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State of Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Trust Land Management Division P.O. Box 201601 Helena, MT 59620-1601

RE: An appraisal of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 28 East, Yellowstone County, State of Montana. This appraisal report establishes an "as is" value in fee ownership.

In accordance with the letter of engagement, I have made the necessary site visit and analysis to appraise the above referenced property. The attached report provides the essential data and detailed reasoning employed in estimating my final value estimate.

The property being appraised consists of a 640 acres. In the body of the report is a detailed description of the subject.

This appraisal assumes an "as is" value. I assume no responsibility for matters that are legal in nature nor do I render any opinion as to title.

The value reported is qualified by certain definitions, assumptions and limiting conditions, hypothetical conditions and certification, which are set forth within the attached report. This appraisal report is intended to conform to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, and State of Montana, DNRC reporting requirements.

Based on my analysis, the market value of the subject property, as set forth, documented and qualified in the attached report under conditions prevailing on May 13, 2016 is:

#### \$300,000 Rounded\*

\* This value is subject to the Hypothetical Conditions on page 10

I direct your attention to the data, discussions and conclusions which follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory A. Thornquist

General Real Estate Appraiser License # REA-RAG-LIC-867

6/9/2016

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# SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPHS



Aerial view of the subject parcels

# SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPHS



Looking north along the west boundary Photo taken from the southwest corner



Looking northeast across the subject Photo taken from the southwest corner

# SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPHS



Looking east along the south boundary Photo taken from the southwest corner

#### SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS

PURPORTED OWNER: State of Montana Trust Land

PROPERTY TYPE: Agricultural

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Yellowstone County, Montana

SITE: 640 acres

PROPERTY RIGHTS APPRAISED: Fee simple

ZONING: None

PRESENT USE: Vacant land

HIGHEST AND BEST USE: Agricultural

DATE OF VALUATION: May 13, 2016

*LAND VALUE:* \$300,000

#### ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

This is to certify that the appraiser, in submitting this statement and opinion of value of subject property, acted in accordance with and was bound by the following principles, limiting conditions and assumptions. Unauthorized use of this report is set forth below.

- No responsibility is assumed for matters that are legal in nature nor is any opinion rendered on title of property appraised.
- Unless otherwise noted, the property has been appraised as though free and clear of all encumbrances.
- All maps, areas, plans, specifications, and other data furnished your appraiser were assumed to be correct. No survey of the property was made by this firm. Furthermore, all numerical references to linear measurements, area, volume or angular measurements should be assumed to be "more or less" (+/-) and are accurate to a degree consistent with their use for valuation purposes.
- This appraisal considers only surface rights to the property with consideration of current zoning and land use controls. The estimate of **highest and best** use will form the basis for the value estimate. This appraisal does not consider mineral, gas, oil or other natural resource rights that may be inherent in the ownership of the property.
- In this appraisal assignment, any potentially hazardous material found on the land or used in the construction of the buildings, such as urea formaldehyde foam insulation, petroleum residue, asbestos and/or existence of toxic waste or gases, which may or may not be present on the property, has not been considered. The appraiser is not qualified to detect such substances. Any interested party is urged to retain an expert in this field if there is any question regarding such potentially hazardous material. If such material or substance is present it could adversely affect the value reported herein.
- I am not a seismologist and this appraisal should not be relied upon as to whether a seismic problem exists, or does not actually exist on the property. The property which is the subject of this appraisal is within a geographic area where earthquakes and other seismic disturbances have previously occurred and where they may occur again. Except as specifically indicated in the report, no seismic or geologic studies have been provided to the appraiser concerning the geologic and/or seismic condition of the property. The appraiser assumes no responsibility for the possible effect on subject property on seismic activity and/or earthquakes. I have not made a specific compliance survey and analysis of this property to determine whether or not it is in conformity with the various detailed seismic requirements by the City or County. It is possible that a survey of the property could reveal that the property does not meet the required seismic requirements. If so, this fact could have a negative effect upon the value of the property. Since I have no direct evidence relating to this issue, I did not consider possible noncompliance requirements in estimating the value of the property.
- All data contained in this report and in the appraiser's files, as obtained from other sources, upon which to any
  degree the opinions and conclusions were based, are considered reliable and believed to be true and correct.
  However, the appraiser does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of such items that were obtained from
  other parties.
- There shall be no obligation to give testimony or attendance in court by reason of this appraisal with reference to the property in question unless arrangements have been previously made and at an additional fee.
- Neither all nor any part of the contents of this report, especially the conclusions to value, the identity of the appraiser or the firm with which he is connected shall be disseminated to the public through advertising media,

news media, public relations media, sales media, or any other public means of communication without the prior written consent of the appraiser.

- Gregory A. Thornquist does not authorize the out-of-context quoting from, or partial reprinting of this appraisal report.
- The liability of Gregory A. Thornquist is limited to the client and to the fee collected. Further, there is no accountability, obligations or liability to any third party. If this report is placed in the hands of anyone other than client, the client shall make such party aware of all limiting conditions and assumptions of the assignment and related discussions. The appraiser assumes no responsibility for any costs incurred to discover or correct any deficiencies of any type present in the property; physically, financially, or of a legal nature.
- The fee for this appraisal report is for the service rendered and not for time spent on the physical report or for the physical report itself.
- This appraisal report is prepared for the sole and exclusive use of the client, State of Montana, Montana Board of Land Commissioners and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). No third parties are authorized to rely upon this report without the expressed written consent of the appraiser.
- This Appraisal Report is intended to comply with the reporting requirements set forth under Standard Rule 2-2(b) of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. As such, it presents only summary discussions of the data, reasoning, and analysis that were used in the appraisal process to develop the appraiser's opinion of value. Supporting documentation concerning the data, reasoning and analysis is contained in the appraiser's files.

#### HYPOTHETICAL CONDITIONS

- The subject property is owned by the State of Montana and this appraisal assumes the property is in held in private ownership. This is noted in the "Scope of Work for Appraisals of Potential Property Sales through the Land Banking Program" which is included in the addenda
- The "Scope of Work for Appraisals of Potential Property Sales through the Land Banking Program" also notes that "Landlocked parcel, (parcels with no legal access), will be appraised with the hypothetical condition of having legal access and should be appraised as the property currently exists, which is without legal access, ("as is"). This is further discussed in the highest and best use section of this report.

#### SCOPE OF THE APPRAISAL

I initially spoke with Emily Cooper with the Montana DNRC Trust Land Management Division and I was retained to appraise the subject property. Ms. Cooper provided me with the following information:

- Scope of work
- Parcel description
- Contact information for inspecting the subject property.

On May 13, 2016 I met with Teen Peterson, lessee, and Mr. Peterson accompanied me to the subject property. I observed the property from near the southwest corner and did not traverse the property as a result of the wet ground conditions.

The subject parcel is currently leased to Teen Peterson and the lessee contacted the DNRC inquiring about purchasing the subject property. The lessee owns the adjacent land and therefore there is no access to the subject without crossing private property.

The neighborhood and surrounding competitive market areas were researched to find comparable market data. Real Estate agents, property owners, and real estate appraisers in the area were interviewed in an attempt to find relevant market data. This market data has been confirmed by personal contact with the buyer, seller, broker, appraiser, and/or property owner.

All of the comparable sales described in the body of the report are shown in detail on the summary sheets in a separate document. I did not physically inspect each of the comparable sales and the photos on the sales data sheet are from the State of Montana's Cadastral web site.

#### Effective Date:

The effective date of this appraisal report is May 13, 2016. This is the date of valuation and was the actual date of the property inspection. This appraisal report was completed June 9, 2016.

#### **DEFINITION OF MARKET VALUE**

Market value, as used in this report, was provided by the client and is defined as follows:

Current Fair Market Value ~ (MCA 70-30-313) Current fair market value is the price that would be agreed to by a willing and informed seller and buyer, taking into consideration, but not limited to, the following factors:

- (1) the highest and best reasonably available use and its value for such use, provided current use may not be presumed to be the highest and best use;
- (2) the machinery, equipment, and fixtures forming part of the real estate taken; and any other relevant factors as to which evidence is offered.

#### PURPOSE OF THE APPRAISAL

The purpose of this appraisal is to arrive at a supportable estimation of the market value.

