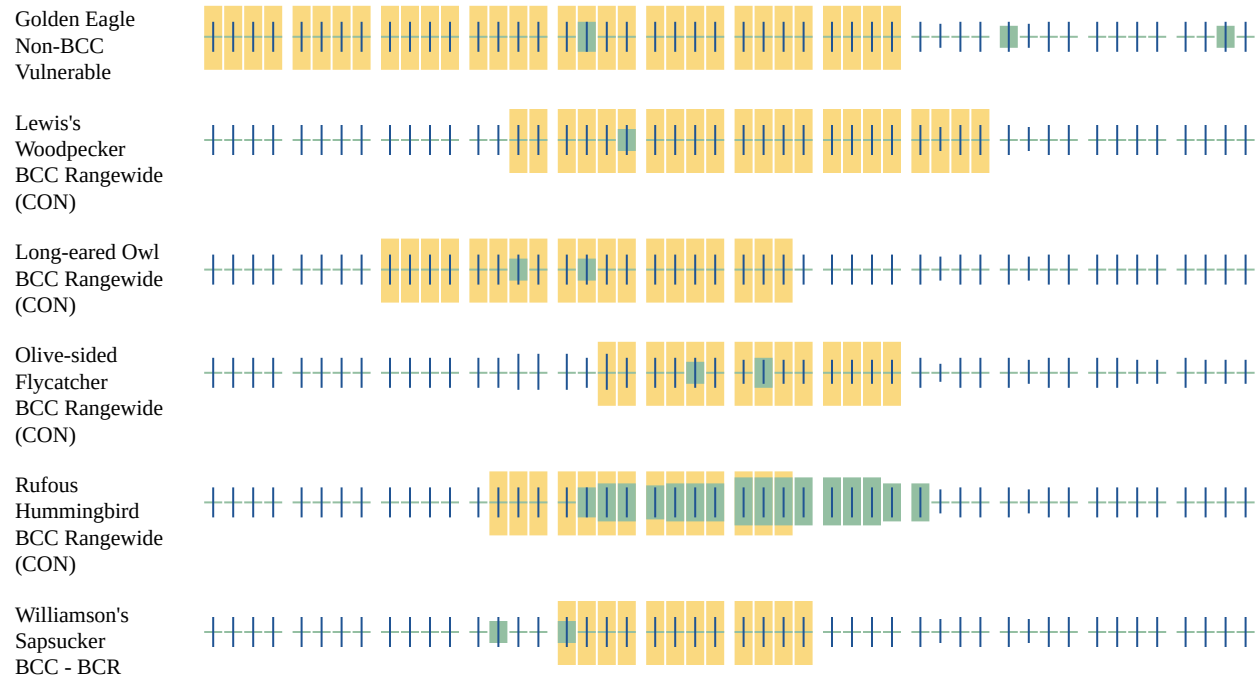
Vertical black lines; the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps.

### No Data (-)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.



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Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Eagle Management <https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/avoiding-and-minimizing-incident-take-migratory-birds>
- Nationwide avoidance and minimization measures for birds
- Supplemental Information for Migratory Birds and Eagles in IPaC <https://www.fws.gov/media/supplemental-information-migratory-birds-and-bald-and-golden-eagles-may-occur-project-action>

## WETLANDS

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

THERE ARE NO WETLANDS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

## **IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **LEAD AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Lead Agency: Department of Commerce

## Endangered Species Act (CEST and EA)

General requirements	ESA Legislation	Regulations
Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) mandates that federal agencies ensure that actions that they authorize, fund, or carry out shall not jeopardize the continued existence of federally listed plants and animals or result in the adverse modification or destruction of designated critical habitat. Where their actions may affect resources protected by the ESA, agencies must consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (“FWS” and “NMFS” or “the Services”).	The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 <i>et seq.</i> ); particularly section 7 (16 USC 1536).	50 CFR Part 402
<b>References</b>		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/endangered-species">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/endangered-species</a>		

### 1. Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to affect species or habitats?

No, the project will have No Effect due to the nature of the activities involved in the project.  
 → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

No, the project will have No Effect based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office.  
 Explain your determination:

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

Yes, the activities involved in the project have the potential to affect species and/or habitats. → *Continue to Question 2.*

### 2. Are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area?

Obtain a list of protected species from the Services. This information is available on the [FWS Website](#) or you may contact your [local FWS](#) and/or [NMFS](#) offices directly.

No, the project will have No Effect due to the absence of federally listed species and designated critical habitat.

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation*

*may include letters from the Services, species lists from the Services' websites, surveys or other documents and analysis showing that there are no species in the action area.*

- Yes, there are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area. → *Continue to Question 3.*

**3. What effects, if any, will your project have on federally listed species or designated critical habitat?**

- No Effect: Based on the specifics of both the project and any federally listed species in the action area, you have determined that the project will have absolutely no effect on listed species or critical habitat.

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation should include a species list and explanation of your conclusion, and may require maps, photographs, and surveys as appropriate.*

- May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect: Any effects that the project may have on federally listed species or critical habitats would be beneficial, discountable, or insignificant.

→ *Continue to Question 4, Informal Consultation.*

- Likely to Adversely Affect: The project may have negative effects on one or more listed species or critical habitat.

→ *Continue to Question 5, Formal Consultation.*

**4. Informal Consultation is required**

Section 7 of ESA (16 USC. 1536) mandates consultation to resolve potential impacts to endangered and threatened species and critical habitats. If a HUD-assisted project may affect any federally listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat, then compliance is required with Section 7. See 50 CFR Part 402 Subpart B Consultation Procedures.

**Did the Service(s) concur with the finding that the project is Not Likely to Adversely Affect?**

- Yes, the Service(s) concurred with the finding.

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Question 6 and provide the following:*

- (1) A biological evaluation or equivalent document*
- (2) Concurrence(s) from FWS and/or NMFS*
- (3) Any other documentation of informal consultation*

*Exception: If finding was made based on procedures provided by a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office, provide whatever documentation is mandated by that agreement.*

No, the Service(s) did not concur with the finding. → Continue to Question 5.

**5. Formal consultation is required**

Section 7 of ESA (16 USC 1536) mandates consultation to resolve potential impacts to federally listed endangered and threatened species and critical habitats. If a HUD assisted project may affect any endangered or threatened species or critical habitat, then compliance is required with Section 7. See 50 CFR Part 402 Subpart B Consultation Procedures.

→ Once consultation is complete, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Question 6 and provide the following:

- (1) A biological assessment, evaluation, or equivalent document
- (2) Biological opinion(s) issued by FWS and/or NMFS
- (3) Any other documentation of formal consultation

**6. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the proposed measures that will be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

Mitigation as follows will be implemented:

No mitigation is necessary.

**Explain why mitigation will not be made here:**

Based on project design and location, the proposed action will have no effect on federally listed or proposed species or designated critical habitat.

Basis for No-Effect Determination:

- All construction will occur within existing developed areas, road rights-of-way, and previously disturbed corridors
- No critical habitat overlaps the project area
- No conversion or removal of suitable habitat for listed species will occur
- No in-stream work or alteration of natural surface waters affecting listed aquatic species is proposed
- Temporary construction impacts will be localized and short-term

Because the project will have no effect, ESA Section 7 consultation is not required

No mitigation is required because the project will have no effect on federally listed or proposed species or critical habitat.

## **Worksheet Summary**

### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project complies with the Endangered Species Act. An Official Species List was obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Ecological Services Field Office, dated March 11, 2026 (Project Code 2026-0061225). Although several federally listed and proposed species may occur in the broader region, the project will be constructed within previously disturbed and developed areas and will not affect suitable habitat or critical habitat for any listed species.

Based on project characteristics and site conditions, HUD has determined the project will have No Effect on federally listed species or designated critical habitat. Therefore, no informal or formal consultation is required, and the project is in compliance with ESA Section 7 requirements.

Documentation Used:

- USFWS Official Species List (IPaC), dated March 11, 2026
- Project maps and description
- Site conditions and construction methods

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

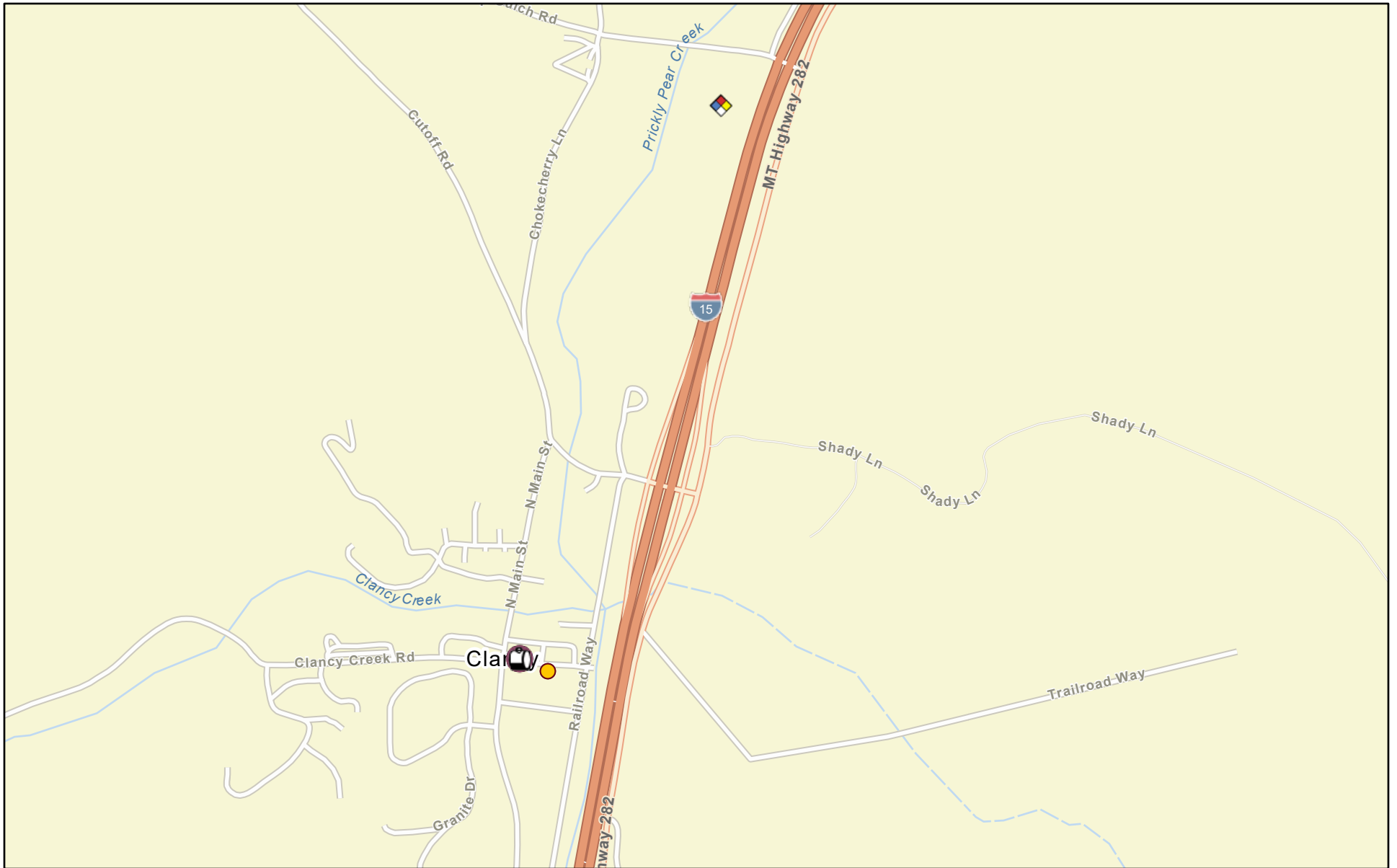
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# **APPENDIX G**

## **Explosive and Flammable Hazards**

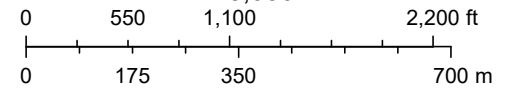
# Explosive and Flammable Facilities - Clancy



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-  Montana Hazardous Waste
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Montana DEQ, Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

## Explosive and Flammable Hazards (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD-assisted projects must meet Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) requirements to protect them from explosive and flammable hazards.	N/A	24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C
<b>Reference</b>		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/explosive-and-flammable-facilities">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/explosive-and-flammable-facilities</a>		

1. Is the proposed HUD-assisted project itself the development of a hazardous facility (a facility that mainly stores, handles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities and refineries)?

No

→ Continue to Question 2.

Yes

**Explain:**

→ Go directly to Question 5.

2. Does this project include any of the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion?

No

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Yes

→ Continue to Question 3.

3. Within 1 mile of the project site, are there any current *or planned* stationary aboveground storage containers that are covered by 24 CFR 51C? Containers that are NOT covered under the regulation include:

- Containers 100 gallons or less in capacity, containing common liquid industrial fuels OR
- Containers of liquified petroleum gas (LPG) or propane with a water volume capacity of 1,000 gallons or less that meet the requirements of the 2017 version of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 58.

