

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Jefferson County under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant contract MT-CDBG-19PF-06 is located in the floodplain/wetland, and Jefferson County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project will take place in Clancy, Jefferson County, and will span several key areas, including S 1st Street, Clancy Creek Rd, E Clancy St, N Main St., S Main St., Cutoff Rd., and Legal Tender Ln. The primary goal of this initiative is to establish a reliable water system for Clancy. This will be achieved through the drilling of two new water wells for Phase 1 of the project. Phase 2 of the project includes the construction of a wellhouse with chlorine disinfection, a new water storage tank, a transmission main, and the development of a comprehensive water distribution system, including the installation of water meters. Please reference the attached maps for the location of this project.

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-

fyng 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.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and/or wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain and/or wetland can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain and/or wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.



Written comments must be received by Jefferson County at the following address on or before April 17th, 2026. Jefferson County, PO Box H, Boulder, MT 59632 and (406) 225-4020, Attention: Cory Kirsch, Commissioner. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 102 S. Monroe St., Boulder, MT 59632, and at the website clancyinfrastructure.com. Comments may also be submitted via email at ckirsch@jeffersoncounty-mt.gov or klittle@greatwesteng.com.

April 9, 2026

Jefferson County

Clancy, Montana
Drummond

Legend

-  Jefferson County
-  Project Location



Current Floodplain Map

[DNRC Montana Draft Mapping \(website link\)](#)