#### INTENTED USE OF THE APPRAISAL AND CLIENT

The intended use is for the decision making process concerning the potential leasing of the subject property. The clients and intended users are the State of Montana, the Montana Board of Land Commissioners and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY

None

#### PROPERTY RIGHTS APPRAISED

This appraisal is made with the understanding and assumption that present ownership of the subject property includes all rights that may be lawfully owned, and is therefore, title in fee simple as of May 13, 2016. A fee simple estate is subject only to the limitations imposed by the governmental powers of taxation, eminent domain, police power and escheat.

#### IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The property which is the subject matter of this report consists of 640 acres located just south of the community of Huntley, Montana. The subject is all of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 28 East, Yellowstone County, State of Montana.

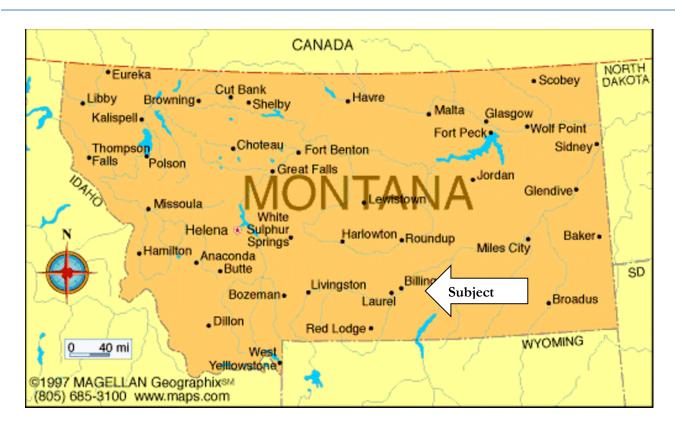
#### **PURPORTED OWNER**

The subject is owned by the State of Montana.

#### SALES HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY

The subject parcel has been owned by the State of Montana for a number of years. The parcel was nominated by the lessee and may be sold through the State of Montana's Land Banking Program.

#### **REGIONAL MAP**



#### REGIONAL AND CITY ANALYSIS



The subject is located approximately 13 miles east of Billings and just south of the community of Huntley. Interstate 90 is to the south and Interstate 94 is to the north. The immediate area is predominately agricultural with single-family dwellings dispersed. Pryor Creek Golf Course is just to the northwest.

Billings is located in southeastern Montana and is the county seat of Yellowstone County. Billings is also the largest city in Montana. The following list some general data with regards to Montana and the United States:

General Data	Montana	US
Population:	910,651	288,378,137
Median age:	40.2	36.4
% below poverty:	14.4%	13.3%
Median household income:	\$39,301	\$46,242
Mean travel time to work:	17.3 minutes	25.1 minutes
% high school graduate or higher:	90.7%	84.2%
Bachelor degree or higher:	26.5%	27.2%
% civilian veterans:	14.3%	10.9%
% foreign born:	1.8%	12.4%

#### Forces Influencing Property Values

The value of real estate is influenced by the interaction of four major forces; social, economic, government and environmental considerations.

#### Population:

Yellowstone County population - 137,000 Billings population - 100,000 Trade Area population - 400,000

#### Industry:

Billings has two nationally recognized hospitals and over 30 clinics which provide some of the most advanced healthcare services in a four state area. These facilities, the Billings Clinic and St. Vincent Healthcare have been steadily growing. The Billings Clinic has been expanding for several years by adding a 20,000 SF cardiac center, an ambulatory telemetry unit and a new intensive care unit. The Billings Clinic has grown in employment from 3,400 in 2008 to 3,766 currently on payroll. Likewise, St. Vincent Healthcare has also been expanding in recent years by increasing its footprint more than 100,000 SF to 1.14 million SF and an employment of 2,100 in Yellowstone County.<sup>1</sup>

Construction growth within the Billings city limits has increased from \$171.9 million 2012 to \$302.3 million through November 2013.2

Billings has over 10 major banking systems with 70 branches throughout the city. In addition, there are numerous brokerages and financial planning companies.

The area has the largest coal reserves in the nation and eastern Montana is actively pursuing development of coal to liquid technology into gasoline and other fuels. Billings and the surrounding area have a history of oil production. Billings has three refineries and a fourth in the concept stage.

Optimism continues with belief that more oil and gas development is coming to Montana and the Bakken oil shale along the North Dakota border. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad opened an economic development office in Billings to meet demand for new or expanding rail facilities. The Denver-based Energy Corp. or America also opened a Billings office to develop oil and gas leases near Billings.<sup>3</sup> The increased presence of these major companies add both employment opportunities as well as optimism to Billings economic future.

Billings is also considered to be a major shopping center for the area.

In summary, professional, financial, and technical services, wholesale and retail trade, construction and health and social services drive the Billings economy.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lutey, Tom. (2013, December 22). Yellowstone County Economy Primed for More Energy Growth. The Billings Gazette. Retrieved from www.helenair.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid.

#### Transportation:

Logan International Airport is located five minutes from the central business district and is served by six major airlines with direct daily flights. Charter service, air, motor and rail freight lines link services directly to the major hubs of Seattle, Chicago, New York, Denver, Salt Lake City, and Calgary.

Interstates 90 and 94 connect in Billings. I-94 is an east/west highway and I-90 heads south.

#### Climate:

Billings has a moderate climate with very low humidity. The normal monthly temperature in January is 24 and in July 72.

#### Education:

Billings has two colleges, Montana State University-Billings and Rocky Mountain College. There are three public high schools and one private high school. There are numerous public and private elementary schools throughout Billings.

#### Recreation:

Billings has a sports arena that seats 10,000 which supports various sporting event, concerts, etc. In addition, the baseball complex was recently renovated which is home to a minor league baseball team and two local legion baseball teams.

Billings is in close proximity to Yellowstone National Park to the south and Custer Battlefield to the southeast.

#### Conclusion

Yellowstone County, Billings in particular, has historically experienced stable economic conditions. Montana in general is known for its farming, agricultural, mining, and tourism industries. Billings, while enjoying the benefits of these industries, also sees the stability from being the county seat and a major trade area. Billings has not experienced the boom and bust cycles that have affected many other Montana communities.

The recent energy boom in neighboring North Dakota has spilled over to Eastern Montana and has positioned Billings well to participate in this economic development.

The large medical presence coupled with significant residential and commercial growth has allowed Billings to experience stable or better economic conditions. Future economic conditions should remain stable or better as population and income levels rise and tourism becomes ever more popular. Property values should remain relatively stable.

#### REAL ESTATE TAXES

The subject property is owned by the State of Montana and is currently exempt from taxation. If the parcel sells and is in private ownership it will be subject to taxation pursuant to the applicable laws and administrative rules of the State of Montana.

#### **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

<u>Site</u>	
Size:	640 acres
Shape:	Rectangular
Topography:	Rolling with ravines. There is a small amount of trees
Soil Conditions:	Soil conditions are unknown. No soil tests were provided to your appraiser
Easements:	No title policy was provided to your appraiser.
Access:	The subject parcel has no legal access and physical access is from adjacent private property.
Water:	Seasonal runoff
Flood Plain:	Not within a designated flood zone.
Nuisances or Hazards:	None of the surrounding uses appear to have an adverse impact on the subject property.
Improvements:	There are no improvements on the property.

None

#### HIGHEST AND BEST USE

"The reasonably probable and legal use of vacant land or an improved property that is physically possible, appropriately supported, financially feasible and that results in the highest value."<sup>4</sup>

The definition above applies to the highest and best use of vacant land or improved property. It is to be recognized that in cases where a site has existing improvements on it, the highest and best use may very well be determined to be different from the existing use. The existing use will continue, however, unless and until land value in its highest and best use exceeds the total value of the property in its existing use.

Quite often in estimating the highest and best use of land, the appraiser is controlled by governmental regulations. These controls are generally zoning ordinance, parking requirements and building codes. Also, in the estimate of highest and best use, one must recognize the attitude of typical investors in the marketplace.

Real estate will usually fall into certain definite development patterns, and their uses can be classified as: residential, agricultural, recreational, industrial, commercial or public use. In valuing the highest and best use of the land both as if vacant and improved, the following criteria must be met:

- 1) Legally permissible
- 2) Physically possible
- 3) Financially feasible
- 4) Maximally productive

#### HIGHEST AND BEST USE AS VACANT

The subject property has no underlying zoning. The subject has historically been used as agricultural grazing. Based upon the location there is no apparent need for the property to be used as commercial, industrial, or by a government entity (public use).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Appraisal of Real Estate, 12th Edition, (Appraisal Institute, 2001), p. 305.