If all containers within the search area fit the above criteria, answer “no.” For any other type of aboveground storage container within the search area that holds one of the

flammable or explosive materials listed in Appendix I of 24 CFR part 51 subpart C, answer “yes.”

No

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide all documents used to make your determination.

Yes

→ Continue to Question 4.

4. Visit HUD’s website to identify the appropriate tank or tanks to assess and to calculate the required separation distance using the [electronic assessment tool](#). To document this step in the analysis, please attach the following supporting documents to this screen:

- Map identifying the tank selected for assessment, and showing the distance from the tank to the proposed HUD-assisted project site; and
- Electronic assessment tool calculation of the required separation distance.

Based on the analysis, is the proposed HUD-assisted project site located at or beyond the required separation distance from all covered tanks?

Yes

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

No

→ Go directly to Question 6.

5. Is the hazardous facility located at an acceptable separation distance from residences and any other facility or area where people may congregate or be present?

Please visit HUD’s website for information on calculating Acceptable Separation Distance.

Yes

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to residences and any other facility or area where people congregate or are present and your separation distance calculations.

No

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Continue to Question 6.

6. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Mitigation measures may include both natural and manmade barriers, modification of the project design, burial or removal of the hazard, or other engineered solutions. Describe selected mitigation measures, including the timeline for implementation, and attach an implementation plan. If negative effects cannot be mitigated, cancel the project at this location.

Note that only licensed professional engineers should design and implement blast barriers. If a barrier will be used or the project will be modified to compensate for an unacceptable separation distance, provide approval from a licensed professional engineer.

### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

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The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project complies with HUD Explosive and Flammable Facilities requirements under 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C. Review of Montana DEQ mapping for hazardous and flammable facilities dated March 11, 2026, confirms that there are no stationary aboveground storage containers subject to HUD regulation within one mile of the project site.

As no regulated explosive or flammable hazards are present within the applicable screening distance, Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) calculations are not required, and the project poses no risk from explosive or flammable facilities.

Documentation Used:

- *Explosive and Flammable Facilities – Clancy* map
- Montana DEQ UST and Hazardous Waste spatial data
- HUD Explosive and Flammable Facilities guidance

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

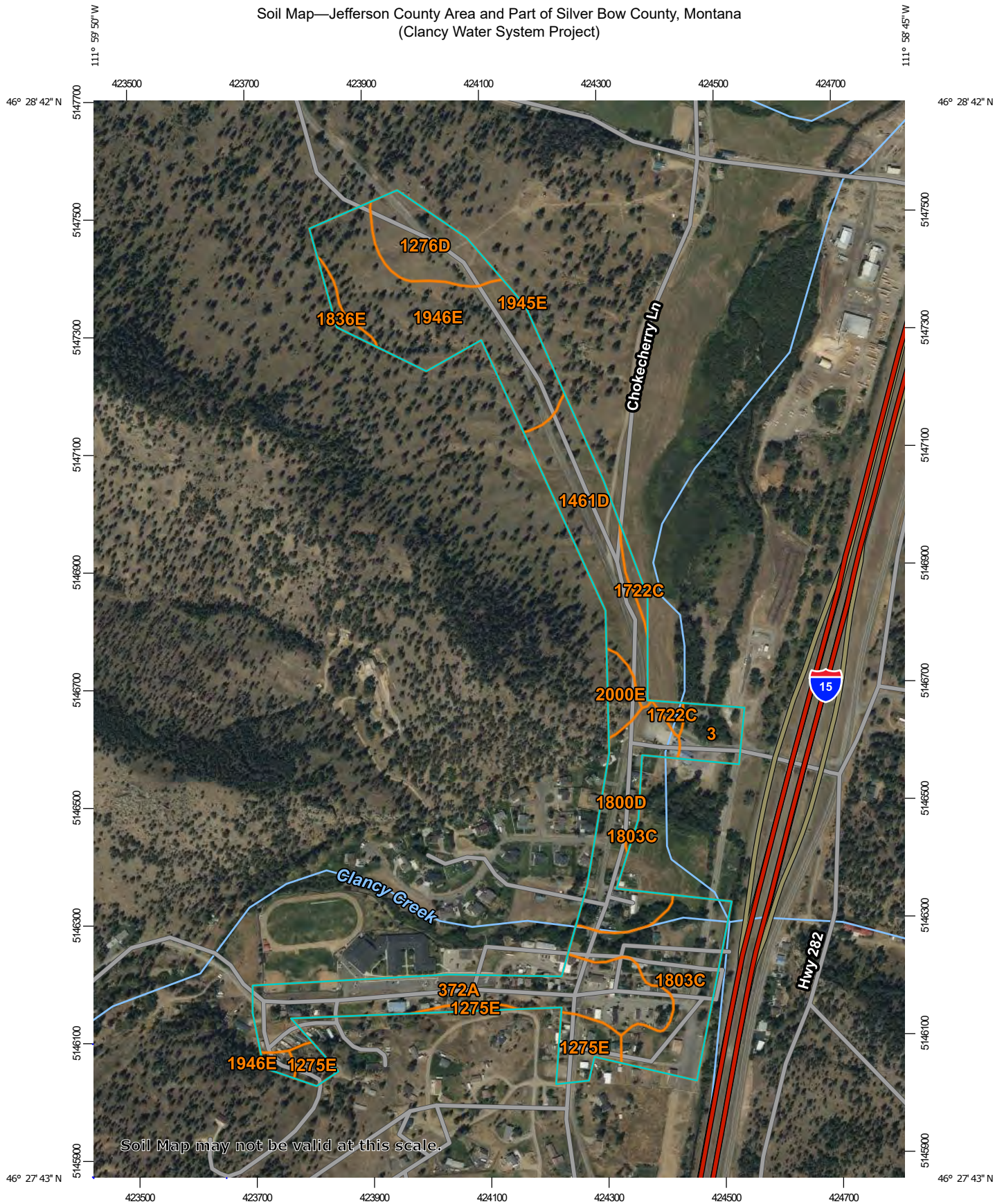
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No

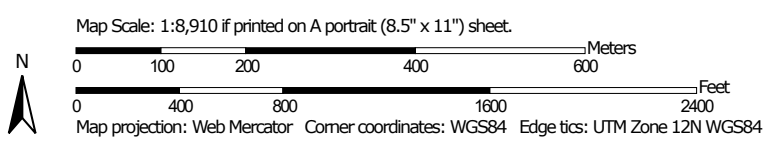
# **APPENDIX H**

## Farmlands Protection

Soil Map—Jefferson County Area and Part of Silver Bow County, Montana  
(Clancy Water System Project)




Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.




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### MAP LEGEND

**Area of Interest (AOI)**

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**Soils**







 Soil Map Unit Polygons

 Soil Map Unit Lines


 Soil Map Unit Points

**Special Point Features**






-  Blowout
-  Borrow Pit
-  Clay Spot
-  Closed Depression
-  Gravel Pit
-  Gravelly Spot
-  Landfill
-  Lava Flow
-  Marsh or swamp
-  Mine or Quarry
-  Miscellaneous Water
-  Perennial Water
-  Rock Outcrop
-  Saline Spot
-  Sandy Spot
-  Severely Eroded Spot
-  Sinkhole
-  Slide or Slip
-  Sodic Spot

-  Spoil Area
-  Stony Spot
-  Very Stony Spot
-  Wet Spot
-  Other
-  Special Line Features


**Water Features**

 Streams and Canals

**Transportation**

-  Rails
-  Interstate Highways
-  US Routes
-  Major Roads
-  Local Roads

**Background**

 Aerial Photography

### MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

**Warning:** Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL:  
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Jefferson County Area and Part of Silver Bow County, Montana  
Survey Area Data: Version 26, Aug 31, 2025

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Aug 13, 2022—Aug 16, 2022

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
3	Dumps, mine	2.5	3.6%
372A	Havre loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	13.0	18.7%
1275E	Placerton-Farnuf-Connieo complex, 15 to 35 percent slopes	3.6	5.2%
1276D	Placerton-Connieo-Jeffcity complex, 4 to 15 percent slopes, warm	5.2	7.5%
1461D	Bielenberg-Burtoner, very stony-Catgulch, bouldery, complex, 8 to 25 percent slopes	8.8	12.6%
1722C	Martinsdale-Martinsdale, stony-Shawmut complex, 2 to 8 percent slopes, warm	1.1	1.5%
1800D	Breeton coarse sandy loam, 4 to 15 percent slopes	7.6	10.9%
1803C	Breeton-Cometcrik complex, 2 to 8 percent slopes	10.1	14.6%
1836E	Clancy, bouldery-Bielenberg, stony-Catgulch, bouldery, complex, 15 to 45 percent slopes	0.7	1.0%
1945E	Elmark, bouldery-Lumpgulch, very bouldery-Rock outcrop complex, 8 to 35 percent slopes, dry	0.0	0.0%
1946E	Elmark, bouldery-Hoyt-Shaboom, very bouldery, complex, 8 to 35 percent slopes, dry	15.5	22.3%
2000E	Skyview, very bouldery-Rock outcrop-Roegulch, very bouldery, complex, 8 to 35 percent slopes	1.4	2.1%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>69.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Farmlands Protection (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) discourages federal activities that would convert farmland to nonagricultural purposes.	Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.)	<a href="#">7 CFR Part 658</a>
Reference		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/farmlands-protection">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/farmlands-protection</a>		

**1. Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?**

- Yes  
 No

**Explain how you determined that agricultural land would not be converted:**

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project consists of construction of municipal water infrastructure (groundwater wells, transmission and distribution piping, storage, and appurtenant facilities) located primarily within existing road rights-of-way, developed areas, and previously disturbed lands. The project does not involve acquisition of undeveloped farmland, conversion of active agricultural land, or a change in agricultural use.

Review of project drawings and alignment exhibits confirms that construction will occur in linear corridors associated with existing infrastructure and will not permanently convert agricultural land to non-agricultural use

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting your determination.

**2. Does your project meet one of the following exemptions?**

- Project on land already in or committed to urban development or used for water storage ([7 CFR 658.2\(a\)](#)). To check whether the project location is located in an urbanized area, use the following US Census Bureau application: [TIGERweb](#)
- Construction limited to on-farm structures needed for farm operations
- Construction is limited to new minor secondary (accessory) structures such as a garage or storage shed

- Yes → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination*
- No → *Continue to Question 3.*

**3. Does “important farmland,” including prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide or local importance regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act, occur on the project site?**

You may use the links below to determine important farmland occurs on the project site:

- Utilize USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Web Soil Survey <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>
- Check with your city or county’s planning department and ask them to document if the project is on land regulated by the FPPA (zoning important farmland as non-agricultural does not exempt it from FPPA requirements)
- Contact NRCS at the local USDA service center <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs> or your NRCS state soil scientist [http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state\\_offices/](http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/) for assistance

No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 4.*

**4. Consider alternatives to completing the project on important farmland and means of avoiding impacts to important farmland.**

- Complete form **AD-1006**, “Farmland Conversion Impact Rating” [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045394.pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045394.pdf) and contact the state soil scientist before sending it to the local NRCS District Conservationist.  
(NOTE: for corridor type projects, use instead form **NRCS-CPA-106**, “Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for Corridor Type Projects: [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045395.pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045395.pdf).)
- Work with NRCS to minimize the impact of the project on the protected farmland. When you have finished with your analysis, return a copy of form AD-1006 (or form NRCS-CPA-106 if applicable) to the USDA-NRCS State Soil Scientist or his/her designee informing them of your determination.

**Document your conclusion:**

Project will proceed with mitigation.

**Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make your determination.*

Project will proceed without mitigation.

**Explain why mitigation will not be made here:**

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make your determination.*

### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

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The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project complies with the Farmland Protection Policy Act. The project will not convert agricultural land to non-agricultural use and qualifies for exemption because it is located within areas already committed to development and utility infrastructure. A review of NRCS Web Soil Survey data confirms that no prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide or local importance occurs within the project area.

Therefore, no additional analysis, coordination with NRCS, or mitigation measures are required.  
Documentation Used:

- USDA-NRCS Web Soil Survey — *Soil Map, Jefferson County Area and Part of Silver Bow County, Montana (Clancy Water System Project)*, dated March 11, 2026

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

# **APPENDIX I**

## Historic Preservation



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March 13, 2026

Durell Cooper, Chairman  
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma  
511 East Colorado  
Anadarko, OK 73005

Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
Community Development Block Grant Program

Dear Chairman Cooper,

Jefferson County is considering funding the project listed above with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under HUD regulation 24 CFR 58.4, Jefferson County has assumed HUD's environmental review responsibilities for the project, including tribal consultation related to historic properties. Historic properties include archeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas, traditional cultural places and landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings and structures with significant tribal association.