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

Effective Base Flood Elevation

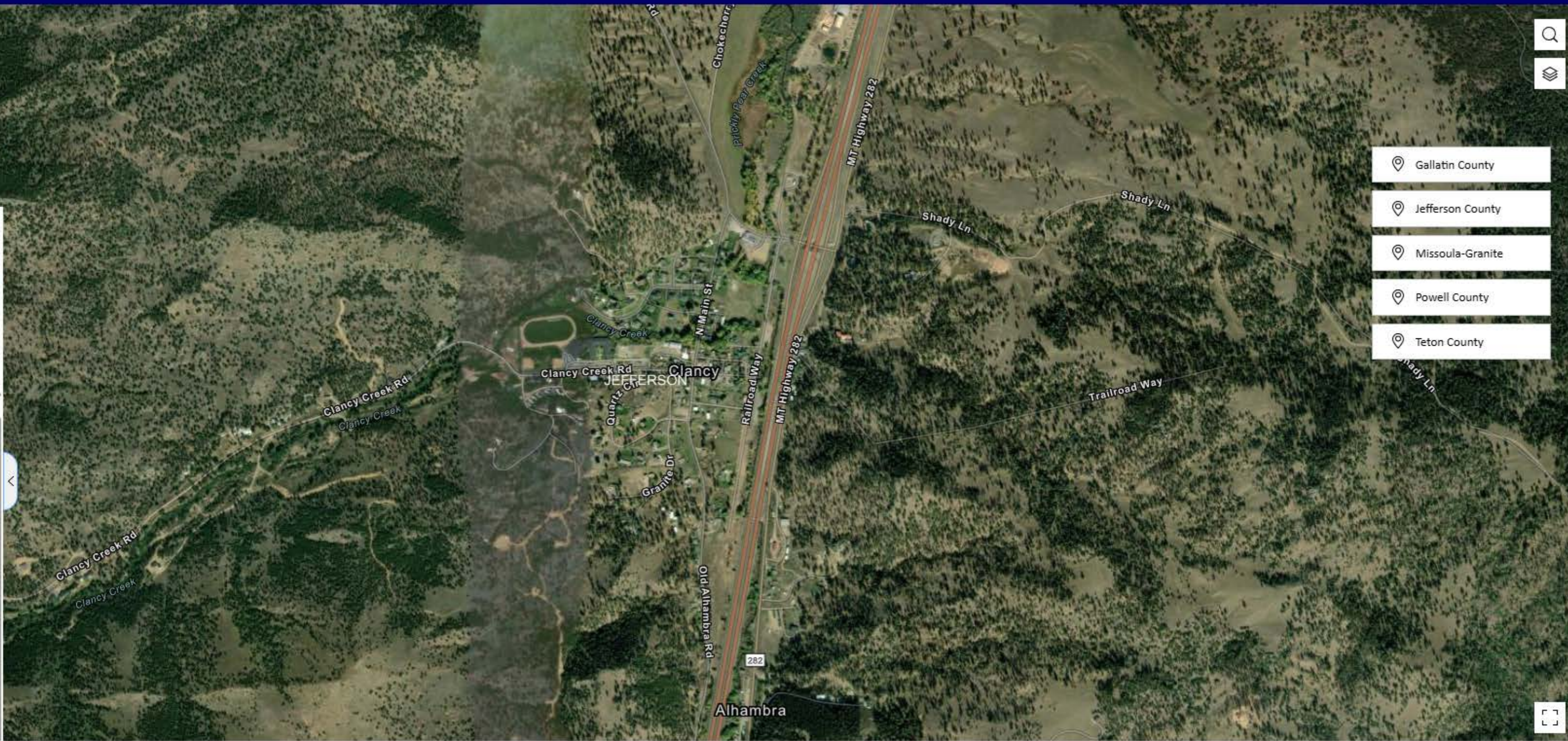
Boundaries - County

County Boundary

Effective Special Flood Hazard Area

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

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



Montana DNRC Draft Floodplain Map

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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

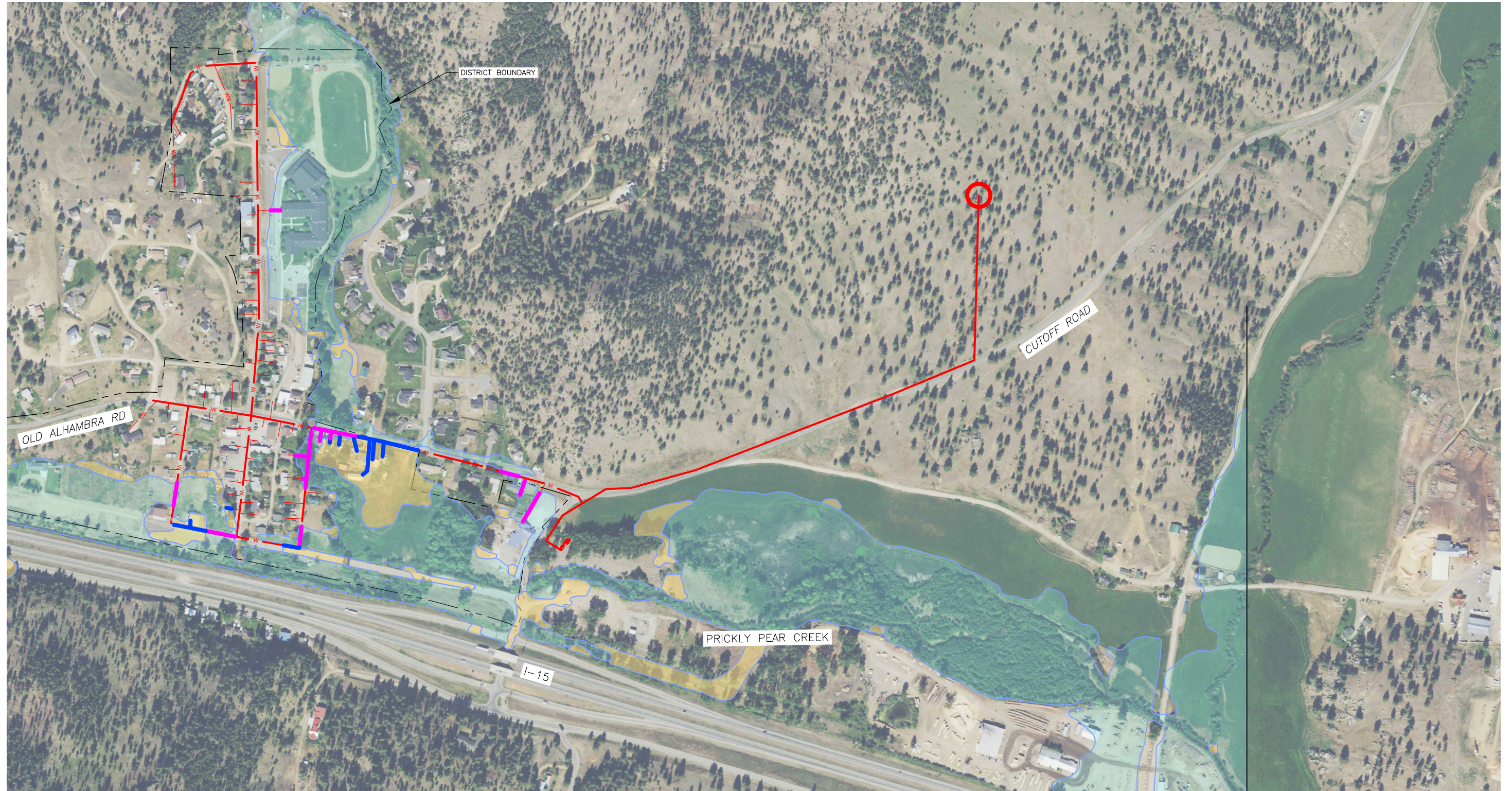
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