#### Physically Possible

This area is predominately agricultural lands. The subject property has no legal access and physical access is from adjacent private land. The "Assignment Conditions" as provided by the client instruct the appraise the property as though legal and physical access exists.

The topography of the subject parcel varies from mildly rolling to steep hillsides. In addition, there is a small amount of timber.

#### Financially Feasible

Predominate use in the area is agricultural. The subject is bordered by agricultural owned by the lessee. The lessee contacted the DNRC with respect to potentially purchasing the property through the Land Banking Program. If the sale occurs this parcel would be assembled with the Paterson property.

#### Maximally Productive

The use that conforms to the requirements of the first three tests, and would provide the maximum productivity of the subject site, is for agricultural grazing/pasture land.

#### **PROPERTY VALUATION**

Whenever possible, all three basic approaches to value (Cost Approach, Sales Comparison Approach and Income Approach) are utilized. The resulting indications of value are then correlated into a final estimate of market value. In this analysis I have utilized the Sales Comparison approach.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### Sales Comparison Approach:

The process of deriving a value indication for the subject property by comparing similar properties that have recently sold with the property being appraised, identifying appropriate units of comparison, and making adjustments to the sale prices (or unit prices, as appropriate) of the comparable properties based on relevant, market-derived elements of comparison. The sales comparison approach may be used to value improved properties, vacant land, or land being considered as through vacant when an adequate supply of comparable sales is available.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Appraisal of Real Estate, 14th Edition

#### SITE VALUATION

The method employed to value the site as if vacant and available for sale is the Sales Comparison Approach. An investigation of the market revealed five sales which are indicative of what a well-informed buyer or seller would consider in forming an opinion of value.

#### Adjustments

All of the comparable properties differ somewhat from each other, and from the subject in various ways. The usual differences are for cash equivalency, market conditions, location, and a number of physical characteristics. Many of these factors, in varying degrees, are applicable in the appraisal of the subject property. When dissimilarities are found in comparable properties, they are adjusted for by adding to the comparable price when the dissimilar factor is inferior to the same factor found in the subject property. Likewise, a minus adjustment should be made when the comparable sale has a factor which is superior to that found in the subject property. The sale properties then are adjusted to the subject property.

However, in the market it is often difficult and sometimes impossible to accurately isolate a given factor. In short, one very seldom finds sales which are identical in all respects but one, and thus is able to prove conclusively the value, or lack of it, for any one factor due to a difference in sale price. Often, there are plus and minus factors which offset each other. Thus, the use of subjective judgment, to some degree, may be exercised.

Nevertheless, the differences in values are real and adjustments based on as much fact as can be found, will be made. Then, the appraiser may call upon experience to make subjective judgments.

#### Property Rights

Each of the sales involves fee simple property rights. As a result, no property rights adjustments are warranted.

#### Financing:

All sales are cash to the seller and no adjustment is necessary.

#### Conditions of Sale:

No non-market conditions motivating the buyer or seller involved in the transactions are known, therefore no adjustments are required.

#### Market Conditions:

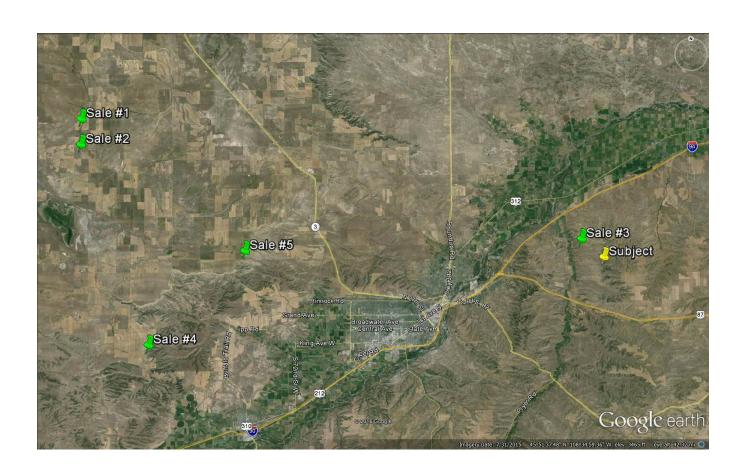
Typically, in an active market an adjustment for market conditions is required to bring all comparable sales up to the effective date of the appraisal report, May 13, 2016. The sales utilized in this analysis occurred from February, 2014 to August, 2015. Based upon discussion with various real estate professionals familiar with the market, any adjustment upward or downward could not be quantified.

#### Remaining Adjustments:

The remaining adjustments will be explained in a qualitative analysis which is an effective technique that recognizes the inefficiencies of a real estate market and the difficulty in expressing the adjustments with mathematical precision.

The land sales map follows and detailed sales sheets which further describe the sales are within a separate document for confidentially purposes.

#### LAND SALES MAP



# LAND SALE GRID

	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Sale #1</u>	<u>Sale #2</u>	<u>Sale #3</u>	<u>Sale #4</u>	<u>Sale #5</u>
Sale Date	NA	8/3/15	3/4/15	12/18/14	4/30/14	2/26/14
Size - acres	640.0	320.0	160.0	1,121.88	163.44	319.64
Sale Price	NA	\$160,000	\$48,000	\$950,000	\$175,000	\$200,000
Price Per Acre	NA	\$500	\$300	\$847	\$1,071	\$626
Location	13 miles northeast of Billings	29 miles northwest of Billings	29 miles northwest of Billings	12 miles northeast of Billings	20 miles east of Billings	15 miles northwest of Billings
Comparison		Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar	Similar
Land Use	Pasture/Grazing	Dry Crop	Pasture/Grazing	Hay Ground & Pasture	Pasture/Grazing	Pasture/Grazing
Comparison		Similar	Similar	Superior	Similar	Similar
Access	Unimproved	Easement	Easement	Squaw Creek Rd	Canyon Creek	County roads
Comparison		Similar	Similar	Superior	Superior	Superior
Water	None	None	None	Yes	No	No
Comparison		Similar	Similar	Superior	Similar	Similar
Electricity	Available	None	None	Unknown	Available	Available
Comparison		Inferior	Inferior	NA	Similar	Similar
Size – acres	640.0	320.0	160.0	1,121.88	163.44	320
Comparison		Superior	Superior	Inferior	Superior	Superior

The following table is an array of the overall comparability of the aforementioned sales:

Sale No.	Price Per Acre
Sale No. 2	\$300/Ac
Sale No. 1	\$500/Ac
Sale No. 5	\$626/Ac
Sale No. 3	\$847/Ac
Sale No. 4	\$1,071/Ac

The subject is most similar to Sale #3 with regard to location, but this property is superior as a result of water, Squaw Creek, two wells and 2 reservoirs.

Sale #4 is considered similar to the subject with regard to land use but is superior with regard to size. The price per acre for this sale is the highest on a price per acre basis. The price per acre for this sales does not track with other sales coupled with discussions with real estate professionals I have spoken with. There is the possibility of another characteristic not identified or potentially buyer motivation not identified.

Sales #1, #2 and #5 are at \$500, \$300 and \$626 per acre respectively. The mean of these sales is \$475 per acre. Applying \$475 per acre to the subject suggests a value of \$304,000 (\$475/acre x 640 acres).

#### \$300,000 Rounded\*

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#### RECONCILIATION AND CONCLUSION

In this analysis I have identified five sales to estimate the value for the subject. Montana is a non-disclosure state which means sales prices are not public information. In essence, confirming sales information is difficult at best and the data utilized in this analysis is considered appropriate in determining a value for the subject. Therefore, it is my opinion a reasonable estimate of value as of May 13, 2016 is:

#### \$300,000 Rounded\*

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#### VALUE ESTIMATE AND CERTIFICATION

The undersigned does hereby certify that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, except as otherwise noted in this appraisal report:

- The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct.
- The reported analysis, opinions, and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions and/or those found in the letter of engagement or appraisal consultation contract authorizing this report and is my personal, impartial, and unbiased professional analysis, opinions, and conclusions.
- Elkhorn Appraisal Services has no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report, and Elkhorn Appraisal Services has no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved.
- Elkhorn Appraisal Services has no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of this report or to the parties involved with this assignment.
- Elkhorn Appraisal Services engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting a
  predetermined value.
- Elkhorn Appraisal Services compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the development or reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal. This appraisal assignment was not based on a requested minimum valuation, a specific valuation or the approval of a loan.
- Elkhorn Appraisal Services analysis, opinions and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice and with the requirements of the Code of Professional Ethics and the Standards of Professional Practice of the Appraisal Institute.
- Elkhorn Appraisal Services has made a personal site visit of the subject property.
- Elkhorn Appraisal Services has performed no services, as an appraiser or in any other capacity, regarding the property that is the subject of this report within the three-year period immediately preceding acceptance of this assignment.
- Gregory A. Thornquist is currently licensed in the State of Montana (Certificate #867) as a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser. Regarding the Competency Provision of USPAP, I further attest I've had substantial approved education and experience in the appraisal of various property types.

