

**MISSOURI-MADISON RIVER FUND RECREATION PROJECT
FY2023 GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Project Name: Craig FAS Parking Expansion

Reservoir or River Segment: Missouri River County Lewis and Clark

Site Name (or project location): Craig Fishing Access Site

Applicant Name: John Taillie

Position and Agency: Regional Recreation Manager, Fish, Wildlife & Parks; Montana Department of
of

Telephone: 406-454-5859

Email: jtaillie@mt.gov

Project Sponsor Name: Same as Applicant

Position and Agency: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Project Cost Breakdown and Financial Request:

Complete the financial section below by providing total project cost (to the nearest dollar), contributions by applicant and cooperators, request for NorthWestern Energy match of agency funds (see detailed instruction), and River Fund Grant request. Document in-kind contributions by public agencies for determination of NorthWestern Energy match request. A description of funding sources and in-kind contributions should be included in the Project Description.

Total project cost:	<u>\$428,710</u>	
Applicant Contributions – cash	<u>\$</u>	
Applicant Contributions – value of in-kind:\$	<u>\$</u>	
Other Contributions – Please list by source:		
Lewis & Clark County Cash Donation	<u>\$199,238</u>	
(Value of 20 year lease/insurance payments)	<u>\$</u>	
	<u>\$</u>	
	<u>\$</u>	Percentage of Total Project Cost:
Total Applicant and Other Contributions:	<u>\$199,238</u>	<u>46%</u>
NorthWestern Energy Match Request:	<u>\$49,810</u>	<u>12%</u>
River Fund Grant Request:	<u>\$179,662</u>	<u>42%</u>
Proposed Project Implementation Period:	<u>2023</u>	

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1. Has this project been previously submitted for funding consideration by the River Fund Board, either as a separate project or part of another project? _____Yes XNo

If yes, please identify which years the application was submitted and, if the project was previously funded, list the amount funded by year.

2. **Project Description:** Provide a description of the proposed project. Be sure to include specific project elements that are planned, and any associated cost detail.

- Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks operates a Fishing Access Site program that provides access to water bodies across the entire state. Craig Fishing Access Site is one of the busiest sites on the Missouri River corridor. The parking at the site is inadequate for the level of use throughout most of the year. This project will provide additional parking. The project includes a graveled parking area with an ADA latrine, concrete ADA parking pad and sidewalk, parking stops, and fencing. The parking area is located 2 blocks from the actual FAS site on the river. Currently the existing FAS site fills up and visitors park on the county roads and in the town of Craig creating safety hazards, maintenance, and space concerns. The addition of this overflow lot would allow visitors to park off the side streets in an area specifically designed to accommodate FAS users, vehicles, and trailers. This would ease congestion at the boat ramp, Bridge Street, and nearby businesses.

Lewis and Clark County is working on a long-term 20 year lease with Burlington Northern/ Santa Fe Railway. The cash value of the lease is estimated at \$199,237.65. The railroad currently owns the property. FWP would then enter into a management agreement with the County to develop, manage, and maintain the site. The lease agreement is currently under negotiation between BSNF and the County. The goal is to have this lease completed by December 2022. This project will require legislative approval in 2023.

3. **Project Phasing:** Briefly discuss whether the project could be phased over more than one year or construction season.

- This project includes the basic features needed for a parking area. The initial estimate includes the addition of a latrine, ADA parking pad, and sidewalk. It would be possible to phase in the latrine and ADA accessible features at a later date. This would cut approximately \$35K from the estimate. However, we recommend this be done all at once due to mobilization costs.

4. **Cultural Resource Management:** Cultural Resource Management (CRM) requirements for any activity related to this Project must be completed and documented to NorthWestern Energy as a condition of awarded River Fund grant funds or NorthWestern Energy matching funds. Grant and matching funds may not be used for any land-disturbing activity, or the modification, renovation, or removal of any buildings or structures until the CRM consultation process has been completed. Agency applicants must submit a copy of the proposed project to a designated Cultural Resource Specialist for their agency. Private parties or non-governmental organizations are encouraged to submit a copy of their proposed project to a CRM consultant they may have employed. Private parties and non-governmental organizations may also contact the NorthWestern Energy representative for further information or assistance. Applications submitted without this section completed will be held without any action until the information has been submitted.