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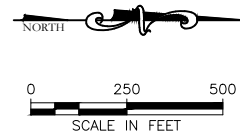
Clancy, Montana  
Drummond

**Legend**

-  Jefferson County
-  Project Location



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### Clancy Water System Improvements Phase 1 & Phase 2

CLANCY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS



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Michael Dolson, Chairman  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation  
42487 Complex Boulevard  
Pablo, MT 59855

Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
Community Development Block Grant Program

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Kathryn McDonald, THPO

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P.O. Box 278

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Michael Blackwolf, THPO

Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana

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Harlem, MT 59526

Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
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Jeffery Stiffarm, President

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March 13, 2026

Carolyn Smith, Cultural Resources Coordinator  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation  
PO Box 306  
Fort Hall, ID 83203

Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
Community Development Block Grant Program

Dear Cultural Resources Coordinator Smith,

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Donna Thompson, Chairwoman  
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Agency Building 82 1 Pima Drive  
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Aaron Brien, THPO  
The Crow Tribe of Indians  
P.O. Box 159  
Crow Agency, MT 59022

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## Jesse Novak

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**From:** Murdo, Damon <dmurdo@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2026 2:33 PM  
**To:** Jesse Novak  
**Subject:** CLANCY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, JEFFERSON COUNTY  
**Attachments:** Reports.pdf; Sites.pdf; 20260319012.pdf

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March 20, 2026

Jesse Novak  
Great West Engineering  
250 Helen P Clarke St  
Helena MT 59601

RE: CLANCY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, JEFFERSON COUNTY. SHPO PROJECT #: 20260319012

Dear Mr. Novak:

I have conducted a cultural resource file search for the above-cited project located in Sections 4, 9, T8N R3W. According to our records there have been a few previously recorded sites within the designated search locales. In addition to the sites there has been a few previously conducted cultural resource inventories done in the area. I've attached a list of the sites and reports. If you would like any further information regarding the sites or reports, you may contact me at the number listed below.

It is SHPO's position that any structure over fifty years of age is considered historic and is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. If any structures are within the Area of Potential Effect, and are over fifty years old, we would recommend that they be recorded, and a determination of their eligibility be made prior to any disturbance taking place.

As long as there will be no disturbance or alteration to structures over fifty years of age, we feel that there will be no cultural or historic properties affected by this undertaking. We, therefore, feel that a recommendation for a cultural resource inventory is unwarranted at this time. However, should structures need to be altered or if cultural materials are inadvertently discovered during this project, we would ask that our office be contacted, and the site investigated.

If you have any further questions or comments, you may contact me at (406) 444-7767 or by e-mail at [dmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:dmurdo@mt.gov). I have attached a paid invoice for the file search. Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,

**Damon Murdo**

*Cultural Records/Data Manager*

*State Historic Preservation Office*



406-444-7767 | [mths.mt.gov](http://mths.mt.gov)

PO Box 201201, 225 North Roberts Street

Helena, MT 59620-1201



# STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE Montana Cultural Resource Database

## Report Township, Range, Section Results

Report Date: 3/20/2026

Township: 8 N Range: 3 W Section: 4

### **TAYLOR JOHN F.**

1/28/1985 WIRTH II LAND EXCHANGE

Report Document Number: ZZ 2 10783 Agency Document Number: 84-MT-070-076-01

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### **GCM SERVICES INC. ANONYMOUS**

6/1/1989 DRAFT PRESERVATION PLANNING OVERVIEW PART ONE OF PHASE 25 AND 26 SELECTED MINING DISTRICTS

Report Document Number: ZZ 5 10797 Agency Document Number:

Township: 8 N Range: 3 W Section: 4

### **ROSSILLON MITZI AND MARY MCCORMICK**

11/27/1997 DEVIL'S ELBOW LAND EXCHANGE: SUPPLEMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INVESTIGATIONS, 1997 (INVENTORY #2)

Report Document Number: JF 2 19853 Agency Document Number: 97-MT-070-075-35

Township: 8 N Range: 3 W Section: 9

### **SCHLEGEL TRINITY**

2/27/2013 A CLASS III CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY OF SELECTED TRACTS OF BLM PUBLIC LANDS FOR VEGETATION TREATMENT ON LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE BUTTE FIELD OFFICE, JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTANA.

Report Document Number: JF 2 37011 Agency Document Number: 13-MT-070-01

Township: 8 N Range: 3 W Section: 9

### **DAVIS GREG H.**

1/27/2025 ABCA WORK PLAN CLANCY SCHOOLHOUSE

Report Document Number: FR 6 43768 Agency Document Number:



**MONTANA**  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

State Historic  
Preservation Office

# FILE SEARCH REQUEST INVOICE

DATE: 20-Mar-26

SHPO Invoice #: 20260319012

**Bill To:**

**Contact Name:** Jesse Novak

**Organization:** Great West Engineering

**Address:** 250 Helen P Clarke St

**City/State/Zip:** Helena MT 59601

**Email:** [jnovak@greatwesteng.com](mailto:jnovak@greatwesteng.com)

**File Search Fee Structure**

\$35 / Section Searched

**For questions contact:**

**Damon Murdo**

[dmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:dmurdo@mt.gov)

406-444-7767

**Total Cost:**

**\$70.00**

Project Name:

CLANCY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS,  
JEFFERSON COUNTY

**Total sections searched for SHPO Project #: 20260319012**

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**Please make all checks payable to:**

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PO Box 201201

Helena, MT 59620

**\*\* PAY ONLINE HERE \*\***

<https://opp.mt.gov/daa/opp/HISSHPO/cart>

**Due upon receipt. Please pay within 30 days.**

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Use Only	59.50	10.50



# STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE Montana Cultural Resource Database

## Township, Range, Section Report

Report Date: 3/20/2026

Site #	Twp	Rng	Sec	Qs	Site Type 1	Site Type 2	Time Period	Owner	NR Status
24JF0951	8N	3W	4	Comb	Historic Railroad		1860-1869	No Data	Eligible
24JF0951	8N	3W	9	Comb	Historic Railroad		1860-1869	No Data	Eligible
24JF1393	8N	3W	4	Comb	Historic District		Historic More Than One Decade	Combination	Unresolved
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24JF1541	8N	3W	9	Comb	Historic Mining		Historic More Than One Decade	BLM and Other	Eligible
24JF2023	8N	3W	9	NE	Historic Mining		Historic Period	BLM	Ineligible
24JF2104	8N	3W	4	Comb	Historic District		Historic Period	Forest Service	Undetermined*
24JF2104	8N	3W	9	Comb	Historic District		Historic Period	Forest Service	Undetermined*
24JF2169	8N	3W	9	NE	Historic School		1890-1899	Municipality	Eligible

## Historic Preservation (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Regulations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) require a consultative process to identify historic properties, assess project impacts on them, and avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects	Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f)	<a href="#">36 CFR 800 "Protection of Historic Properties"</a>
<b>References</b>		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation</a>		

### Threshold

#### Is Section 106 review required for your project?

- No, because the project consists solely of activities listed as exempt in a Programmatic Agreement (PA). (See the [PA Database](#) to find applicable PAs.)

**Either provide the PA itself or a link to it here. Mark the applicable exemptions or include the text here:**

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

- No, because the project consists solely of activities included in a No Potential to Cause Effects memo or other determination [36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)].

**Either provide the memo itself or a link to it here. Explain and justify the other determination here:**

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

- Yes, because the project includes activities with potential to cause effects (direct or indirect). → Continue to Step 1.

### **The Section 106 Process**

After determining the need to do a Section 106 review, initiate consultation with regulatory and other interested parties, identify and evaluate historic properties, assess effects of the project on properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and resolve any adverse effects through project design modifications or mitigation.

Note that consultation continues through all phases of the review.

Step 1: Initiate consultation

Step 2: Identify and evaluate historic properties

Step 3: Assess effects of the project on historic properties

Step 4: Resolve any adverse effects

### **Step 1 - Initiate Consultation**

The following parties are entitled to participate in Section 106 reviews: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs); federally recognized Indian tribes/Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs); Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs); local governments; and project grantees. The general public and individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in a project may participate as consulting parties at the discretion of the RE or HUD official. Participation varies with the nature and scope of a project. Refer to HUD's website for guidance on consultation, including the required timeframes for response. Consultation should begin early to enable full consideration of preservation options.

Use the [When To Consult With Tribes checklist](#) within [Notice CPD-12-006: Process for Tribal Consultation](#) to determine if you should invite tribes to consult on a particular project. Use the [Tribal Directory Assessment Tool \(TDAT\)](#) to identify tribes that may have an interest in the area where the project is located. Note that consultants may not initiate consultation with Tribes.

#### **Select all consulting parties below (check all that apply):**

- State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Indian Tribes, including Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) or Native
- Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs)

**List all tribes that were consulted here and their status of consultation:**

Jefferson County initiated tribal consultation pursuant to **36 CFR Part 800** and **HUD Notice CPD-12-006** by written correspondence dated **March 13, 2026**, inviting participation as consulting parties and requesting identification of historic properties of religious or cultural significance.

Consulted tribes included:

- Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation (Chairman and THPO)
- Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana (Chairman, President, and THPO)
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation (Chairwoman and Cultural Resources Coordinator)
- Crow Tribe of Indians (THPO)

Each tribe was provided a project description, Phase 1 and Phase 2 layouts, and maps depicting the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Tribes were requested to respond within 30 days if they wished to consult or identify concerns.

**No objections, concerns, or requests for consultation were received within the consultation period.**

Other Consulting Parties

**List all consulting parties that were consulted here and their status of consultation:**

**Describe the process of selecting consulting parties and initiating consultation here:**

Consulting tribes were identified using HUD guidance and geographic association with the project area. Jefferson County initiated consultation by issuing formal letters describing the proposed action, defining the APE, and inviting tribes to participate in the Section 106 review. All correspondence and supporting maps are retained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR).

*Provide all correspondence, notices, and notes (including comments and objections received) and continue to Step 2.*

## **Step 2 - Identify and Evaluate Historic Properties**

**Define the Area of Potential Effect (APE), either by entering the address(es) or providing a map depicting the APE.** Attach an additional page if necessary.

The APE includes areas of ground disturbance associated with drilling of new municipal water wells, construction of a wellhouse and storage tank, and installation of transmission and distribution piping within Sections 4 and 9, Township 8 North, Range 3 West, Jefferson County, Montana. The APE is depicted on project alignment and location maps included in the ERR.

Gather information about known historic properties in the APE. Historic buildings, districts and archeological sites may have been identified in local, state, and national surveys and registers, local historic districts, municipal plans, town and county histories, and local history websites. If not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, identified properties are then evaluated to see if they are eligible for the National Register.

Refer to HUD’s website for guidance on identifying and evaluating historic properties.

**In the space below, list historic properties identified and evaluated in the APE.**

Every historic property that may be affected by the project should be listed. For each historic property or district, include the National Register status, whether the SHPO has concurred with the finding, and whether information on the site is sensitive. Attach an additional page if necessary.

A cultural resource file search conducted by the **Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)** identified previously recorded sites and prior cultural resource inventories in the broader area. SHPO determined that **no historic properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places will be affected**, provided that structures over fifty (50) years of age are not disturbed.

Provide the documentation (survey forms, Register nominations, concurrence(s) and/or objection(s), notes, and photos) that justify your National Register Status determination.

**Was a survey of historic buildings and/or archeological sites done as part of the project?**

If the APE contains previously unsurveyed buildings or structures over 50 years old, or there is a likely presence of previously unsurveyed archeological sites, a survey may be necessary. For Archeological surveys, refer to HP Fact Sheet #6, [Guidance on Archeological Investigations in HUD Projects](#).

- Yes → *Provide survey(s) and report(s) and continue to Step 3.*

Additional notes:

- No → *Continue to Step 3.*

**Step 3 - Assess Effects of the Project on Historic Properties**

Only properties that are listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places receive further consideration under Section 106. Assess the effect(s) of the project by applying the

Criteria of Adverse Effect. ([36 CFR 800.5](#))] Consider direct and indirect effects as applicable as per HUD guidance.

**Choose one of the findings below - No Historic Properties Affected, No Adverse Effect, or Adverse Effect; and seek concurrence from consulting parties.**

No Historic Properties Affected

**Document reason for finding:**

No historic properties present. → *Provide concurrence(s) or objection(s) and continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

Historic properties present, but project will have no effect upon them. → *Provide concurrence(s) or objection(s) and continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

If consulting parties concur or fail to respond to user's request for concurrence, project is in compliance with this section. No further review is required. If consulting parties object, refer to ([36 CFR 800.4\(d\)\(1\)](#)) and consult further to try to resolve objection(s).

No Adverse Effect

**Document reason for finding:**

- SHPO conducted a file search and issued written concurrence
- Tribal consultation was completed with no objections received
- Project avoids disturbance to structures over fifty years of age
- Construction occurs primarily in previously disturbed areas

Based on SHPO concurrence and completion of tribal consultation, the project will result in **No Historic Properties Affected.**

**Does the No Adverse Effect finding contain conditions?**

Yes

**Check all that apply:** (check all that apply)

- Avoidance
- Modification of project
- Other

**Describe conditions here:**

→ *Monitor satisfactory implementation of conditions. Provide concurrence(s) or objection(s) and continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

- No → *Provide concurrence(s) or objection(s) and continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

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- Adverse Effect

**Document reason for finding:**

Copy and paste applicable Criteria into text box with summary and justification.