Based upon all the elements of which I am aware and which could reasonably affect value, I have estimated market value of the subject, as of May 13, 2016:

## \$300,000 Rounded\*

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Gregory A. Thornquist General Real Estate Appraiser License # REA-RAG-LIC-867 6/9/2016

# **ADDENDA**

#### State of Montana Business Standards Division Board of Real Estate Appraisers

License #:

REA-RAG-LIC-867

Status:

Active

Expiration Date: 03/31/2017

GREGORY THORNQUIST 1522 CHOTEAU ST HELENA, MT 59601

This certificate verifies licensure as:

#### CERTIFIED GENERAL APPRAISER

With endorsements of:

REAL ESTATE APPRAISER MENTOR

#### Gregory A. Thornquist Elkhorn Appraisal Services State of Montana, Certified General #867 P.O. Box 448 Helena, MT 59624

#### Appraisers Qualifications

**EMPLOYMENT:** Present, Elkhorn Appraisal Services Helena, MT

A real estate appraisal firm.

July 2006 to February 2008, Joki & Associates Real Estate Appraisers,

Staff real estate appraiser.

Helena, MT

July 1995 to July 2006, Montana State Tax Appeal Board,

Board Member/Chairman

Helena, MT

1993 - 1995, Rutherford & Associates Appraisals, Inc,

Apprentice Appraiser

Billings, MT

1987 - 1995, Thornquist Property Tax Consulting,

Billings, MT

Owner/ Tax Consultant

**EDUCATION:** Carroll College Helena, MT

**Business Studies** 

1984 - 1986 University of Northern Colorado Greeley, CO

**Business Studies** 

1983 Arapahoe Community College Littleton, CO

**Business Studies** 

Specialized Real Estate courses:

National UPAP Update Course Appraisal Institute, January 25, 2016

Litigation Appraising: Specialized Topics and Applications Appraisal Institute, November 6 & 7, 2014

General Appraiser Market Analysis and Highest & Best Use Appraisal Institute, April 29-May 2, 2014

National USPAP Update Course

Appraisal Institute Seminar, January 31, 2014

**Business Practices and Ethics** 

Appraisal Institute, September 13, 2013

National USPAP Update Course

Appraisal Institute Seminar, January 27, 2012

The Discounted Cash Flow Model: Concepts, Issues, and Apps

Appraisal Institute Seminar, October 5, 2010

Hotel Appraising – New Techniques for Today's Uncertain Times Appraisal Institute Seminar, October 4, 2010

Using Spreadsheet Programs in Real Estate Appraisals Appraisal Institute Seminar, April, 2010

National USPAP Update Course Appraisal Institute Seminar, February 5, 2010

Appraisal Curriculum Overview Appraisal Institute Seminar, September 24-25, 2009

Requirements of UASFLA – The Yellow Book American Society of Farm and Rural Appraisers, October 14, 2008

Office Building Valuation: A Contemporary Perspective Appraisal Institute Seminar, September, 19, 2008

Report Writing and Valuation Analysis Appraisal Institute, June, 2007

Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Lincoln Graduate Center, August, 2006

General Applications - Online Course Appraisal Institute, January, 2006 Using Your HP-12C Financial Calculator - Online Course Appraisal Institute, October, 2005

The Appraiser as an Expert Witness Appraisal Institute, January, 2005

Separating Real & Personal Property from Intangible Business Assets Appraisal Institute, October, 2003

Appraisal Procedures Appraisal Institute, March, 2002

Partial Interest Valuation - Divided Appraisal Institute, September, 2001

Litigation Skills for the Appraiser Appraisal Institute, April, 2000

Residential Case Study Appraisal Institute, June, 1999

Sales Comparison Valuation of Small Mixed Use Properties Appraisal Institute, January, 1999

General Applications

Appraisal Institute, December, 1997

Basic Income Capitalization Appraisal Institute, June, 1997

Income Approach to Valuation
International Association of Assessing Officers, October 1990

#### Other Related Training

Administrative Law Fair Hearing The National Judicial College, November, 1995

Logic and Opinion Writing for Administrative Law Judges The National Judicial College, June, 1999

**STATE CERTIFICATION:** State of Montana, Certified General #867, Issued December, 2007

TYPICAL APPRAISALS: Multifamily, office, skilled nursing/convalescent facility, retail, commercial,

industrial, special purpose, residential condominiums, vacant land, residential

and commercial subdivision land.

CLIENTS: Wells Fargo Bank, Stockman Ban, Opportunity Bank, Valley

Bank of Helena, United States of America – Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Montana – Department of Natural Resources, State of Montana – Fish Wildlife and Parks, Lewis and Clark County, City of Helena, Butte-Silver Bow County, First Community Bank, Bank of Baker, 1st Interstate Bank, Citizens State Bank, Western Security Bank, First Montana Bank, Mountain West Bank, Rocky Mountain Bank, Amegy Bank, Allstate Appraisal Services, and other

private parties.

#### FOR DNRC USE ONLY

Amount under this Agreement:



#### Source of Funds

Fund Name

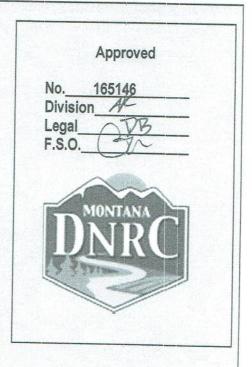
Land Banking Private Closing Costs

Fund No. 02031

Subclass 555HA

Org. No. 6043-59

Percent 100%



# TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION APPRAISAL OF POTENTIAL LAND BANKING SALE PROPERTY IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

THIS CONTRACT is entered into by and between the State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, (hereinafter referred to as "the State"), whose address and phone number are P.O. Box 201601, 1625 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-1601, (406) 444-2074 and Greg Thornquist, Elkhorn Appraisal Services, (Contractor), whose address and phone number are P.O. Box 448, Helena, MT 59624 and (406) 449-7646.

# 1. EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION, AND RENEWAL

1.1 Contract Term. The contract's initial term is upon contract execution, through July 30, 2016, unless terminated earlier as provided in this contract. In no event is this contract binding on the state unless the State's authorized representative has executed it in Section 34. The appraisal report is to be completed and forwarded to DNRC, Emily Cooper, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, MT 59620-1601 by July 1, 2016.

# 1.2 Contract Renewal - N/A

# COST ADJUSTMENTS - N/A

# SERVICES AND/OR SUPPLIES

Contractor shall provide the State the following: the contractor shall be responsible for providing a credible appraisal, for the parcel in Yellowstone County, as described in Attachment B, Montana DNRC Trust Land Management Division Supplemental Appraisal Instructions. The appraisal will be an Appraisal Report, conducted and prepared in compliance with the Uniform Standards of

Professional Appraisal Practice that will describe adequately, the information analyzed, appraisal methods and techniques employed, and reasoning that support the analyses, opinions and conclusions.

Attachment A and B are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The appraisal must comply with the instructions in Attachment A, Scope of Work for Appraisal of Potential Property Sales through the Land Banking Program, and all provisions in the body of this contract including the following:

The appraisal report will be one document containing the property data and analysis, opinions, and conclusions of value for the properties. If deemed necessary by the contractor rather than including the specific market data in the appraisal report, a separate addendum may be submitted containing the specific market data as a stand-alone document, which must be reviewed and accepted along with the appraisal, and will be returned to the appraiser for retention in his/her files. The appraiser must submit an electronic copy as well as a printed copy of the appraisal report.

2) Each sale parcel listed in Attachment B, Montana DNRC Trust Land Management Division Supplemental Appraisal Instructions must be assigned separate values.