Summarize how you will complete requirements for Cultural Resource Management.

- ▶ Montana State Parks Heritage Resources Manager will review the project and the site. Once the project has been reviewed, the Heritage Resources Manager will work with the State Historic Preservation Office for approval.

5. **Scoring Criteria.** Respond to the following Scoring Criteria. Put answers in the cell after □.

5.1 Does the project occur at a 2188 license site?

- ▶ This is not a 2188 site.

5.2 Project is for operation and maintenance of an existing recreation site. Describe if the project will meet operation and maintenance needs. Higher points awarded to projects that are higher priority and are not a recurring expense. Lower points awarded to projects that are low priority and/or have been previously funded. It is unlikely that the timeframe of River Fund would address emergency operation and maintenance needs but could support non-emergency operation and maintenance needs.

- ▶ This project would improve operations at Craig FAS by providing additional parking. This would not be a recurring expense. This project has been identified as high priority by FWP.

5.3 Project involves collaboration with other agencies or organizations. Identify project partners other than NorthWestern Energy or River Fund, if any, and describe their participation. Document all funding sources and all in-kind support and services to a project, because all are sources of partnerships and in-kind contributions from public agencies qualify for calculation of NorthWestern Energy matching funds. If there are no project partners, explain why.

- ▶ Project partners include BNSF Railroad and Lewis and Clark County. The county intends to lease the property from the railroad and turn over maintenance and management to FWP through a cooperative agreement. A support letter from Lewis and Clark County is enclosed. Also included is a breakdown of the current lease payment that this being negotiated by the county. This will be a cash contribution from the county for this project.

5.4 Project provides a benefit to public recreation in the Project Area and addresses specific issues and goals of the Missouri-Madison Comprehensive Recreation Plan (CRP). Identify how the project provides a benefit to public recreation and describe how the project specifically addresses issues and goals in Chapter 2-1 of the CRP.

- ▶ This project would benefit recreational use by providing additional parking at an FAS site that is frequently over capacity for vehicle parking. Craig FAS is one of the most popular launching and take out sites on the Missouri River utilized by fishermen, outfitters, and other water-based recreationalists. This is a recreation management issue affecting FWP, Lewis and Clark County, and the town of Craig. This is a collaborative solution between state and county agencies and the railroad. This project would also address public safety by providing parking that will not create congested conditions on the streets in town. Goals from the NWE Comprehensive Recreation Plan this project addresses include increased public safety, improve and expand recreational activities, and providing a safe and well managed recreation site and dispersed use area.

5.5 Project responds to a clearly identified need. Describe and document the need for this project and how the project would address that need. Cite specific sources, as possible, to establish need and support the project. Discuss consequences if the funding request is unsuccessful. For a new construction or acquisition project, identify how post-project, long-term costs (such as site maintenance and management) will be provided.

- ▶ The necessity for this project is a result of a long history of a parking issue at Craig FAS. The initial site was developed when use on the river was much lower. Visitor counts in 2016 were 19,768. Visitation estimate based on other indicator sites on the Missouri in 2021 was 47,233. With the increased use on the Missouri the parking capacity has become inadequate and additional space is needed to accommodate current and future use. This overflow parking area would provide a solution. Maintenance cost would be minimal but would include routine cleaning of the latrine and upkeep of fencing and parking stops. Maintenance staff routinely service Craig FAS and this would add minor duties to their responsibilities. If this project goes unfunded parking will continue to be an issue as visitors will park on the side streets in the town creating congestion.

5.6 Project design options have been considered, estimated, and a preferred design selected. Well-designed projects reduce occurrences of budgetary overages, design changes, and additional complications. Discuss the current design phase for this project, demonstrate that the project has been well vetted, and include cost estimates.