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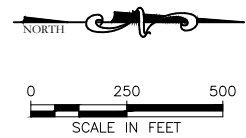
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Project Location and Floodplain

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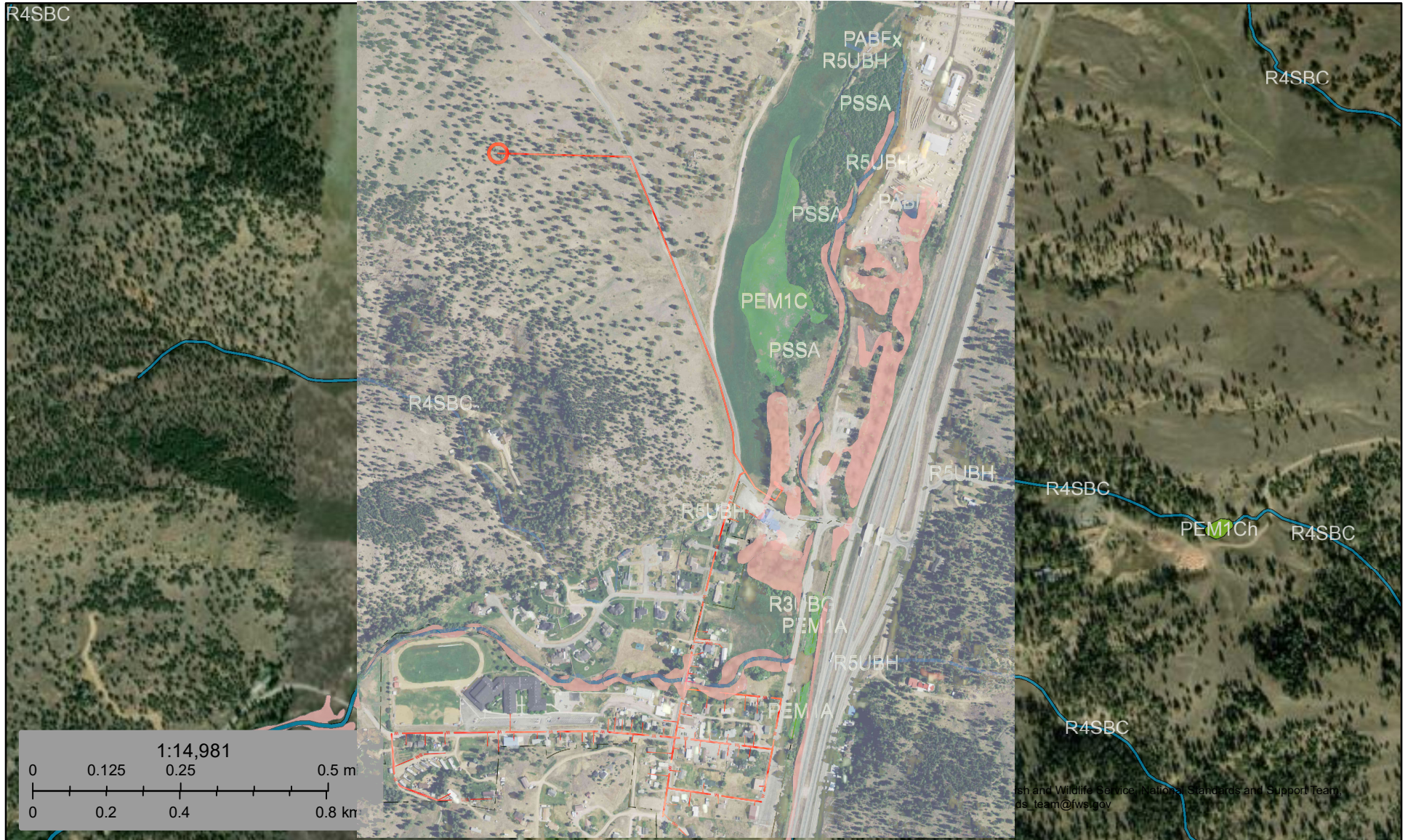
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PROJECT LOCATIONS		
100-YEAR IMPACT		0.20 ACRES
ZONE X IMPACT		0.15 ACRES
100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN		
ZONE X		



Clancy Water System Improvements Phase 1 & Phase 2

CLANCY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Project Location and Wetlands



March 11, 2026

Wetlands

- 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.

LEGEND	
PROJECT LOCATIONS	

National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)
This map was produced by the NWI mapper