3) The definition of market value is that as defined in 70-30-313, M.C.A.

#### 4. WARRANTIES

#### 4.1 Warranty of Services.

Contractor warrants that the services provided conform to the contract requirements, including all descriptions, specifications and attachments made a part of this contract. The State's acceptance of services provided by Contractor shall not relieve Contractor from its obligations under this warranty. In addition to its other remedies under this contract, at law, or in equity, the State may, at Contractor's expense, require prompt correction of any services failing to meet Contractor's warranty herein. Services corrected by Contractor shall be subject to all the provisions of this contract in the manner and to the same extent as services originally furnished.

# 5. CONSIDERATION/PAYMENT

5.1 Payment Schedule. In consideration of the contractor's successful submission of the appraisal report to be provided as described herein above in Section 3 of this agreement, the State shall pay Contractor . Upon the successful completion of all tasks and services described herein above, the Contractor shall submit an invoice with the submission of the final appraisal report to the DNRC for payment for services rendered. The contractor shall, at no additional expense to the State, correct unsatisfactory work before payment is made.

In no case shall the State's total cumulative payment under this contract exceed

# 5.2 Withholding of Payment - N/A

5.3 Payment Terms. Unless otherwise noted in the solicitation document, the State has thirty (30) days to pay invoices, as allowed by 17-8-242, MCA. Contractor shall provide banking information at the time of contract execution in order to facilitate the State's electronic funds transfer payments.

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<u>5.4 Reference to Contract.</u> The contract number MUST appear on all invoices, packing lists, packages, and correspondence pertaining to the contract. If the number is not provided, the State is not obligated to pay the invoice.

#### 5.5 Fuel Surcharge - N/A

#### 6. PREVAILING WAGES REQUIREMENTS - N/A

#### 7. ACCESS AND RETENTION OF RECORDS

- <u>7.1 Access to Records.</u> Contractor shall provide the State, Legislative Auditor, or their authorized agents access to any records necessary to determine contract compliance. The State may terminate this contract under section 19, without incurring liability, for the Contractor's refusal to allow access as required by this section. (18-1-118, MCA)
- <u>7.2 Retention Period.</u> Contractor shall create and retain all records documenting the appraisal report for a period of eight years after either the completion date of this contract or termination of the contract.

#### 8. ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER, AND SUBCONTRACTING

Contractor may not assign, transfer, or subcontract any portion of this contract without the State's prior written consent (18-4-141, MCA). Contractor is responsible to the State for the acts and omissions of all subcontractors or agents and of persons directly or indirectly employed by such subcontractors, and for the acts and omissions of persons employed directly by Contractor. No contractual relationships exist between any subcontractor and the State under this contract. Contractor is responsible to ensure that any assignee, transferee or subcontractor is subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Contract as fully set forth. Consent of the State to assign, transfer or subcontract any portion of this Contract does not relieve the Contractor in any manner of its responsibilities under this Contract.

#### 9. HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION

- 9.1 Claims under this provision also include any claim arising out of or in any way connected with Contractor's breach of this contract, including any claims asserting that any of the Contractor's employees are actually employees of the state or common law employees of the state or any of its agencies or political subdivisions, including but not limited to excise taxes or penalties imposed on the State under Internal Revenue Code §§ 4980H, 6055 or 6056 and any subsequent amendments or additions to these Sections. Contractor shall be responsible for implementation of all aspects of the Affordable Care Act as this Act may apply to Contractor and shall be responsible for any violations including any sanction, penalty, fee or tax and shall indemnify the State and hold harmless and defend the State for any omission or failure of Contractor to meet its obligations under Sections 9 and 10.
- 9.2 To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless State, its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents, directors, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including the cost of defense thereof, to the extent caused by or arising out of Contractor's negligent acts, errors, or omissions in work or services performed under this Contract, including but not limited to, the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of any Subcontractor

or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any Subcontractor for whose acts Subcontractor may be liable.

- 10. CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (for construction) N/A
- 11. CONTRACTOR WITHHOLDING (for construction) N/A
- 12. REQUIRED INSURANCE
- 12.1 General Requirements. Contractor shall maintain for the duration of this contract, at its cost and expense, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property, including contractual liability, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work by Contractor, agents, employees, representatives, assigns, or subcontractors. This insurance shall cover such claims as may be caused by any negligent act or omission.
- <u>12.2 Primary Insurance.</u> Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the State, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers and shall apply separately to each project or location. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the State, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be in excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

# 12.3 Specific Requirements for Commercial General Liability. - N/A

<u>12.4 Specific Requirements for Automobile Liability.</u> Contractor shall purchase and maintain coverage with split limits of \$500,000 per person (personal injury), \$1,000,000 per accident occurrence (personal injury), and \$100,000 per accident occurrence (property damage), OR combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence to cover such claims as may be caused by any act, omission, or negligence of Contractor or its officers, agents, representatives, assigns, or subcontractors.

The State, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered and listed as additional insureds for automobiles leased, hired, or borrowed by Contractor.

- 12.5 Specific Requirements for Professional Liability. Contractor shall purchase and maintain occurrence coverage with combined single limits for each wrongful act of \$500,000 per occurrence and \$500,000 aggregate per year to cover such claims as may be caused by any act, omission, negligence of Contractor or its officers, agents, representatives, assigns, or subcontractors. Note: If "occurrence" coverage is unavailable or cost prohibitive, Contractor may provide "claims made" coverage provided the following conditions are met: (1) the commencement date of this contract must not fall outside the effective date of insurance coverage and it will be the retroactive date for insurance coverage in future years; and (2) the claims made policy must have a three-year tail for claims that are made (filed) after the cancellation or expiration date of the policy.
- <u>12.6 Certificate of Insurance/Endorsements.</u> A certificate of insurance from an insurer with a Best's rating of no less than A- indicating compliance with the required coverage's, has been received by the State, PO Box 201601, Helena, MT 59620-1601. Contractor must notify the State immediately of any material change in insurance coverage, including but not limited to changes in limits, coverage's, and status of policy. The Contractor must provide the

State with copies of insurance policies upon request.

12.7 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductible or self-insured retention must be declared to and approved by the State. At the request of the State either: (1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as pertain to the State, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers; or (2) at the expense of Contractor, Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense expenses.

#### 13. COMPLIANCE WITH WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Montana Workers' Compensation Act while performing work for the State of Montana in accordance with 39-71-401, 39-71-405, and 39-71-417, MCA. Proof of compliance must be in the form of workers' compensation insurance, an independent contractor's exemption, or documentation of corporate officer status. Neither Contractor nor its employees are State employees. This insurance/exemption must be valid for the entire contract term and any renewal. Upon expiration, a renewal document must be sent to the State, PO Box 201601, Helena, MT 59620-1601.

#### 14. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- 14.1 Federal, State, or Local laws, Rules, and Regulations. Contractor shall, in performance of work under this contract, fully comply with all applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to, the Montana Human Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The State may audit or request from Contractor at any time a statement that it is fully compliant with all requirements of this Section.
- 14.2 Contractor as Employer under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and this Contract. The Contractor is the employer for the purpose of providing healthcare benefits and paying any applicable penalties, fees and taxes under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act [P.I. 111-148, 124 Stat. 119]. Contractor represents and warrants that all individuals who perform services for an agency of the State for Contractor under this Contract are without exception Contractor's common law employees at all times and that Contractor acknowledges that Contractor has the responsibility and retains the obligation to direct and control its employees providing services under this Contract for the term of this Contract. Contractor is responsible for providing healthcare benefits for its employees under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- 14.2.1 State Benefits Plans. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it, its agents or employees are not employees of the State and that its agents or employees have no nexus with the State to participate in any of the State's benefits plans or programs that the State offers its employees and maintains for its employees.
- 14.2.2 Contractor Provided Health Care Coverage. Contractor shall, if required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, offer to all its agents or employees who perform services for the State under this contract for 30 or more hours a week and for employee's or agent's dependents under age 26 health care coverage under its health care plans. Such coverage must provide minimum essential coverage and minimum value, and be affordable for purposes of the employer responsibility provisions under Section 4980H of the Code and otherwise satisfy the requirements of Code 4980H if provided by the State. It shall be contractor's sole responsibility to determine applicability and compliance requirements that may apply to Contractor under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

- 14.2.3 Contractor Reporting Requirements. Contractor acknowledges that if it is subject to any reporting requirements under Code §§ 6055 and 6066 that Contractor will fully comply with any required reporting with respect to individuals who perform services for the State.
- <u>14.3</u> Any partial or whole assignment, transfer or subletting or subcontracting by Contractor subjects subcontractors to the same provisions of this Section and it is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure any agreement to assign, transfer, sublet or subcontract binds any successor to this Contract in whole or in part or binds any subcontractor to all the terms and conditions of this Contract as if a party to the Contract from inception.
- 14.4 In accordance with 49-3-207, MCA, Contractor agrees that the hiring of persons to perform this contract will be made on the basis of merit and qualifications and there will be no discrimination based upon race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, or national origin of the persons performing this contract.