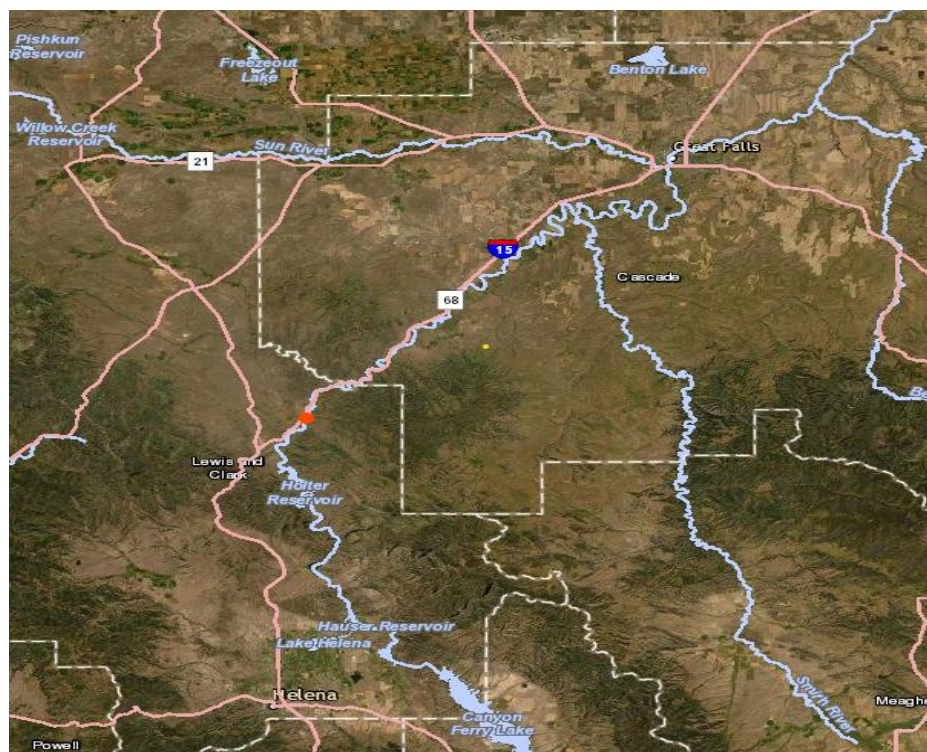
- ▶ This plan was put together by the FWP Design and Construction Bureau. The design incorporates the basic elements and requirements of a parking area. A line-item breakdown of costs is attached. The cost estimates are as up to date as possible.

5.7 Project supports or protects other resources and is consistent with or supports resource plans in the Project Area. Describe how this project will protect resource values (such as public access, water quality, fisheries, wildlife, habitats, and cultural resources) and support other resource and agency plans, including Project 2188 License plans and land use and land management plans in place in the Corridor. Management plans should provide justification for the project.