Criteria of Adverse Effect: [36 CFR 800.5](#)]

Notify the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation of the Adverse Effect and provide the documentation outlined in [36 CFR 800.11\(e\)](#). The Council has 15 days to decide whether to enter the consultation (Not required for projects covered by a Programmatic Agreement).

→ *Continue to Step 4.*

#### Step 4 - Resolve Adverse Effects

Work with consulting parties to try to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects. Refer to HUD guidance and [36 CFR 800.6 and 800.7](#).

#### Were the Adverse Effects resolved?

- Yes

**Describe the resolution of Adverse Effects, including consultation efforts and participation by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation:**

**For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

→ *Provide signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Standard Mitigation Measures Agreement (SMMA). Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

No

The project must be cancelled unless the “Head of Agency” approves it. Either provide approval from the “Head of Agency” or cancel the project at this location.

**Describe the failure to resolve Adverse Effects, including consultation efforts and participation by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and “Head of the Agency”:**

**Explain in detail the exact conditions or measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

→ Provide correspondence, comments, documentation of decision, and “Head of Agency” approval. Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

Jefferson County completed Section 106 consultation with the Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and conducted tribal consultation with all potentially affiliated tribes in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800 and HUD Notice CPD-12-006. SHPO determined the project will result in No Historic Properties Affected. Tribal consultation letters dated March 13, 2026, resulted in no objections, concerns, or requests for further consultation.

The project therefore complies with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and no further consultation or mitigation is required.

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

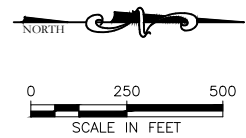
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# **APPENDIX J**

## Noise Abatement and Control

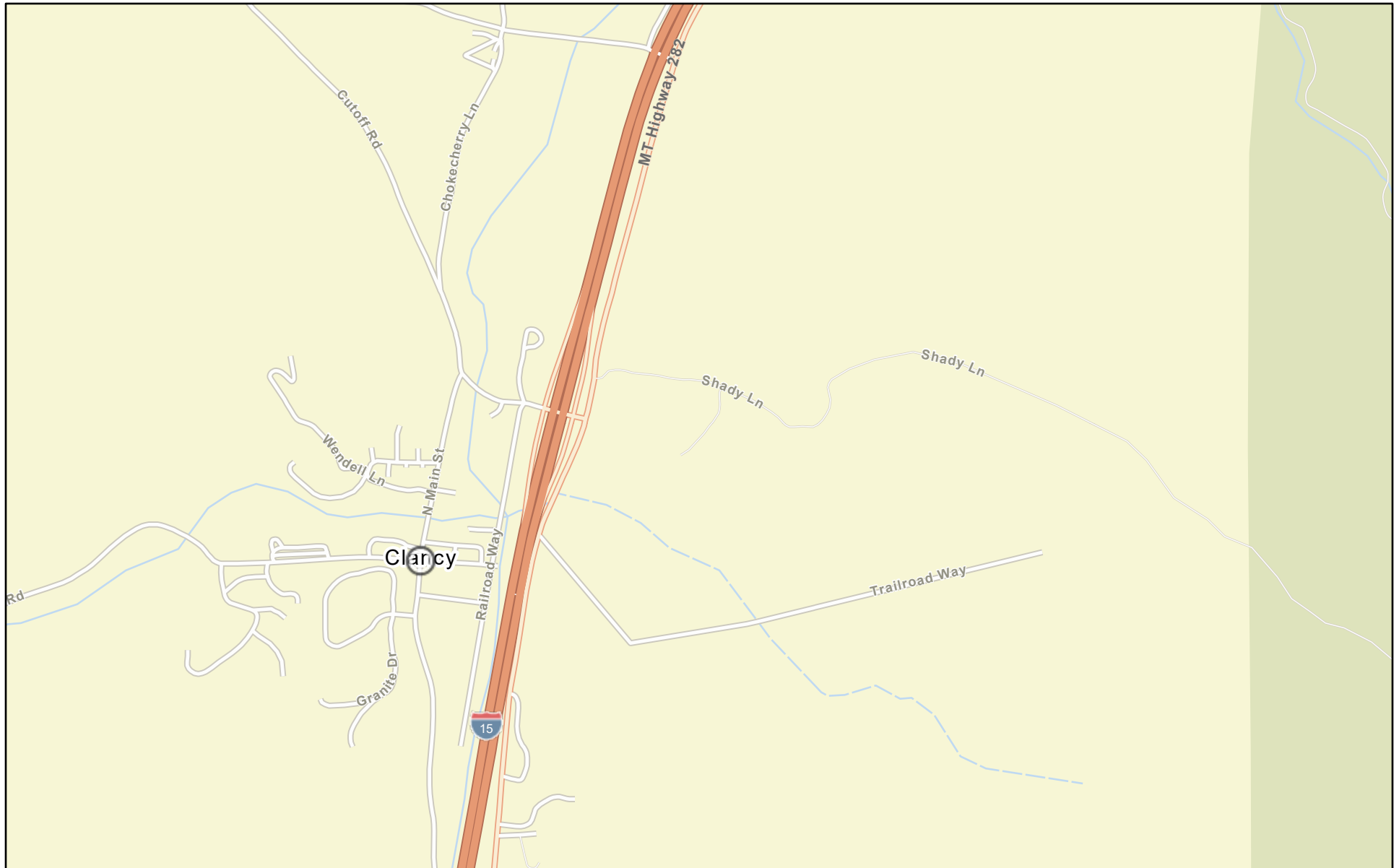
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### Clancy Water System Improvements Phase 1 & Phase 2

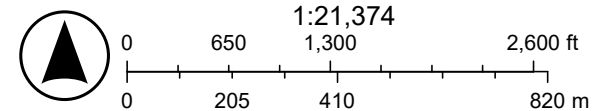
CLANCY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

# U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration - Clancy, Montana

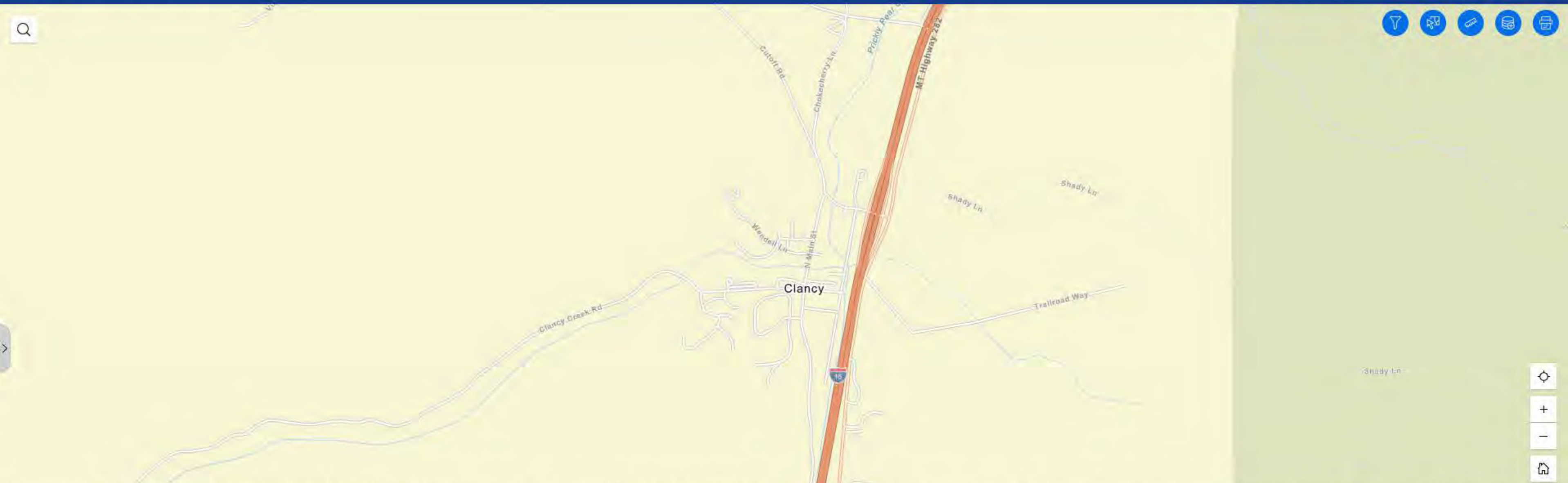


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1	Station Building (with waiti...	BUS	48801	MI	Alma		1105 Willow Run Drive		AAM
2	Curbside Bus Stop only (n...	BUS	12211	NY	Albany		737 Albany Shaker Road	Albany Intl Airport	ABA
3	Curbside Bus Stop only (n...	BUS	54421	WI	Colbv		1210 North Division St.		ABB

## Noise (EA Level Reviews)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD's noise regulations protect residential properties from excessive noise exposure. HUD encourages mitigation as appropriate.	Noise Control Act of 1972  General Services Administration Federal Management Circular 75-2: "Compatible Land Uses at Federal Airfields"	Title 24 CFR 51 Subpart B
References		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/noise-abatement-and-control">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/noise-abatement-and-control</a>		

### 1. What activities does your project involve? Check all that apply:

- New construction for residential use

NOTE: HUD assistance to new construction projects is generally prohibited if they are located in an Unacceptable zone, and HUD discourages assistance for new construction projects in Normally Unacceptable zones. See 24 CFR 51.101(a)(3) for further details.

→ *Continue to Question 2.*

- Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

NOTE: For major or substantial rehabilitation in Normally Unacceptable zones, HUD encourages mitigation to reduce levels to acceptable compliance standards. For major rehabilitation in Unacceptable zones, HUD strongly encourages mitigation to reduce levels to acceptable compliance standards. See 24 CFR 51 Subpart B for further details.

→ *Continue to Question 2.*

- A research demonstration project which does not result in new construction or reconstruction, interstate, land sales registration, or any timely emergency assistance under disaster assistance provisions or appropriations which are provided to save lives, protect property, protect public health and safety, remove debris and wreckage, or assistance that has the effect of restoring facilities substantially as they existed prior to the disaster

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

- None of the above

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

**2. Complete the Preliminary Screening to identify potential noise generators in the vicinity (1000' from a major road, 3000' from a railroad, or 15 miles from an airport).**

**Indicate the findings of the Preliminary Screening below:**

There are no noise generators found within the threshold distances above.  
→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing the location of the project relative to any noise generators.*

Noise generators were found within the threshold distances.  
→ *Continue to Question 3.*

**3. Complete the Noise Assessment Guidelines to quantify the noise exposure. Indicate the findings of the Noise Assessment below:**

Acceptable: (65 decibels or less; the ceiling may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in §24 CFR 51.105(a))

**Indicate noise level here:**

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.*

Normally Unacceptable: (Above 65 decibels but not exceeding 75 decibels; the floor may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in 24 CFR 51.105(a))

**Indicate noise level here:**

If project is rehabilitation:

→ *Continue to Question 4. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.*

If project is new construction:

**Is the project in a largely undeveloped area<sup>1</sup>?**

No

→ *Continue to Question 4. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis, and any other relevant information.*

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<sup>1</sup> A largely undeveloped area means the area within 2 miles of the project site is less than 50 percent developed with urban uses or does not have water and sewer capacity to serve the project.

Yes

→ Your project requires completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to 51.104(b)(1)(i). Elevate this review to an EIS-level review.

Unacceptable: (Above 75 decibels)

Indicate noise level here:

If project is rehabilitation:

HUD strongly encourages conversion of noise-exposed sites to land uses compatible with high noise levels. Consider converting this property to a non-residential use compatible with high noise levels.

→ Continue to Question 4. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis, and any other relevant information.

If project is new construction:

**Your project requires completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to 51.104(b)(1)(i). You may either complete an EIS or provide a waiver signed by the appropriate authority. Indicate your choice:**

Convert to an EIS

→ Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.

Continue to Question 4.

Provide waiver

→ Provide an Environmental Impact Statement waiver from the Certifying Officer or the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development per 24 CFR 51.104(b)(2) and noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.

Continue to Question 4.

- 4. HUD strongly encourages mitigation be used to eliminate adverse noise impacts. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation. This information will be automatically included in the Mitigation summary for the environmental review.**

Mitigation as follows will be implemented:

→ Provide drawings, specifications, and other materials as needed to describe the project's noise mitigation measures. Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

No mitigation is necessary.

**Explain why mitigation will not be made here:**

The project does not involve noise-sensitive land uses and will not increase population exposure to transportation noise. Existing rail and roadway noise conditions will remain unchanged, and no adverse noise impacts are anticipated.

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The project complies with **HUD Noise Abatement and Control requirements under 24 CFR 51 Subpart B**. Review of the **FRA Rail Network map (Clancy, Montana, March 11, 2026)** and the **Distance from Roadway exhibit** confirms the presence of existing transportation noise sources within screening distances; however, the proposed project does not include residential uses or other noise-sensitive receptors. Noise exposure is considered **acceptable**, no mitigation is required, and no further noise analysis is necessary.