#### 15. DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

The State does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need aids, alternative document formats, or services for effective communications or other disability related accommodations in the programs and services offered are invited to make their needs and preferences known to this office. Interested parties should provide as much advance notice as possible.

### 16. REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Any business intending to transact business in Montana must register with the Secretary of State. Businesses that are incorporated in another state or country, but which are conducting activity in Montana, must determine whether they are transacting business in Montana in accordance with 35-1-1026 and 35-8-1001, MCA. Such businesses may want to obtain the guidance of their attorney or accountant to determine whether their activity is considered transacting business.

If businesses determine that they are transacting business in Montana, they must register with the Secretary of State and obtain a certificate of authority to demonstrate that they are in good standing in Montana. To obtain registration materials, call the Office of the Secretary of State at (406) 444-3665, or visit their website at http://sos.mt.gov.

# 17. <u>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/OWNERSHIP</u>

17.1 Mutual Use. Contractor shall make available to the State, on a royalty-free, non-exclusive basis, all patent and other legal rights in or to inventions first conceived and reduced to practice, or created in whole or in part under this contract, if such availability is necessary for the State to receive the benefits of this contract. Unless otherwise specified in a statement of work, both parties shall have a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use copyrightable property created under this contract. This mutual right includes (i) all deliverables and other materials, products, modifications that Contractor has developed or prepared for the State under this contract; (ii) any program code, or site- related program code that Contractor has created, developed, or prepared under or primarily in support of the performance of its specific obligations under this contract; and (iii) manuals, training materials, and documentation. All information described in (i), (ii), and (iii) is collectively called the "Work Product".

- <u>17.2 Title and Ownership Rights.</u> The State retains title to and all ownership rights in all data and content, including but not limited to multimedia or images (graphics, audio, and video), text, and the like provided by the State (the "Content"), but grants Contractor the right to access and use Content for the purpose of complying with its obligations under this contract and any applicable statement of work.
- <u>17.3 Ownership of Work Product.</u> Contractor shall execute any documents or take any other actions as may reasonably be necessary, or as the State may reasonably request, to perfect the State's ownership of any Work Product.
- <u>17.4 Copy of Work Product.</u> Contractor shall, at no cost to the State, deliver to the State, upon the State's request during the term of this contract or at its expiration or termination, a current copy of all Work Product in the form and on the media in use as of the date of the State's request, or such expiration or termination.
- 17.5 Ownership of Contractor Pre-Existing Materials. Contractor retains ownership of all literary or other works of authorship (such as software programs and code, documentation, reports, and similar works), information, data, intellectual property, techniques, subroutines, algorithms, methods or related rights and derivatives that Contractor owns at the time this contract is executed or otherwise developed or acquired independent of this contract and employed by Contractor in connection with the services provided to the State (the "Contractor Pre-existing Materials"). Contractor Pre-existing Materials are not Work Product. Contractor shall provide full disclosure of any Contractor Pre-Existing Materials to the State before its use and to prove its ownership. If, however, Contractor fails to disclose to the State such Contractor Pre-Existing Materials, Contractor shall grant the State a nonexclusive, worldwide, paid-up license to use any Contractor Pre-Existing Materials are necessary for the State to receive the intended benefit under this contract. Such license shall remain in effect for so long as such Pre-Existing Materials remain embedded in the Work Product. Except as otherwise provided for in Section 13.3 or as may be expressly agreed in any statement of work, Contractor shall retain title to and ownership of any hardware it provides under this contract.
- 18. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT PROTECTION N/A
- 19. CONTRACT PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE N/A
- 20. CONTRACT TERMINATION
- 20.1 Termination for Cause with Notice to Cure Requirement. The State may terminate this contract in whole or in part for Contractor's failure to materially perform any of the services, duties, terms, or conditions contained in this contract after giving Contractor written notice of the stated failure. The written notice must demand performance of the stated failure within a specified period of time of not less than 14 days. If the demanded performance is not completed within the specified period, the termination is effective at the end of the specified period.
- <u>20.2 Termination for Cause with Notice to Cure Requirement.</u> Contractor may terminate this contract for the State's failure to perform any of its duties under this contract after giving the State written notice of the failure. The written notice must demand performance of the stated failure within a specified period of time of not less than 14 days. If the demanded performance is not completed within the specified period, the termination is effective at the end of the specified period.

20.3 Reduction of Funding. The State must by law terminate this contract if funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support the State's continuation of performance of this contract in a subsequent fiscal period (18-4-313(4), MCA). If state or federal government funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available through the state budgeting process to support continued performance of this contract (whether at an initial contract payment level or any contract increases to that initial level) in subsequent fiscal periods, the State shall terminate this contract as required by law. The State shall provide Contractor the date the State's termination shall take effect. The State shall not be liable to Contractor for any payment that would have been payable had the contract not been terminated under this provision. As stated above, the State shall be liable to Contractor only for the payment, or prorated portion of that payment, owed to Contractor up to the date the State's termination takes effect. This is Contractor's sole remedy. The State shall not be liable to Contractor for any other payments or damages arising from termination under this section, including but not limited to general, special, or consequential damages such as lost profits or revenues.

## 21. EVENT OF BREACH - REMEDIES

**21.1 Event of Breach by Contractor.** Any one or more of the following Contractor acts or omissions constitute an event of material breach under this contract:

products or services furnished fail to conform to any requirement;

failure to submit any report required by this contract;

- failure to perform any of the other terms and conditions of this contract, including but not limited to beginning work under this contract without prior State approval and breaching Section 26.1 obligations; or
- voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or receivership.

**21.2 Event of Breach by State.** The State's failure to perform any material terms or conditions of this contract constitutes an event of breach.

## 21.3 Actions in Event of Breach. Upon Contractor's material breach, the State may:

terminate this contract under section 20.2; or

 treat this contract as materially breached and pursue any of its remedies under this contract, at law, or in equity.

Upon the State's material breach, the Contractor may:

- terminate this contract after giving the State written notice of the stated failure. The
  written notice must demand performance of the stated failure within a specified period of
  time of not less than 14 days. If the demanded performance is not completed within the
  specified period, the termination is effective at the end of the specified period; or
- treat this contract as materially breached and, except as the remedy is limited in this
  contract, pursue any of its remedies under this contract, at law, or in equity.

## 22. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party is responsible for failure to fulfill its obligations due to causes beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, acts or omissions of government or military authority, acts of God, materials shortages, transportation delays, fires, floods, labor disturbances, riots, wars, terrorist acts, or any other causes, directly or indirectly beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party,

so long as such party uses its best efforts to remedy such failure or delays. A party affected by a force majeure condition shall provide written notice to the other party within a reasonable time of the onset of the condition. In no event, however, shall the notice be provided later than 5 working days after the onset. If the notice is not provided within the 5 day period, then a party may not claim a force majeure event. A force majeure condition suspends a party's obligations under this contract, unless the parties mutually agree that the obligation is excused because of the condition.

#### 23. WAIVER OF BREACH

Either party's failure to enforce any contract provisions after any event of breach is not a waiver of its right to enforce the provisions and exercise appropriate remedies if the breach occurs again. Neither party may assert the defense of waiver in these situations.

#### 24. CONFORMANCE WITH CONTRACT

No alteration of the terms, conditions, delivery, price, quality, quantities, or specifications of the contract shall be granted without the State prior written consent. Product or services provided that do not conform to the contract terms, conditions, and specifications may be rejected and returned at Contractor's expense.