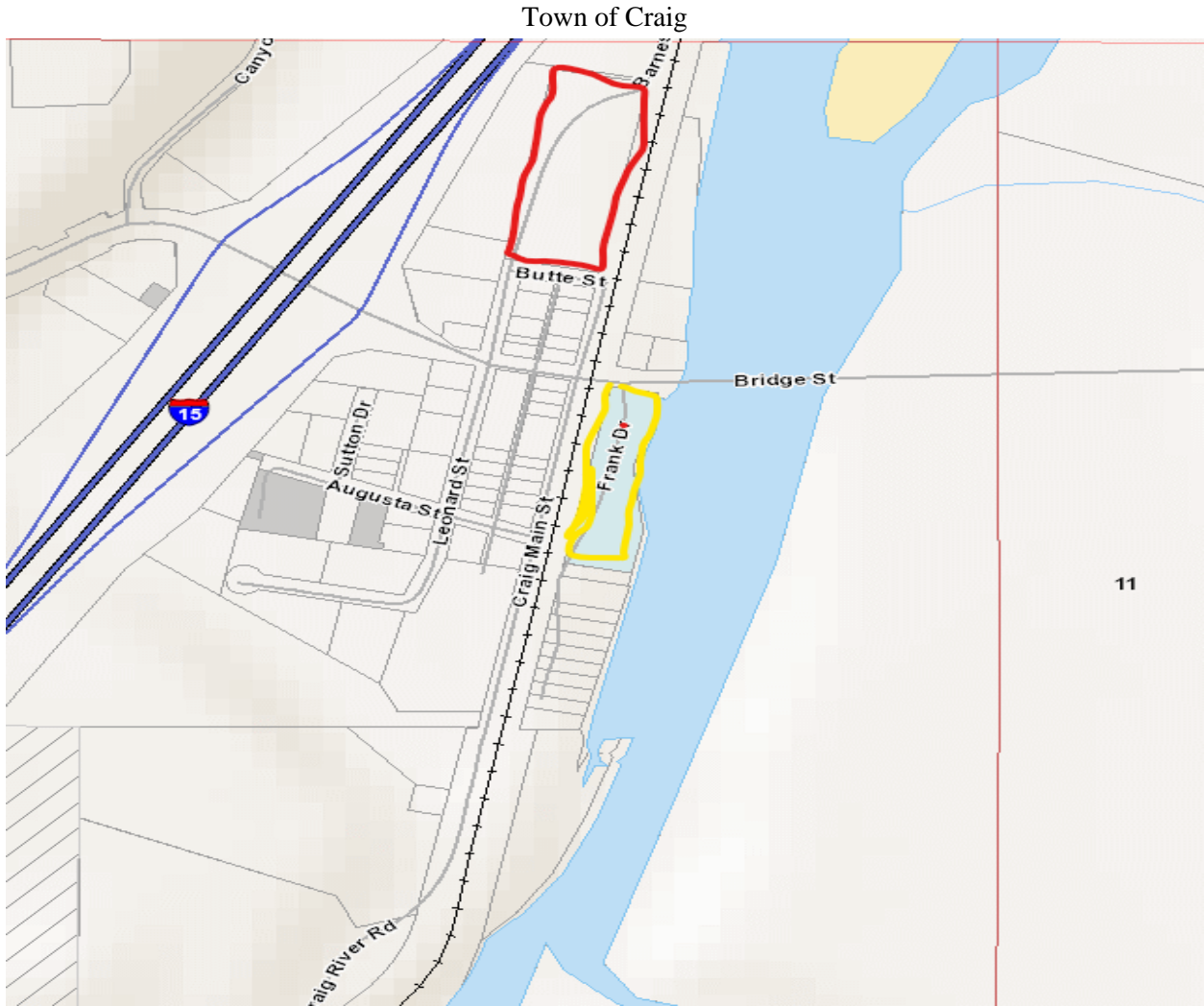
- ▶ This project has no effect on water quality or fish and wildlife habitat. It will reduce potential congestion and/or conflicts over parking. There are currently no management plans for Craig FAS or for the corridor. The additional parking could moderately increase use on the river but the need for this outweighs the increased use.

6. Insert map(s) showing the location of the proposed project, drawings and design work related to the project, and a reasonable number of photos (as available) here.

Location of Craig FAS



Red area defines new over-flow parking
Yellow area defines existing Craig FAS



Current Parking area at Craig FAS (usually full)