#### **Sources Reviewed:**

- U.S. Department of Transportation, **Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)** – Rail Network Map, Clancy, MT (March 11, 2026).docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true)
- **Clancy Water System Improvements Project** – Distance from Nearest Point on Distribution System to I-15 Exhibit

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

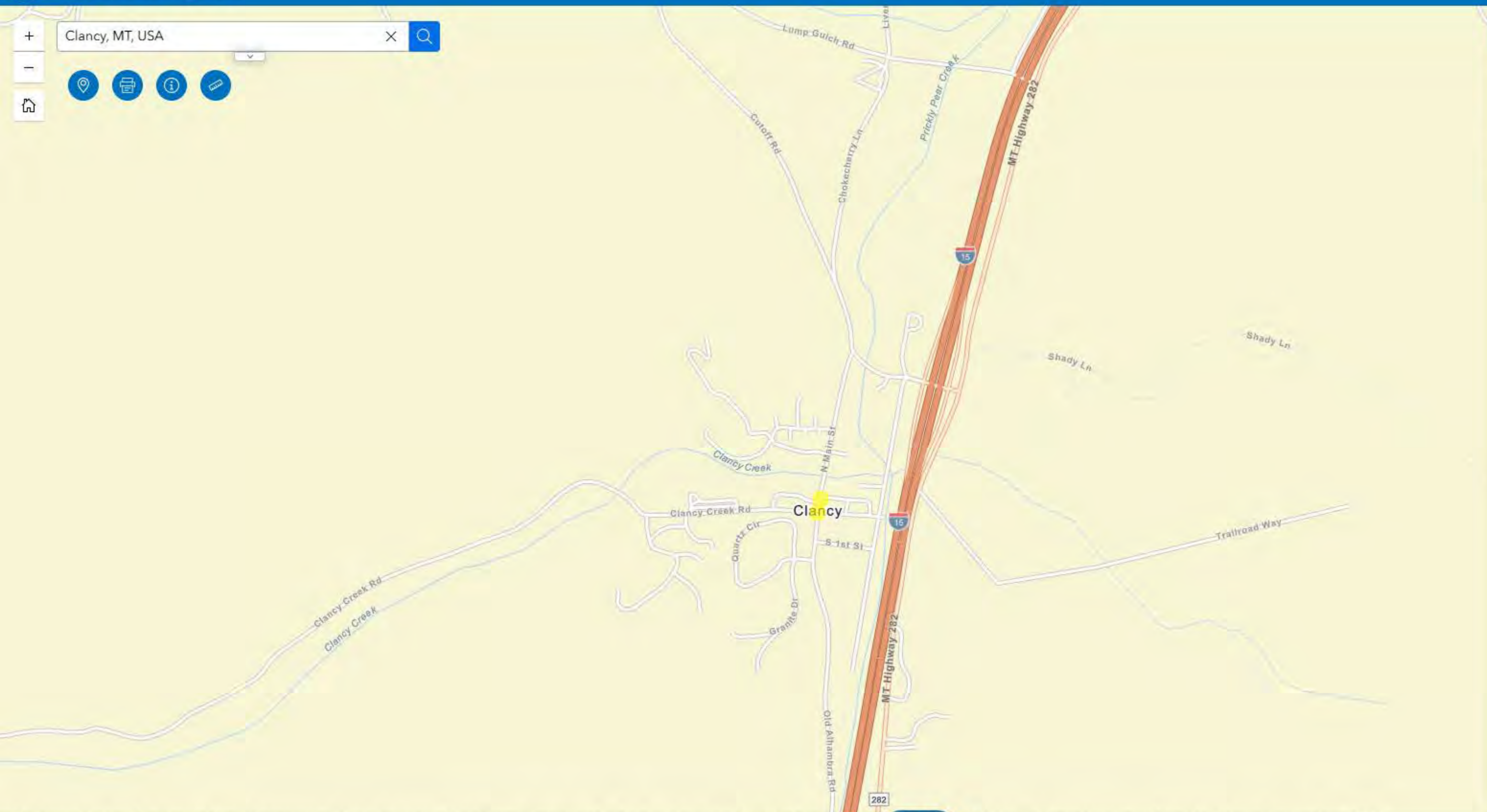
# **APPENDIX K**

## Sole Source Aquifers

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## Sole Source Aquifers (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 protects drinking water systems which are the sole or principal drinking water source for an area and which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health.	Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 201, 300f et seq., and 21 U.S.C. 349)	40 CFR Part 149
<b>Reference</b>		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/sole-source-aquifers">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/sole-source-aquifers</a>		

**1. Does your project consist solely of acquisition, leasing, or rehabilitation of an existing building(s)?**

- Yes → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*
- No → *Continue to Question 2.*

**2. Is the project located on a sole source aquifer (SSA)<sup>1</sup>?**

- No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination, such as a map of your project (or jurisdiction, if appropriate) in relation to the nearest SSA and its source area.*
- Yes → *Continue to Question 3.*

**3. Does your region have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other working agreement with EPA for HUD projects impacting a sole source aquifer?**

Contact your Field or Regional Environmental Officer or visit the HUD webpage at the link above to determine if an MOU or agreement exists in your area.

- Yes → *Provide the MOU or agreement as part of your supporting documentation. Continue to Question 4.*
- No → *Continue to Question 5.*

**4. Does your MOU or working agreement exclude your project from further review?**

- Yes → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination and document where your project fits within the MOU or agreement.*

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<sup>1</sup> A sole source aquifer is defined as an aquifer that supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer. This includes streamflow source areas, which are upstream areas of losing streams that flow into the recharge area.

No → *Continue to Question 5.*

**5. Will the proposed project contaminate the aquifer and create a significant hazard to public health?**

Consult with your Regional EPA Office. Your consultation request should include detailed information about your proposed project and its relationship to the aquifer and associated streamflow source area. EPA will also want to know about water, storm water and waste water at the proposed project. Follow your MOU or working agreement or contact your Regional EPA office for specific information you may need to provide. EPA may request additional information if impacts to the aquifer are questionable after this information is submitted for review.

No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide your correspondence with the EPA and all documents used to make your determination.*

Yes → *Work with EPA to develop mitigation measures. If mitigation measures are approved, attach correspondence with EPA and include the mitigation measures in your environmental review documents and project contracts. If EPA determines that the project continues to pose a significant risk to the aquifer, federal financial assistance must be denied. Continue to Question 6.*

**6. In order to continue with the project, any threat must be mitigated, and all mitigation must be approved by the EPA. Explain in detail the proposed measures that can be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination.*

## **Worksheet Summary**

### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project is not located on or within the recharge, source water, or streamflow source area of a designated EPA Sole Source Aquifer. Review of EPA Sole Source Aquifer mapping confirms that no SSA designation applies to the project area.

Because no Sole Source Aquifer is present, the project will not contaminate a federally designated sole or principal drinking water source and will not create a significant hazard to public health under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Therefore, the project complies with Sole Source Aquifer requirements, and no consultation with EPA or mitigation measures are required.

Documentation Used:

- EPA Sole Source Aquifers Map (ArcGIS viewer) – Clancy, Montana
- HUD Sole Source Aquifers Guidance

### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No


# **APPENDIX L**

## Wetlands



March 11, 2026

### Wetlands

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|  | Estuarine and Marine Deepwater |  | Freshwater Emergent Wetland       |  | Lake     |
|  | Estuarine and Marine Wetland   |  | Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland |  | Other    |
|   |                                |  | Freshwater Pond                   |  | Riverine |

This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.

## Wetlands (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11990 discourages that direct or indirect support of new construction impacting wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative. The Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory can be used as a primary screening tool, but observed or known wetlands not indicated on NWI maps must also be processed. Off-site impacts that result in draining, impounding, or destroying wetlands must also be processed.	Executive Order 11990	24 CFR 55.20 can be used for general guidance regarding the 8 Step Process.
<b>References</b>		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wetlands-protection">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wetlands-protection</a>		

**1. Does this project involve new construction as defined in Executive Order 11990, expansion of a building's footprint, or ground disturbance?**

The term "new construction" shall include draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities and any structures or facilities begun or authorized after the effective date of the Order.

No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

**The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project includes ground-disturbing activities (well drilling; transmission and distribution piping; ancillary facilities), which constitute new construction under Executive Order 11990.**

**2. Will the new construction or other ground disturbance impact an on- or off-site wetland?**

The term "wetlands" means those areas that are inundated by surface or ground water with a frequency sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances does or would support, a prevalence of vegetative or aquatic life that requires saturated or seasonally saturated soil conditions for growth and reproduction. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas such as sloughs, potholes, wet meadows, river overflows, mud flats, and natural ponds. Wetlands under E.O. 11990 include isolated and non-jurisdictional wetlands.

No, a wetland will not be impacted in terms of E.O. 11990's definition of new construction.

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map or any other relevant documentation to explain your determination.

Yes, there is a wetland that be impacted in terms of E.O. 11990's definition of new construction.

→ You must determine that there are no practicable alternatives to wetlands development by completing the 8-Step Process.

Provide a completed 8-Step Process as well as all documents used to make your determination, including a map. Be sure to include the early public notice and the final notice with your documentation.

Continue to Question 3.

**3. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

All unavoidable wetland impacts associated with the project will be mitigated through avoidance, minimization, and restoration measures incorporated into project design and construction, including:

- Locating above-ground infrastructure (wellhouse and storage tank) outside mapped wetland areas
- Limiting ground disturbance to the minimum area necessary within existing rights-of-way and previously disturbed corridors
- Implementing erosion and sediment control best management practices during construction
- Restoring temporarily disturbed wetland areas to pre-construction contours and vegetative conditions
- Maintaining natural drainage patterns and hydrology to ensure no long-term loss of wetland function
- Complying with all applicable state and federal wetland protection requirements and permit conditions

Mapped wetlands within the project area were determined to not provide significant natural or beneficial floodplain or wetland functions, and no long-term adverse impacts are anticipated.

**Which of the following mitigation actions have been or will be taken? Select all that apply:**

- Permeable surfaces
- Natural landscape enhancements that maintain or restore natural hydrology through infiltration
- Native plant species
- Bioswales
- Evapotranspiration
- Stormwater capture and reuse
- Green or vegetative roofs with drainage provisions

- Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation easements
- Compensatory mitigation

**Worksheet Summary**

**Compliance Determination**

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- Map panel numbers and dates
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- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

Jefferson County completed wetlands protection review for the Clancy Water System Improvements in accordance with Executive Order 11990 and 24 CFR Part 55. Wetland identification was based on review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory mapping (March 11, 2026), Environmental Figures, and project design plans.

The project includes limited ground disturbance within areas mapped as Freshwater Emergent and Riverine wetlands. Practicable alternatives to complete avoidance were evaluated through the 8-Step Floodplain and Wetlands Decision-Making Process, and it was determined that no practicable alternative exists that would meet the project purpose and avoid wetland involvement due to geographic and infrastructure constraints.

Mitigation measures have been incorporated to avoid, minimize, and restore unavoidable wetland impacts. Early and Final Public Notices were issued in accordance with 24 CFR §55.20, and no public comments were received.