## 25. LIAISONS AND SERVICE OF NOTICES

<u>25.1 Contract Liaisons.</u> All project management and coordination on the State's behalf must be through a single point of contact designated as the State's liaison. Contractor shall designate a liaison that will provide the single point of contact for management and coordination of Contractor's work. All work performed under this contract must be coordinated between the State's liaison and Contractor's liaison.

Emily Cooper, Lands Section Supervisor is the State's liaison.

(Address): P.O. Box 201601

(City, State, ZIP): Helena, MT 59620-1601

Telephone: (406) 444-4165

Fax: (406) 444-2684 E-mail: ecooper@mt.gov

Greg Thornquist is Contractor's liaison.

(Address): P.O. Box 448

(City, State, ZIP): Helena, MT 59624

Telephone: (406) 449-7646

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E-mail: greg@elkhornappraisal.com

**25.2 Notifications.** The State's liaison and Contractor's liaison may be changed by written notice to the other party. Written notices, requests, or complaints must first be directed to the liaison. Notice may be provided by personal service, mail, or facsimile. If notice is provided by personal service or facsimile, the notice is effective upon receipt; if notice is provided by mail, the notice is effective within three (3) business days of mailing. A signed and dated acknowledgement of the notice is required of both parties.

#### 26. MEETINGS

**26.1 Technical or Contractual Problems.** Contractor shall meet with the State's personnel, or designated representatives, to resolve technical or contractual problems occurring during the contract term or to discuss the progress made by Contractor and the State in the performance of their respective obligations, at no additional cost to the State. The State may request the meetings as problems arise and will be coordinated by the State. The State shall provide Contractor a minimum of three full working day notice of meeting date, time, and location. Face-to-face meetings are desired; however, at Contractor's option and expense, a conference call meeting may be substituted. Consistent failure to participate in problem resolution meetings, two consecutive missed or rescheduled meetings, or failure to make a good faith effort to resolve problems, may result in termination of the contract.

26.2 Progress Meetings. – N/A 26.3 Failure to Notify. N/A 26.4 State's Failure or Delay. N/A

## 27. TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

If this contract is not renewed at the end of this term, if the contract is otherwise terminated before project completion, or if particular work on a project is terminated for any reason, Contractor shall provide transition assistance for a reasonable, mutually agreed period of time after the expiration or termination of this contract or particular work under this contract. The purpose of this assistance is to allow for the expired or terminated portion of the services to continue without interruption or adverse effect, and to facilitate the orderly transfer of such services to the State or its designees. The parties agree that such transition assistance is governed by the terms and conditions of this contract, except for those terms or conditions that do not reasonably apply to such transition assistance. The State shall pay Contractor for any resources utilized in performing such transition assistance at the most current contract rates. If the State terminates a project or this contract for cause, then the State may offset the cost of paying Contractor for the additional resources Contractor utilized in providing transition assistance with any damages the State may have sustained as a result of Contractor's breach.

## 28. CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE

Montana law governs this contract. The parties agree that any litigation concerning this bid, proposal, or this contract must be brought in the First Judicial District in and for the County of Lewis and Clark, State of Montana, and each party shall pay its own costs and attorney fees (18-1-401, MCA).

## 29. TAX EXEMPTION

The State of Montana is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes (#81-0302402).

## 30. AUTHORITY

This contract is issued under authority of Title 18, Montana Code Annotated, and the Administrative Rules of Montana, Title 2, chapter 5.

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#### 31. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

A declaration by any court or any other binding legal source that any provision of the contract is illegal and void shall not affect the legality and enforceability of any other provision of the contract, unless the provisions are mutually and materially dependent.

## 32. SCOPE, ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AND AMENDMENT

- <u>32.1 Contract.</u> This contract consists of 11 numbered pages, Attachment A Scope of Work and Attachment B Supplemental Appraisal Instructions, pages 12 15. In the event of a dispute or ambiguity arising between or among the documents, the order of precedence of document interpretation is the same order as this contract.
- <u>32.2 Entire Agreement.</u> These documents are the entire agreement of the parties. They supersede all prior agreements, representations, and understandings. Any amendment or modification must be in a written agreement signed by all the parties.

#### 33. WAIVER

The State's waiver of any Contractor obligation or responsibility in a specific situation is not a waiver in a future similar situation or is not a waiver of any other Contractor obligation or responsibility.

#### 34. EXECUTION

The parties through their authorized agents have executed this contract on the dates set out below.

STATE OF MONTANA
Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation
Trust Land Management Division
P.O. Box 201601
Helena, MT 59620-1601

Greg Thornquist, Elkhorn Appraisal Services P.O. Box 448 Helena, MT 59624

FEDERAL ID #: 32-0278888

BY: Amy Randall, Chief - Real Estate Mgt Bureau (Name Title)	BY: Cory Thornor of (Name/Title)
DATE: (Signature)	(Signature)
DATE:	DATE:

## ATTACHMENT A

## Scope of Work for Appraisal of Potential Property Sales through the Land Banking Program

#### CLIENT, INTENDED USERS, PURPOSE AND INTENDED USE:

The clients and intended users are the State of Montana, the Montana Board of Land Commissioners and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). The purpose of the appraisal is to provide the clients with a credible opinion of current fair market value of the appraised subject property and is intended for use in the decision making process concerning the potential sale of said subject property.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

Current fair market value. (70-30-313, MCA) Current fair market value is the price that would be agreed to by a willing and informed seller and buyer, taking into consideration, but not limited to, the following factors:

- (1) the highest and best reasonably available use and its value for such use, provided current use may not be presumed to be the highest and best use;
- (2) the machinery, equipment, and fixtures forming part of the real estate taken; and
- (3) any other relevant factors as to which evidence is offered.

**Highest and best use.** The reasonably probable and legal use of vacant land or an improved property, which is physically possible, appropriately supported, financially feasible, and that results in the highest value. The four criteria the highest and best use must meet are legal permissibility, physical possibility, financial feasibility, and maximum profitability.

#### PROPERTY RIGHTS APPRAISED:

State of Montana lands are always to be appraised as if they are in private ownership and could be sold on the open market and are to be appraised in Fee Simple interest. For analysis purposes, properties that have leases or licenses on them are to be appraised with the Hypothetical Condition the leases/licenses do not exist.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF VALUATION AND DATE OF INSPECTION:**

The latest date of inspection by the appraiser will be the effective date of the valuation.

#### **SUBJECT PROPERTY DESCRIPTION & CHARACTERISTICS:**

The legal descriptions and other characteristics of the state's property that are known by the state will be provided to the appraiser. However, the appraiser should verify, as best as possible, any information provided. Further, should any adverse conditions be found by the appraiser in the course of inspecting the property and neighborhood, or through researching information about the property,

neighborhood and market, those conditions shall be communicated to the clients and may change the scope of work required.

#### **ASSIGNMENT CONDITIONS:**

The appraiser must be a Montana certified general appraiser, and be competent to appraise the subject property. The appraisal is to conform to the latest edition of USPAP, and the opinion of value must be credible. The appraiser is to physically inspect the subject properties at a level that will allow the appraiser to render a credible opinion of value about the properties. For those properties which consist of more than one section, the appraiser must at least view each section. The appraiser must have knowledge of the comparables through either personal inspection or with use of sources the appraiser deems reliable, and must have at least viewed the comparables.

The appraiser will consider the highest and best use of the subject properties. (Note: it may be possible that because of the characteristics of a subject property, or market, there may be different highest and best uses for different components of the property. Again, that will depend on the individual characteristics of the subject property and correlating market. The appraiser must look at what a typical buyer for the property would consider.)

Along with using the sales comparison approach to value in this appraisal, (using comparable sales of like properties in the subject's market or similar markets), the appraiser will also consider the cost and income approaches to value. The appraiser will use those approaches, as applicable, in order to provide a credible opinion of value. Any approaches not used are to be noted, along with a reasonable explanation as to why the approach or approaches were not applicable. The appraisal will be an Appraisal Report as per USPAP, that will describe adequately, the information analyzed, appraisal methods and techniques employed, and reasoning that support the analyses, opinions and conclusions. All hypothetical conditions and extraordinary assumptions must be noted.

Parcels with no legal access, will be appraised with the hypothetical condition of having legal access, and should also be appraised as the property currently exists, which is without legal access. If no evidence through reasonably recent sales of comparable properties is found in the subject's market or similar markets, and thus no "as is" value can be properly supported, then state such in the report. Access typically consists of two parts; legal access and physical accessibility. The above references to access, hypothetical and "as is" are in regards to legal access. The physical accessibility to the subject parcel is to be appraised as it currently exists.