Boats launching from the current boat launch



Railroad property that could become overflow parking. Two blocks from Craig FAS



Craig Overflow Lot

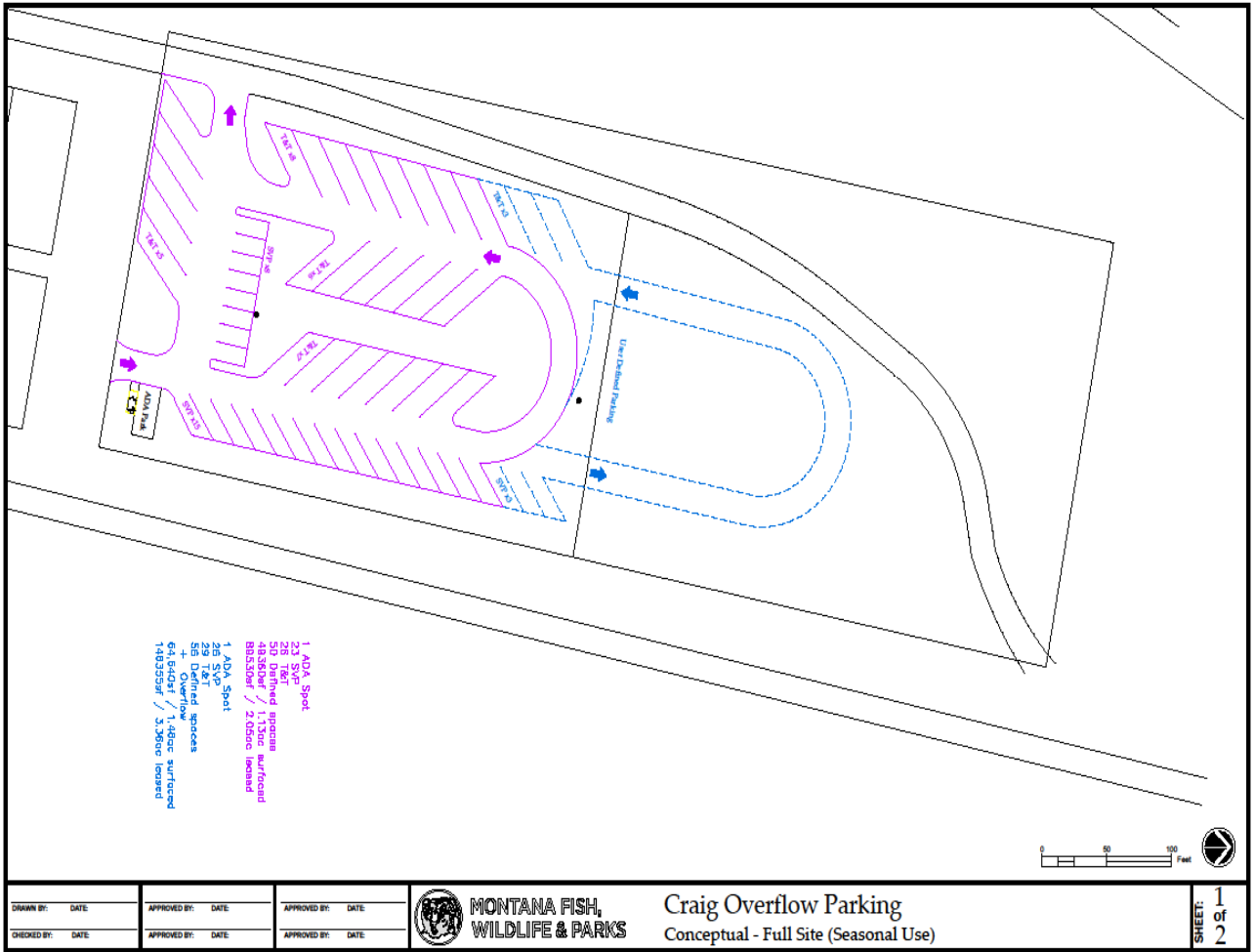
Prepared by Montana FWP

DATE

: August 17, 2022

BASE BID				D&C est.	
ITEM	Bid Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Bid Price
1	Mobilization	LS	1	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
2	Fence Removal	LF	600	\$1.00	\$600.00
3	4-Strand Boundary Fencing	LF	885	\$3.91	\$3,460.35
4	10' Panel Gates, Paired w/ Dropleg	EA	4	\$690.00	\$2,760.00
5	Brace Panels & Corners	LS	1	\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00
6	Latrine Unit & Installation	EA	1	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
7	Concrete Pad 4" Reinforced	SF	614	\$20.00	\$12,280.00
8	Topsoil Strip and Disposal	SY	6,241	\$0.87	\$5,429.67
9	Site Preparation and Grading	SY	6,241	\$2.75	\$17,162.75
10	F&I Nonwoven Geotextile 8oz, Main Routes	SY	2,280	\$4.50	\$10,260.00
11	3" Minus Subbase Course, 6" Lift	SY	6,241	\$5.50	\$34,326.11
12	3/4 Minus Crushed course, 4" Lift	SY	6,241	\$6.25	\$39,006.25
13	12" HDPE Culvert	LF	66	\$40.00	\$2,640.00
14	Granular Culvert Bedding	CY	5	\$61.00	\$305.00
15	Site Signage	LS	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
16	Concrete Parking Stops	EA	99	\$127.70	\$12,642.30
	Construction Total				\$175,747.43
Consultant Fee, estimated @ 15% project cost					\$26,362.11
15% Construction Contingency					\$26,362.11
Advertising/Printing					\$1,000.00
Project Total based on 2022 unit prices					\$229,471.65