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

- Yes
- No

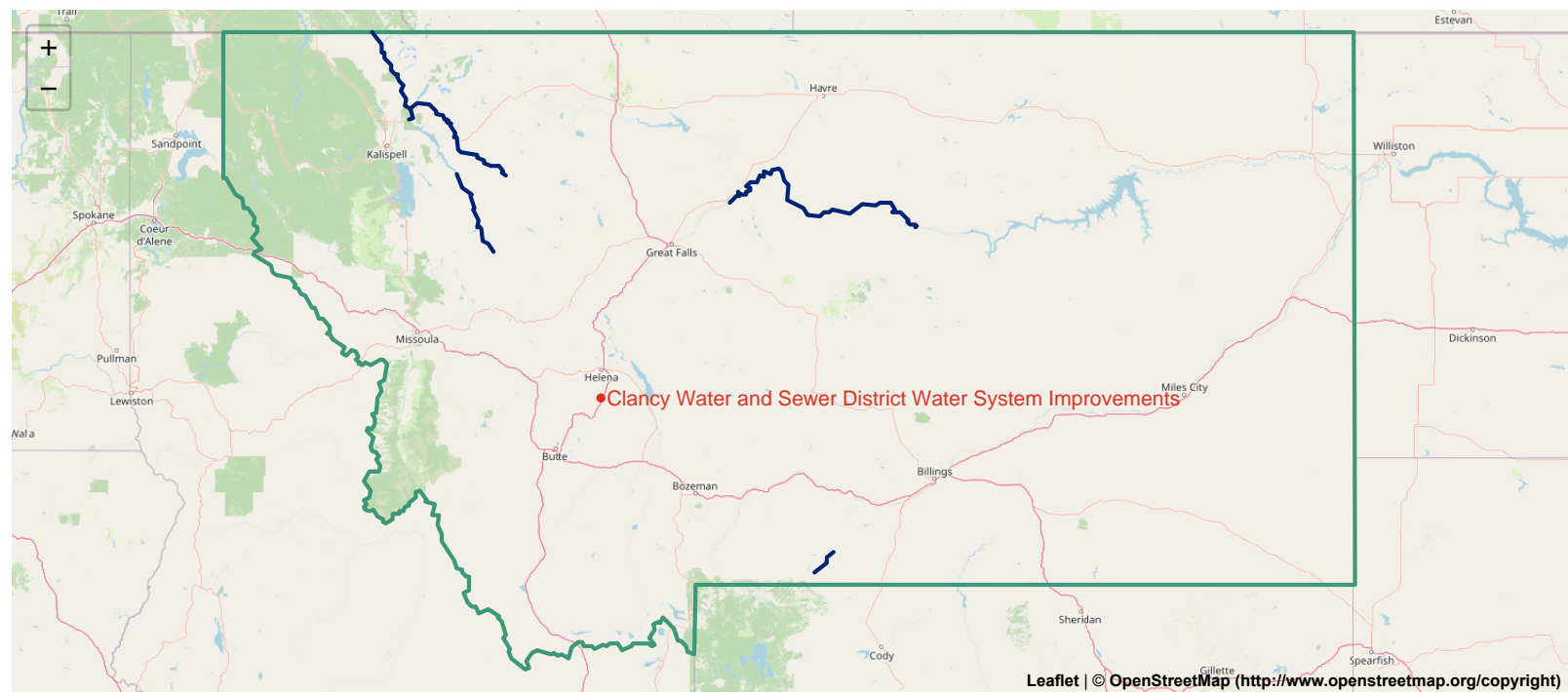
# **APPENDIX M**

## Wild and Scenic Rivers



Image Details  
Bobby Patosaari

If Montana's rivers weren't already famous, the movie *A River Runs Through It* showcased them to the world. However, only 408 miles of Montana's approximately 169,829 miles of river are designated as wild and scenic—approximately 2/10ths of 1% of the state's river miles.



# Rivers In Montana



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## East Rosebud Creek (/river/east-rosebud)

Montana (/river/east-rosebud)



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## Flathead River (/river/flathead)

Montana (/river/flathead)



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## Missouri River (/river/missouri-montana)

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[National Awards \(/national-awards\)](/national-awards) | [The Numbers \(/river-stats\)](/river-stats) | [Nationwide Rivers Inventory \(/nri\)](/nri) |

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## PARTNERS

Bureau of Land Management  
(<https://blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/wild-and-scenic-rivers>)

National Park Service  
(<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1912/index.htm>)

NPS Partnership Rivers  
(<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1912/partnership-wild-and-scenic-rivers.htm>)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
(<https://www.fws.gov/story/wild-and-scenic-rivers>)

U.S. Forest Service  
(<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/wild-scenic-rivers>)

River Management Society  
(<http://river-management.org/>)

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## Wild and Scenic Rivers (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act provides federal protection for certain free-flowing, wild, scenic and recreational rivers designated as components or potential components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS) from the effects of construction or development.	The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271-1287), particularly section 7(b) and (c) (16 U.S.C. 1278(b) and (c))	36 CFR Part 297
References		
<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wild-and-scenic-rivers">https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wild-and-scenic-rivers</a>		

### 1. Is your project within proximity of a NWSRS river as defined below?

**Wild & Scenic Rivers:** These rivers or river segments have been designated by Congress or by states (with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Interior) as wild, scenic, or recreational

**Study Rivers:** These rivers or river segments are being studied as a potential component of the Wild & Scenic River system.

**Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI):** The National Park Service has compiled and maintains the NRI, a register of river segments that potentially qualify as national wild, scenic, or recreational river areas

No

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination, such as a map identifying the project site and its surrounding area or a list of rivers in your region in the Screen Summary at the conclusion of this screen.

Yes, the project is in proximity of a Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) River.

→ Continue to Question 2.

### 2. Could the project do *any* of the following?

- Have a direct and adverse effect within Wild and Scenic River Boundaries,
- Invade the area or unreasonably diminish the river outside Wild and Scenic River Boundaries, or
- Have an adverse effect on the natural, cultural, and/or recreational values of a NRI segment.

Consultation with the appropriate federal/state/local/tribal Managing Agency(s) is required, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act, to determine if the proposed project may have an adverse effect on a Wild & Scenic River or a Study River and, if so, to determine the appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures.

Note: Concurrence may be assumed if the Managing Agency does not respond within 30 days; however, you are still obligated to avoid or mitigate adverse effects on the rivers identified in the NWSRS

No, the Managing Agency has concurred that the proposed project will not alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS.

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination.*

Yes, the Managing Agency was consulted and the proposed project may alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS.

→ *Continue to Question 3.*

**3. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination.*

## **Worksheet Summary**

### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The proposed Clancy Water System Improvements Project complies with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Review of National Wild and Scenic Rivers System information for Montana confirms that the project is not located within or near a designated Wild & Scenic River, Study River, or Nationwide Rivers Inventory segment. As no protected river resources occur within the project vicinity, the project will not have direct or indirect effects on river segments protected under the Act. Therefore, no further review, consultation, or mitigation is required under 36 CFR Part 297

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

No

# **APPENDIX N**

## Consultation Letters and Correspondence

**From:** [Cory Kirsch](#)  
**To:** [Kasia Little](#)  
**Cc:** [Erin Lee](#)  
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Hi Kasia,  
Yes, they were all printed and signed by me before being mailed out.  
Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,  
**Cory Kirsch**  
**Jefferson County Commissioner**

On Apr 14, 2026, at 12:15 PM, Kasia Little <klittle@greatwesteng.com> wrote:

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Hi Cory,

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March 13, 2026

Durell Cooper, Chairman  
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma  
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Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
Community Development Block Grant Program

Dear Chairman Cooper,

Jefferson County is considering funding the project listed above with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under HUD regulation 24 CFR 58.4, Jefferson County has assumed HUD's environmental review responsibilities for the project, including tribal consultation related to historic properties. Historic properties include archeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas, traditional cultural places and landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings and structures with significant tribal association.

Jefferson County will conduct a review of this project to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. We would like to invite you to be a consulting party in this review to help identify historic properties in the project area that may have religious and cultural significance to your tribe, and if such properties exist, to help assess how the project might affect them. If the project might have an adverse effect, we would like to discuss possible ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential adverse effects.

To meet project timeframes, if you would like to be a consulting party on this project, can you please let us know of your interest within 30 days? If you have any initial concerns with impacts of the project on religious or cultural properties, can you please note them in your response?

Enclosed is a map that shows the project area and, if applicable, an additional area of potential indirect effects. The project will be a two phase project schedule to construct a centralized water distribution system. Phase 1 includes drilling two production wells at the location of Test Well #5 to an anticipated depth of 300 feet. Phase 2 includes construction of a wellhouse/chlorine disinfection building, transmission piping, storage tank, and distribution system with water meters. A layout of Phase 1 and Phase 2 are included as attachments to this letter.

More information on the Section 106 review process is available at <http://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation/>.

HUD's process for tribal consultation under Section 106 is described in a Notice available at <https://www.onecpd.info/resource/2448/notice-cpd-12-006-tribal-consultation-under-24-cfr-part-58>.

If you do not wish to consult on this project, can you please inform us? If you do wish to consult, can you please include in your reply the name and contact information for the tribe's principal representative in the consultation? Thank you very much. We value your assistance and look forward to consulting further if there are historic properties of religious and cultural significance to your tribe that may be affected by this project.

Sincerely,

Cory Kirsch  
Commissioner  
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Attachment: Map



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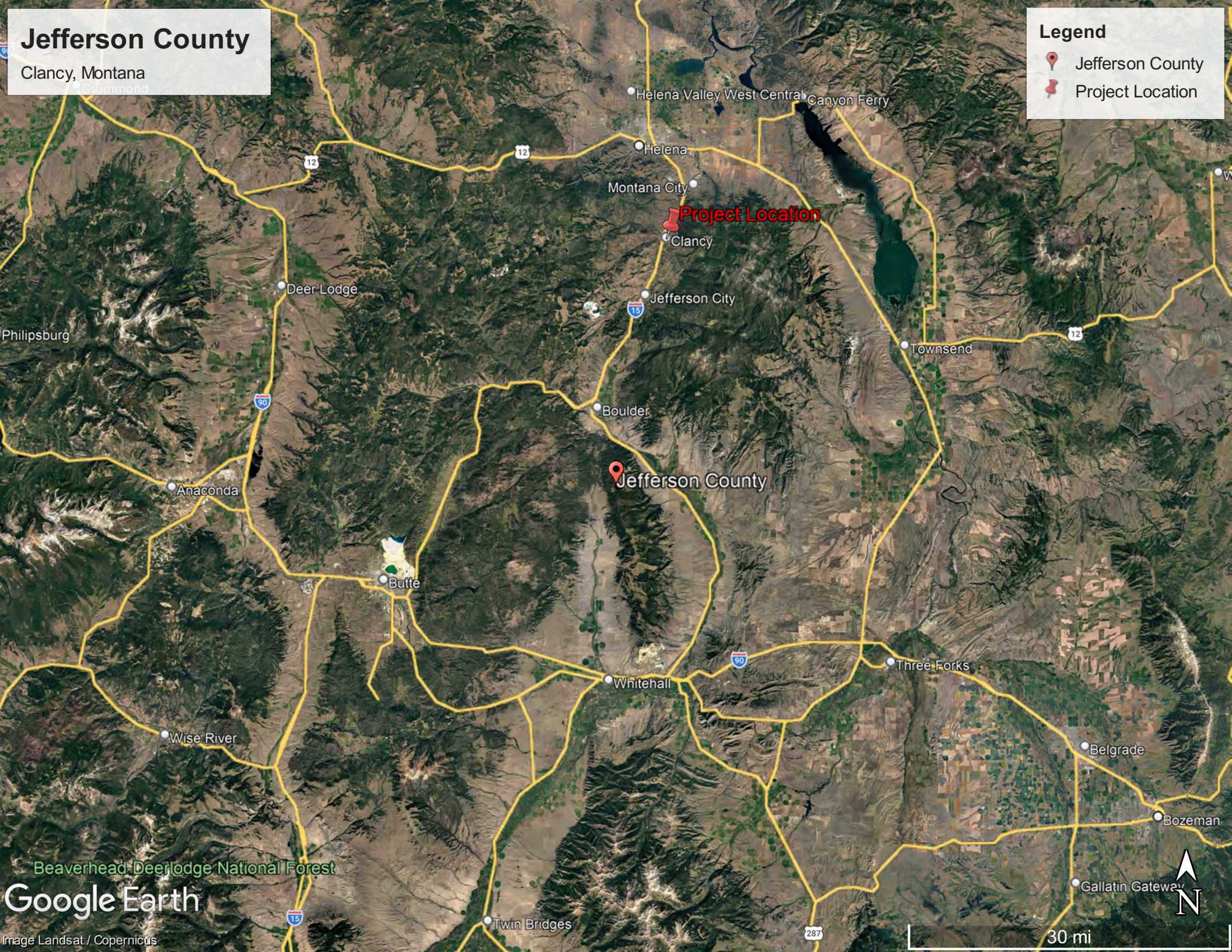
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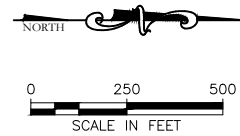
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### Clancy Water System Improvements Phase 1 & Phase 2

CLANCY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS



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Michael Dolson, Chairman  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation  
42487 Complex Boulevard  
Pablo, MT 59855

Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
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Kathryn McDonald, THPO

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

P.O. Box 278

Pablo, MT 59855

Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
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Michael Blackwolf, THPO

Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana

656 Agency Main Street

Harlem, MT 59526

Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
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Jeffery Stiffarm, President

Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana

158 Tribal Way

Harlem, MT 59526

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Carolyn Smith, Cultural Resources Coordinator  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation  
PO Box 306  
Fort Hall, ID 83203

Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
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Agency Building 82 1 Pima Drive  
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Aaron Brien, THPO  
The Crow Tribe of Indians  
P.O. Box 159  
Crow Agency, MT 59022

Re: Jefferson County – Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements Project  
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Department of Labor and Industry  
1327 Lockey  
PO Box 1728  
Helena MT 59624

**Re: Clancy, Montana Water System Improvements**

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Department of Environmental Quality

1520 E. 6th Ave.

PO Box 200901

Helena MT 59620-0901

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1420 E. 6th Ave.  
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1625 11th Ave.  
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## Jesse Novak

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**From:** Daly, Jennifer <JDaly2@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2026 1:10 PM  
**To:** Jesse Novak  
**Subject:** Clancy Water System  
**Attachments:** doc03210720260319124900.pdf

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Hello Jesse,

I received the attached request for comments on the Clancy Water System today. Under the Montana Water Use Act, in order to appropriate water for a beneficial use, Clancy Water and Sewer District will have to apply for and receive a Beneficial Water Use Permit under MCA 85-2-302 and 85-2-311. Because Clancy is located in a Legislatively closed basin, any new permit will require mitigation of any surface water depletion resulting in adverse effect under 85-2-360. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



Jennifer Daly | Regional Manager  
Water Resources Helena Regional Office  
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
1424 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Helena, MT 59620  
**DESK:** 406-444-5783 **EMAIL:** [jdaly2@mt.gov](mailto:jdaly2@mt.gov)  
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March 13, 2026

Department of Transportation  
2701 Prospect Ave  
PO Box 201001  
Helena MT 59620

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State Historic Preservation Office

1410 8th Ave.