Legally accessible state lands are appraised as accessible only.

The appraisal on the state's lands must include state-owned improvements in the valuation, but exclude lessee-owned or licensee-owned improvements in the valuation. All appraisals are to describe the market value trends, and provide a rate of change, for the markets of each subject property. Comparables sales used should preferably have sales dates within one year of the appraisal and should not be over three years old. The comparable sales must be in reasonable proximity to the subject, preferably within the same county or a neighboring county.

#### ATTACHMENT B

# MONTANA DNRC TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION Supplemental Appraisal Instructions

This Scope of Work and Supplemental Appraisal Instructions are to be included in the appraiser's addendum.

#### Subject Property (Located in Yellowstone County):

Sale # Acres ±		± Legal	
705	640	ALL, Section 16, T1N-R28E	

Area Office Contact Information:
Jeff Bollman –Land Use Planner
DNRC Southern Land Office
1371 Rimtop Drive
Billings, MT 59105

Phone: (406) 247-4404

jbollman@mt.gov

#### Lessees:

Parcel	Lease #	Lessee	Phone#
705	7936	Patterson Report Services Inc.	(406) 348-2196

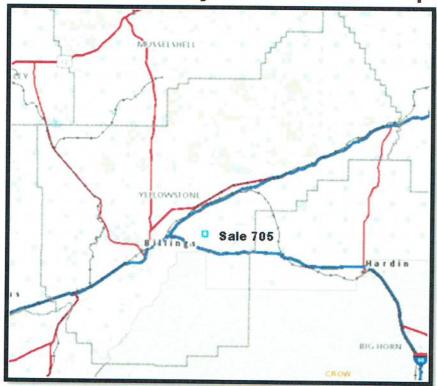
#### The following will be located in the body of the contract:

The appraisal report will be one document containing the parcel data and the analysis, opinions, and conclusions of value(s) for the parcel. If deemed necessary by the contractor rather than including the specific market data in the appraisal report, a separate addendum may be submitted containing the specific market data as a stand-alone document, which must be reviewed and accepted along with the appraisal, and will be returned to the appraiser for retention in his/her files. The appraiser must submit an electronic copy as well as a printed copy of the appraisal report.

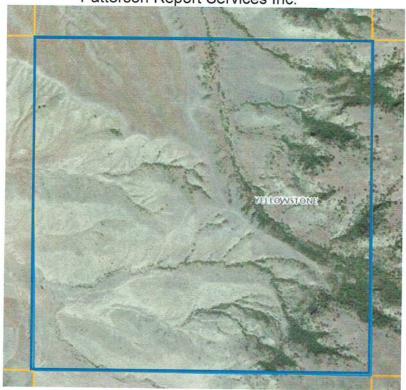
The definition of market value is that as defined in 70-30-313 M.C.A.

The DNRC will provide access to the state parcel record, as maintained by the land offices, including but not limited to aerial photos, land improvements, current lease data (lease #, name of lessee, acres, costs, etc.), and any known property issues. The local land office will provide the contact information to the appraiser in order for the appraiser to obtain access to the proponent's property.

**Yellowstone County Sale Location Map** 



Sale #705
ALL, Section 16, T1N-R28E, Yellowstone County
Patterson Report Services Inc.



## **Property Record Card**

#### **Summary**

**Primary Information** 

Property Category: RPSubcategory: Real PropertyGeocode: 03-1035-16-1-01-01000Assessment Code: 000X004290

Primary Owner: PropertyAddress:

STATE OF MT TRUST LAND

C/O DNRC COS Parcel:

HELENA, MT 59620-1601

NOTE: See the Owner tab for all owner information

**Certificate of Survey:** 

Subdivision: Legal Description:

S16, T01 N, R28 E, ALL 640 AC (03) **Last Modified:** 6/2/2016 1:46:42 PM

**General Property Information** 

Neighborhood: 002 Property Type: EP - Exempt Property

Living Units: 0 Levy District: 03-0982-24

Zoning: Ownership %: 100

**Linked Property:** 

No linked properties exist for this property

**Exemptions:** 

No exemptions exist for this property

Condo Ownership:

General: 0 Limited: 0

**Property Factors** 

Topography: 1 Fronting: 0 - None
Utilities: 0 Parking Type:
Access: 0 Parking Quantity:
Location: 0 - Rural Land Parking Proximity:

**Land Summary** 

Land Type	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Value</u>
Grazing	0.000	20,912.00
Fallow	0.000	00.00
Irrigated	0.000	00.00
<b>Continuous Crop</b>	0.000	00.00
Wild Hay	0.000	00.00
Farmsite	0.000	00.00
ROW	0.000	00.00
NonQual Land	0.000	00.00
Total Ag Land	619.503	20,912.00
<b>Total Forest Land</b>	20.497	2,063.00
Total Market Land	0.000	00.00

**Deed Information:** 

Deed Date	Book	Page	Recorded Date	Document Number	Document Type
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#### **Owners**

Party #1

**Default Information:** STATE OF MT TRUST LAND

C/O DNRC

Ownership %: 100 Primary Owner: "Yes"

Interest Type: Fee Simple

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Other Names Other Addresses

Name Type

#### **Appraisals**

**Appraisal History** 

Tax Year	Land Value	Building Value	Total Value	Method
2016	22975	0	22975	COST
2015	22975	0	22975	COST
2014	29719	0	29719	COST

#### **Market Land**

**Market Land Info** 

No market land info exists for this parcel

#### **Dwellings**

**Existing Dwellings** 

No dwellings exist for this parcel

#### Other Buildings/Improvements

Outbuilding/Yard Improvements

No other buildings or yard improvements exist for this parcel

#### Commercial

**Existing Commercial Buildings** 

No commercial buildings exist for this parcel

#### **Ag/Forest Land**

Ag/Forest Land Item #1

Acre Type: Forest Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1951 Timber Zone: 4

Productivity

Quantity: 106.23 Commodity: Timber

Units: Board Feet/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 20.497 Per Acre Value: 100.63

Value: 2063

Ag/Forest Land Item #2

Acre Type: G - Grazing Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1651 Timber Zone:

Productivity

Quantity: 0.227 Commodity: Grazing Fee

Units: AUM/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 71.873 Per Acre Value: 48.13

Value: 3459

Ag/Forest Land Item #3

Acre Type: G - Grazing Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1651 Timber Zone:

Productivity

Quantity: 0.167 Commodity: Grazing Fee

Units: AUM/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 245.295 Per Acre Value: 35.47

Value: 8700

Ag/Forest Land Item #4

Acre Type: G - Grazing Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1651 Timber Zone:

Productivity

Quantity: 0.094 Commodity: Grazing Fee

Units: AUM/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 8.357 Per Acre Value: 20

**Value: 167** 

Ag/Forest Land Item #5

Acre Type: G - Grazing Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1651 Timber Zone:

Productivity

Quantity: 0.301 Commodity: Grazing Fee

Units: AUM/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 9.129 Per Acre Value: 63.75

Value: 582

Ag/Forest Land Item #6

Acre Type: G - Grazing Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1651 Timber Zone:

Productivity

Quantity: 0.102 Commodity: Grazing Fee

Units: AUM/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 90.237 Per Acre Value: 21.56

Value: 1946

Ag/Forest Land Item #7

Acre Type: G - Grazing Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1651 Timber Zone:

Productivity

Quantity: 0.228 Commodity: Grazing Fee

Units: AUM/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 30.135 Per Acre Value: 48.28

Value: 1455

Ag/Forest Land Item #8

Acre Type: G - Grazing Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1651 Timber Zone:

Productivity

Quantity: 0.236 Commodity: Grazing Fee

Units: AUM/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 35,187 Per Acre Value: 50

Value: 1759

Ag/Forest Land Item #9

Acre Type: G - Grazing Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1651 Timber Zone:

Productivity

Quantity: 0.141 Commodity: Grazing Fee

Units: AUM/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 80.086 Per Acre Value: 29.84

Value: 2390

Ag/Forest Land Item #10

Acre Type: G - Grazing Irrigation Type: Class Code: 1651 Timber Zone:

Productivity

Quantity: 0.043 Commodity: Grazing Fee

Units: AUM/Acre

Valuation

Acres: 49.204 Per Acre Value: 9.22

**Value: 454**