Conceptual Layout



Year	3% Incr.	Lease Cost	Insurance
1		\$ 7,318.00	\$ 2,600.25
2	\$ 219.54	\$ 7,537.54	
3	\$ 226.13	\$ 7,763.67	
4	\$ 232.91	\$ 7,996.58	
5	\$ 239.90	\$ 8,236.47	
6	\$ 247.09	\$ 8,483.57	
7	\$ 254.51	\$ 8,738.07	
8	\$ 262.14	\$ 9,000.22	
9	\$ 270.01	\$ 9,270.22	
10	\$ 278.11	\$ 9,548.33	
11	\$ 286.45	\$ 9,834.78	
12	\$ 295.04	\$ 10,129.82	
13	\$ 303.89	\$ 10,433.72	
14	\$ 313.01	\$ 10,746.73	
15	\$ 322.40	\$ 11,069.13	
16	\$ 332.07	\$ 11,401.21	
17	\$ 342.04	\$ 11,743.24	
18	\$ 352.30	\$ 12,095.54	
19	\$ 362.87	\$ 12,458.41	
20	\$ 373.75	\$ 12,832.16	
Total		\$196,637.40	\$ 2,600.25
		Grand Total =	\$199,237.65



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November 2, 2021

Dustin Ramoie
Fishing Access Site (FAS) Coordinator
Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620-0701

Re: Craig Fishing Access Site Parking Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Ramoie,

Thank you for meeting with Lewis & Clark County Public Works staff regarding the potential Craig FAS site Parking Enhancement Project. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and the Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (FWP) staff in the planning stages of this effort.

As you know, Craig thrives on the tourism generated by the blue ribbon fly-fishing accessed by the FAS site in town. However, the lack of adequate parking leads to vehicles and trailers parking along Bridge Street and adjacent side streets, causing serious safety, maintenance, and space concerns.

In reviewing the proposed project, Lewis & Clark County wholeheartedly agrees with moving forward with the overflow parking concept and is willing and ready to partner with FWP. Specifically, we have begun exploring the possibility of leasing the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) property located to the north of the existing FAS site as our contribution to the project. We would anticipate the FAS program to oversee the design, construction, and management of the site.

Although there are many details to work out, we look forward to a partnership with FWP on this important project and assisting in making it a reality.

Respectfully,

Andy Hunthausen
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

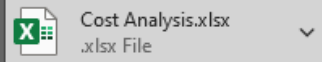


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To ✓ Richardson, Jannice

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Wed 8/31/2022 9:03 AM

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From: Dan Karlin <DKARLIN@lccountymt.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 8:48 AM
To: Taillie, John <JTaillie@mt.gov>
Cc: Jenny Chambers <JCHAMBERS@lccountymt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Craig BNSF

I need to work on this today hopefully.

We've had our legal team go through it. As to your questions, We will be paying the lease, \$7,318 and increased 3% each year AND \$2,600.25 one time for insurance. BNSF is not donating anything to it. I've attached a cost analysis to show what our total outlay would be over a 20-year period.

Thanks,

Daniel Karlin, PE
County Engineer
Lewis and Clark County Public Works
Office: (406) 447-8034
dkarlin@lccountymt.gov

From: Taillie, John <JTaillie@mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:52 PM
To: Dan Karlin <DKARLIN@lccountymt.gov>
Subject: Craig BNSF

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Hi Dan,

Do you happen to know what the potential lease agreement will look like between L&C county and BSNF? Would the county be paying BSNF for the lease or would it just be an agreement and BSNF would be donating the value of a lease to the county. Either way, is there a way to determine what the value of this lease (donated value) would be? This could help our application with the Missouri/ Madison River Fund.

Also. Do you know, does Craig have any governing body or group I could get a letter of support from?

Thanks,

John Taillie
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