PO Box 201202

Helena MT 59620

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**From:** Murdo, Damon <dmurdo@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2026 2:33 PM  
**To:** Jesse Novak  
**Subject:** CLANCY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, JEFFERSON COUNTY  
**Attachments:** Reports.pdf; Sites.pdf; 20260319012.pdf

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March 20, 2026

Jesse Novak  
Great West Engineering  
250 Helen P Clarke St  
Helena MT 59601

RE: CLANCY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, JEFFERSON COUNTY. SHPO PROJECT #: 20260319012

Dear Mr. Novak:

I have conducted a cultural resource file search for the above-cited project located in Sections 4, 9, T8N R3W. According to our records there have been a few previously recorded sites within the designated search locales. In addition to the sites there has been a few previously conducted cultural resource inventories done in the area. I've attached a list of the sites and reports. If you would like any further information regarding the sites or reports, you may contact me at the number listed below.

It is SHPO's position that any structure over fifty years of age is considered historic and is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. If any structures are within the Area of Potential Effect, and are over fifty years old, we would recommend that they be recorded, and a determination of their eligibility be made prior to any disturbance taking place.

As long as there will be no disturbance or alteration to structures over fifty years of age, we feel that there will be no cultural or historic properties affected by this undertaking. We, therefore, feel that a recommendation for a cultural resource inventory is unwarranted at this time. However, should structures need to be altered or if cultural materials are inadvertently discovered during this project, we would ask that our office be contacted, and the site investigated.

If you have any further questions or comments, you may contact me at (406) 444-7767 or by e-mail at [dmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:dmurdo@mt.gov). I have attached a paid invoice for the file search. Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,

**Damon Murdo**

*Cultural Records/Data Manager*

*State Historic Preservation Office*



406-444-7767 | [mths.mt.gov](http://mths.mt.gov)

PO Box 201201, 225 North Roberts Street

Helena, MT 59620-1201



**MONTANA**  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

State Historic  
Preservation Office

# FILE SEARCH REQUEST INVOICE

DATE: 20-Mar-26

SHPO Invoice #: 20260319012

**Bill To:**

**Contact Name:** Jesse Novak

**Organization:** Great West Engineering

**Address:** 250 Helen P Clarke St

**City/State/Zip:** Helena MT 59601

**Email:** [jnovak@greatwesteng.com](mailto:jnovak@greatwesteng.com)

**File Search Fee Structure**

\$35 / Section Searched

**For questions contact:**

**Damon Murdo**

[dmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:dmurdo@mt.gov)

406-444-7767

**Total Cost:**

**\$70.00**

Project Name:

CLANCY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS,  
JEFFERSON COUNTY

**Total sections searched for SHPO Project #: 20260319012**

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# STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE Montana Cultural Resource Database

## Report Township, Range, Section Results

Report Date: 3/20/2026

Township: 8 N Range: 3 W Section: 4

### **TAYLOR JOHN F.**

1/28/1985 WIRTH II LAND EXCHANGE

Report Document Number: ZZ 2 10783 Agency Document Number: 84-MT-070-076-01

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### **GCM SERVICES INC. ANONYMOUS**

6/1/1989 DRAFT PRESERVATION PLANNING OVERVIEW PART ONE OF PHASE 25 AND 26 SELECTED MINING DISTRICTS

Report Document Number: ZZ 5 10797 Agency Document Number:

Township: 8 N Range: 3 W Section: 4

### **ROSSILLON MITZI AND MARY MCCORMICK**

11/27/1997 DEVIL'S ELBOW LAND EXCHANGE: SUPPLEMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INVESTIGATIONS, 1997 (INVENTORY #2)

Report Document Number: JF 2 19853 Agency Document Number: 97-MT-070-075-35

Township: 8 N Range: 3 W Section: 9

### **SCHLEGEL TRINITY**

2/27/2013 A CLASS III CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY OF SELECTED TRACTS OF BLM PUBLIC LANDS FOR VEGETATION TREATMENT ON LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE BUTTE FIELD OFFICE, JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTANA.

Report Document Number: JF 2 37011 Agency Document Number: 13-MT-070-01

Township: 8 N Range: 3 W Section: 9

### **DAVIS GREG H.**

1/27/2025 ABCA WORK PLAN CLANCY SCHOOLHOUSE

Report Document Number: FR 6 43768 Agency Document Number:



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Site #	Twp	Rng	Sec	Qs	Site Type 1	Site Type 2	Time Period	Owner	NR Status
24JF0951	8N	3W	4	Comb	Historic Railroad		1860-1869	No Data	Eligible
24JF0951	8N	3W	9	Comb	Historic Railroad		1860-1869	No Data	Eligible
24JF1393	8N	3W	4	Comb	Historic District		Historic More Than One Decade	Combination	Unresolved
24JF1393	8N	3W	9	Comb	Historic District		Historic More Than One Decade	Combination	Unresolved
24JF1541	8N	3W	9	Comb	Historic Mining		Historic More Than One Decade	BLM and Other	Eligible
24JF2023	8N	3W	9	NE	Historic Mining		Historic Period	BLM	Ineligible
24JF2104	8N	3W	4	Comb	Historic District		Historic Period	Forest Service	Undetermined*
24JF2104	8N	3W	9	Comb	Historic District		Historic Period	Forest Service	Undetermined*
24JF2169	8N	3W	9	NE	Historic School		1890-1899	Municipality	Eligible



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Megan Bullock  
Flood Plain Administrator  
Jefferson County  
PO Box H  
Boulder MT 59632

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US Environmental Protection Agency  
Federal Building  
10 West 15th Street, Suite 3200  
Helena MT 59625

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585 Shepherd Way  
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**From:** Montana.Reg <Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2026 8:26 AM  
**To:** Jesse Novak  
**Cc:** Montana.Reg  
**Subject:** USACE Request Received NWO-2019-00119-MT (Clancy Water and Sewer District (Great West Engineering) Clancy Water System Improvements - Prickly Pear Creek - (Jefferson County))  
**Attachments:** 20260320\_NWO-2019-00119-MT\_RFCResponse.pdf

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Mr. Novak,

Please see the attached response to your request for comments.

Please continue to send these requests to our team email at [Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil](mailto:Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil) (no need to send a hard copy). Our website (<https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/Montana/>) has information on the process for submitting requests digitally and additional options for sending large files.

Please note our physical address has changed. We are now at:

Montana Regulatory Program  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
100 Neill Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601-3329

Thank you,  
Montana Regulatory Team  
[Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil](mailto:Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil)  
(406) 441-1375



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
MONTANA REGULATORY OFFICE  
100 NEILL AVENUE  
HELENA, MONTANA 59601-3329

March 20, 2026

**SUBJECT: Clancy Water and Sewer District (Great West Engineering) Clancy Water System Improvements - Prickly Pear Creek - (Jefferson County), USACE File No. NWO-2019-00119-MT**

Jesse Novak  
Great West Engineering  
250 Helen P Clarke Street  
Helena, Montana 59601  
jnovak@greatwesteng.com

Dear Mr. Novak:

This letter is in response to correspondence we received requesting comments or permitting information regarding the above-referenced project. Specifically, the project involves a 2 phased project to construct a centralized water distribution system. The project is located on or near Prickly Pear Creek, at Latitude 46.465331°, Longitude - 111.98823°, in Section 9, Township 8 N, Range 3 W, Jefferson County, Montana.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that based on the information provided in your submittal, we are unable to ascertain if regulated activities are proposed or if jurisdictional waters of the U.S. are present within the project area. A Department of the Army (DA) permit may be required for the proposed activity. In lieu of a specific response, please consider the following general information concerning our regulatory program that may apply to the proposed project.

If the proposal involves activity in navigable waters of the United States, it may be subject to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) jurisdiction under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA). Within the state of Montana, portions of the Kootenai River, the Missouri River, and the Yellowstone River<sup>1</sup> are considered a navigable water of the U.S. Section 10 prohibits the construction, excavation, or deposition of materials in, over, or under navigable waters of the United States unless the work has been authorized by a DA permit. Structures or work outside the limits defined for navigable waters of the United States require a Section 10 permit if the structure or work affects the course, location, or condition of the water body. The law applies to any dredging or disposal of dredged materials, excavation, filling,

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<sup>1</sup> Section 10 waters in Montana are the Kootenai River (from the International Border between the United States and Canada downstream to Jennings Rapids near Jennings, Montana), the Missouri River and its impoundments (from its headwaters near Three Forks to the North Dakota state line), and the Yellowstone River (from Emigrant to the North Dakota state line).

channelization, or any other modification of a navigable water of the United States, and applies to all structures, from the smallest floating dock to the largest commercial undertaking.

If the proposal involves a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, it may be subject to USACE jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Discharges of fill material generally include, without limitation: placement of fill that is necessary for the construction of any structure, or impoundment requiring rock, sand, dirt, or other material for its construction; site-development fills for recreational, industrial, commercial, residential, and other uses; causeways or road fills; dams and dikes; property protection or reclamation devices such as riprap, weirs, bulkheads, and revetments; levees or berms; fill for intake and outfall pipes and trenched utility lines; fill associated with the creation of ponds; and any other work involving the discharge of fill or dredged material. A DA permit is required whether the work is permanent or temporary. Waters of the U.S. include the area below the ordinary high water mark of stream channels, lakes or ponds connected to the tributary system, and wetlands adjacent to these waters ([33 CFR § 328.3](#)). Other waters and wetlands, as well as man-made channels, may be waters of the U.S. in certain circumstances, which must be determined on a case-by-case basis. CWA Section 301(a) prohibits discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States unless the work has been authorized by a Department of the Army permit under Section 404. Information about the USACE permitting process can be obtained online at <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/Montana>.

The mission of the USACE Regulatory Program is to protect the Nation's aquatic resources while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible, and balanced permit decisions. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, we work to protect the biological, physical, and chemical integrity of the Nation's aquatic resources. Projects are evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine the potential benefits and detriments that may occur as a result of the proposal.

Before a permit is issued or verified, USACE must ensure that we've met all our obligations under any related federal and state laws. For all projects, USACE will consult with other state and federal agencies and Native American tribes, as appropriate. USACE evaluation of a Section 10 and/or a Section 404 permit application involves multiple analyses; please see the attached document for additional information and resources for permitting.

Useful documents, links, and information about Jurisdictional Determinations, Pre-Application Meetings, Permit Exemptions, Nationwide Permits, Regional Permits, Individual Permits, and Permit Applications and Permit Resources are available on our webpage: <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/Montana>.

Prior to applying for a DA permit, the project proposer may request a pre-application consultation meeting with USACE (virtual or in-person, on or off-site) to obtain information regarding the information needed, alternatives, and options for permitting

before an applicant makes irreversible commitments of resources (funds, detailed designs, materials, etc.). A pre-application meeting is strongly recommended if the proposal has substantial impacts to waters of the U.S., or if it is a large, unique, or controversial project.

USACE Section 10/404 permits do not cover other potential authorizations that are often required. Others may include state or local permits such as a 310 Permit, SPA 124 Permit, 318 Authorization or 401 Water Quality Certification, Navigable Rivers Land Use License, or Floodplain Permit. Local and state governments issue permits or other authorizations to ensure compliance with local and state laws and regulations. The USACE permitting program is in place to ensure your project is in compliance with federal laws and regulations.

Note that this letter is not a DA authorization to proceed. It only informs you of the need to obtain a DA permit if waters of the U.S. will be affected. If the final design includes the placement of fill material in any jurisdictional area described above, or otherwise requires authorization by a DA permit, please submit a [Montana Joint Permit Application](https://dnrc.mt.gov/Licenses-and-Permits/Stream-Permitting/) (<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Licenses-and-Permits/Stream-Permitting/>) to this office prior to starting any work. After a review of the materials submitted, we will determine what type of permit, if any, will be required. If waters of the U.S. will not be affected by a jurisdictional activity a DA permit will not be required for the project.

Please refer to identification number **NWO-2019-00119-MT** in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact the Montana Regulatory Office by email at [Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil](mailto:Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil), or by telephone at (406) 441-1375.

Sincerely,

Montana

Regulatory Team

Enclosure

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The Omaha District, Regulatory Branch is committed to providing quality and timely service to our customers. In an effort to improve customer service, please take a moment to complete our Customer Service Survey found on our website at: <https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>. Paper copies of the survey are also available upon request for those without Internet access.

# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Omaha District, Montana

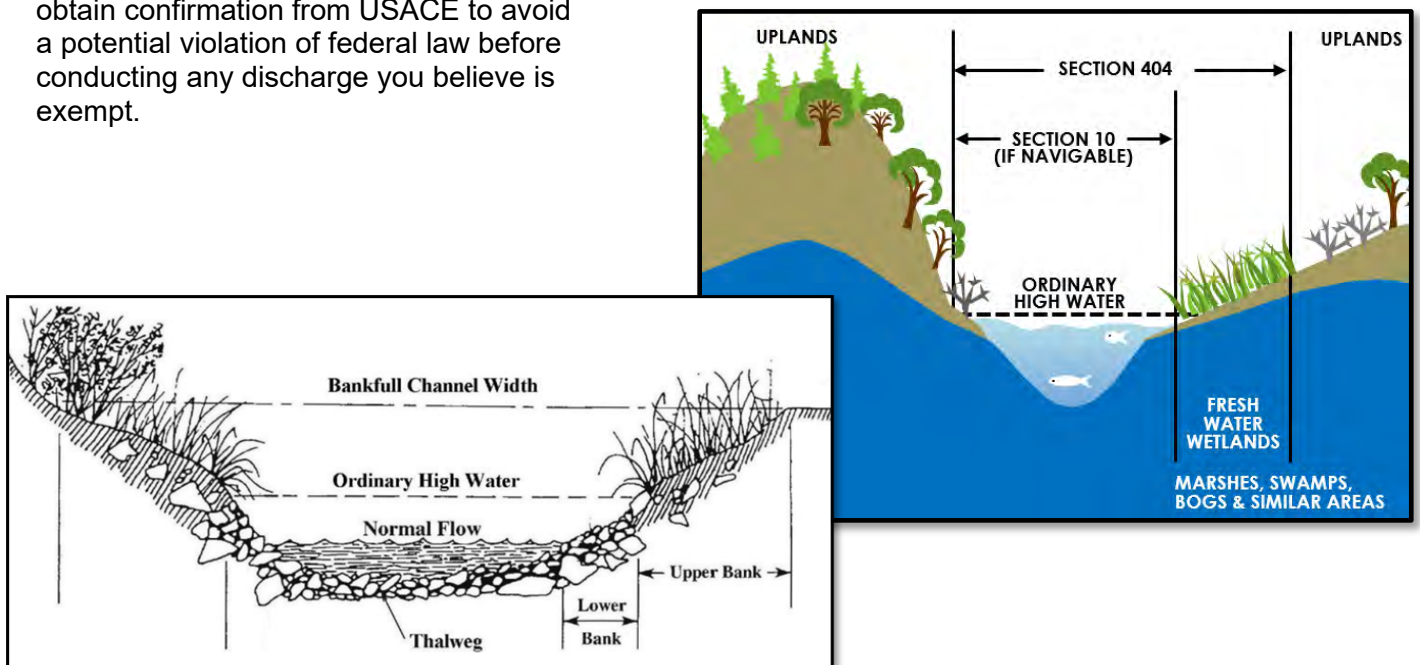
## Additional Information and Resources for Permitting

1. Geographic and Activity Jurisdiction: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regulatory Program, administers and enforces **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA)** and **Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)**.

Under **Section 10 of the RHA**, a permit is required to do **any work in, over or under** a navigable water of the United States or to do **any work that affects the course, location, or condition** of the waterbody in such a manner as to impact on its navigable capacity. Navigable waters in Montana include the Missouri River, most of the Yellowstone River and a portion of the Kootenai River, their impoundments and side channels.

Under **Section 404 of the CWA**, a permit is required for the **discharge of dredged or fill material** into waters of the United States (WOTUS). WOTUS includes the area below the ordinary high water mark of river and stream channels, lakes or ponds connected to the tributary system, and wetlands adjacent to these waters. Other waters and wetlands, as well as man-made ditches and channels, may be WOTUS in certain circumstances, which must be determined by USACE on a case-by-case basis.

There are some activities that have been determined to be exempt from USACE regulation. For example, discharges resulting from normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (plowing, seeding, cultivating, etc.) are generally not subject to regulation under Section 404 of the CWA. To be considered exempt, these activities must occur in the context of established (on-going) farming operations. You should obtain confirmation from USACE to avoid a potential violation of federal law before conducting any discharge you believe is exempt.



2. Pre-Application Meeting: Applicants can request a pre-application consultation or meeting – virtual or in-person, on or off-site. This is an optional step, but helpful in determining the information needed for permitting, additional authorizations that may be needed, alternatives, and options for permitting before an applicant makes irreversible commitments of resources (funds, detailed designs, materials, etc.). Applicants can request Pre-Application meetings through the **Regulatory Request System**: <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or via email to [Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil](mailto:Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil). Please include information on point of contacts, project location, and preliminary project details.

3. Application Submission: Applicants should submit their application package, including maps, plans and drawings to the **Regulatory Request System**: <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or via email to [Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil](mailto:Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil). Submit complete, detailed, and thorough information regarding the project. Processing time cannot begin until USACE receives complete application information, including proper drawings. We need to be able to locate the project (detailed location map) and easily determine and verify dimensions and position of the project (site plan and cross section drawings).

4. Aquatic Resource Inventory: The application package must include a delineation of waters of the United States and special aquatic sites, including wetlands or pool and riffle complexes, and other waters, such as lakes, ponds and ditches, and perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, on the project site. Wetland delineations must be prepared in accordance with the current method required by USACE to include the use of the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual and appropriate Regional Supplements. USACE can perform the delineation upon request; however, this may take time to schedule due to often high workloads in USACE District Regulatory offices. Therefore, delineations are typically performed by a consultant hired by the property owner and verified by USACE personnel.

5. Project Evaluations & Alternatives: USACE evaluation of a Section 10 and/or a Section 404 permit application involves multiple analyses, including (1) evaluating the proposal's impacts in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) ([33 CFR part 325](#)), (2) determining whether the proposal is contrary to the public interest ([33 CFR § 320.4](#)), and (3) in the case of a Section 404 permit, determining whether the proposal complies with the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines (Guidelines) ([40 CFR part 230](#)). If the proposal requires a Section 404 permit application, the Guidelines specifically require that "no discharge of dredged or fill material shall be permitted if there is a practicable alternative to the proposed discharge which would have less adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem, so long as the alternative does not have other significant adverse environmental consequences" ([40 CFR § 230.10\(a\)](#)). Time and money spent on the proposal prior to applying for a Section 404 permit cannot be factored into USACE's decision whether there is a less damaging practicable alternative to the proposal.

6. Endangered Species and Critical Habitat: The Endangered Species Act requires Federal agencies to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the National Marine Fisheries Service, as appropriate, if an activity that requires Federal authorization (such as a USACE permit) may affect endangered or threatened species or critical habitat. For non-Federal permittees, if any listed species or designated critical habitat might be affected or is in the vicinity of the activity, or if the activity is located in designated critical habitat, the application must include the name(s) of those endangered or threatened species that might be affected by the proposed activity or utilize the designated critical habitat that might be affected by the proposed activity. The Service has developed an online system that allows users to find information about sensitive resources that may occur within the vicinity of a proposed project. The "Information, Planning and Conservation System," (IPaC), is located at: <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>.

7. Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires USACE to take into account the effects that activities authorized by Department of the Army permits are likely to have on historical properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Any structure over fifty years of age is considered historic and is potentially eligible for listing on the NRHP unless it has been previously determined ineligible. State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO) and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) are provided the opportunity to review and comment on all individual permit activities and certain general permit activities. For non-Federal permittees, if the activity might have the potential to cause effects to a historic property listed on, determined to be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on, the NRHP, the application must state which historic property might have the potential to be affected by the proposed activity or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic property. Inquiry with the

Montana SHPO is recommended to determine the presence of any associated historic resources in the area. Contact information can be found at <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo>.

8. Water Quality Certification: Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires any applicant for a permit for an activity that may result in the discharge of a pollutant into WOTUS to obtain a certification that the discharge will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. Applications for water quality certifications are reviewed by states, Tribes, or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Water quality certifications are required for USACE permits that authorize discharges of dredged or fill materials into WOTUS. Some of the Nationwide Permits (NWP) or Regional General Permits (RGP) have WQC granted for them already; individual permits and other NWP/RGP will require individual certification. Contact our office to determine the appropriate Water Quality Agency for your project.

9. Mitigation: Mitigation consists of avoidance, minimization, and compensation. USACE requires that applicants consider and use all reasonable and practical measures to avoid and minimize impacts to aquatic resources. You are required to submit a mitigation plan/statement with an application if impacts will occur to 0.10 acre of wetlands and/or 0.03 acre of stream.

Compensatory mitigation is the restoration, establishment, enhancement, and in certain circumstances, preservation of aquatic resources to offset unavoidable adverse impacts. Compensatory mitigation is accomplished through purchase of credits from a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program, or permittee-responsible mitigation. During the application review process, USACE will determine whether compensatory mitigation is necessary and may require the applicant submit a plan for conducting proposed compensatory mitigation.

10. Activities Affecting Structures or Works Built by the United States: If any aspect of your proposed project is located within the vicinity of an existing USACE federally authorized Civil Works project (a "USACE project"), you may be required to seek permission from USACE pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408) and/or real estate related permissions. Alterations/modifications to completed USACE projects requires a USACE permission pursuant to Section 408. In addition, real estate permissions may be necessary if the proposed project would affect United States real estate interests managed by USACE. For information on our Section 408 request process or to determine whether a Section 408 or real estate permission is required, please contact: [Section408NWO@usace.army.mil](mailto:Section408NWO@usace.army.mil)

11. United States Coast Guard (USCG): In Montana, the Missouri River, portions of the Kootenai River, and the majority of the Yellowstone River are considered navigable waters of the U.S. as determined by USACE. The state of Montana considers additional waterways to be navigable waterways. The USCG is the agency with the authority to regulate the construction, operation, and maintenance of bridges and causeways in or across navigable waters under Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Aerial trams and conveyors, aqueducts, utility lines, overhead pipelines, and similar structures that are affixed to a bridge span over waters of the U.S., are themselves considered a bridge structure. If the proposed work involves bridging or crossing of a navigable water the work may be regulated by the USCG.

To determine USCG requirements, please contact:

Commander (dpw)  
13th Coast Guard District  
915 2nd Avenue, Room 3510  
Seattle, WA. 98174-1067  
Attn: Waterways Management Branch  
(206) 220-7282 | [D13-SMB-D13-DPW@uscg.mil](mailto:D13-SMB-D13-DPW@uscg.mil)

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RRS users can submit applications for individual standard permits and general permit pre-construction notifications, as well as requests for pre-application meetings, jurisdictional determinations, no permit required reviews, submit comments to public notices, and other information needed during the permit evaluation process using easy-to-follow online submission forms. Applicants can also track the status of their requests using a user-friendly dashboard.

Key benefits include:

- Removing the burden associated with the preparation and mailing of paper applications.
- Automated data validation ensures required fields are completed, leading to more complete and accurate submissions.
- Improved communication through automated emails and a real-time dashboard, reducing unnecessary back-and-forth between regulators and applicants.
- Providing on-line access to all relevant Regulatory information.
- Providing the ability to create a draft request, download it, and share it with your organization and clients, and revisit it later to finish it.
- Reducing internal data entry requirements allowing project managers to focus on permit review.

- RRS also features a Help Desk that is responsive, interactive and can assist with troubleshooting issues – a great resource for new applications.

The Regulatory Request System can be accessed on the web at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs>.

For further details or to provide feedback about the RRS, please contact USACE at [rrs@usace.army.mil](mailto:rrs@usace.army.mil)



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Federal Aviation Administration  
2725 Skyway Drive  
Helena MT 59602

**Re: Clancy, Montana Water System Improvements**

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Sincerely,

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5001 Southgate Drive  
Billings MT 59101

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Natural Resource Conservation Service

10 E. Babcock St.

Bozeman MT 59771

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PO Box 200505  
Helena MT 59620

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## Jesse Novak

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**From:** Bennett, Maj <Maj.Bennett@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2026 3:27 PM  
**To:** Jesse Novak  
**Subject:** CEIC - Clancy Water System Improvements  
**Attachments:** CEIC-Request-Clancy-Montana-Water-System-Improvement.pdf

**Warning: Unusual sender** <maj.bennett@mt.gov>

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Hello Cory,



You will find attached the proposal review without comment. In 2015, the Uniform Application for Montana Public Facility Projects, developed by the W2ASACT, reclassified the Census & Economic Information Center (CEIC) from a required agency to a *potential* agency for environmental resources at the request of CEIC.

We understand it may be routine or policy that you provide us with these reviews for comment. However, to potentially help streamline and simplify the process for you, we wanted to provide notification of the change and let you know further notification is not required.

If you have further questions, please contact the office at [ceic@mt.gov](mailto:ceic@mt.gov) or (406) 841-2740. Thank you.

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