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Subject: Yearly Fuel Tax Certification of Roadway Mileage – SFY 2023

It is important that the enclosed map and certification form be signed by a designated county official and returned to the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) by March 11, 2022.

Each year the Montana Department of Transportation is required to determine fuel tax allocations distributed to Montana's cities, counties, and consolidated city-county governments set forth in 15-70-101 MCA, as amended. One of the factors used to calculate the amount allocated to each local entity is road mileage. Mileages for counties consist of any road exclusive of the National Highway and Primary Systems within the county boundary and outside any incorporated city limits that meet the criteria of "open to public travel" as stated below:

Open to Public Travel is defined as a segment of road available for public use except during periods of extreme weather or emergency conditions, passable by a 2-wheel drive passenger car and open to the general public. Restrictions include primitive trails, a driveway to a single residence, field access roads, parking lots, restrictive gates, orange markings on posts, or "No Trespassing" signs (MCA 45-6-201).

These routes do not indicate public access, ownership, or maintenance responsibility. Maintenance is not a factor in Fuel Tax Allocations nor are the local governments required to maintain these routes.

The enclosed map(s) should be reviewed for completeness and accuracy. Road additions, deletions, names, or surface type updates should be identified on the map and returned with the signed certification form.

If you are asking to remove any roads, please provide the reason in a brief note or other documentation. If you have any questions about a specific road, please call Brian Klapstein at 444-7289. Please **DO NOT INCLUDE NON-EXISTENT, PLATTED, or RESTRICTED ROADS**. Roads within the National Forest should not be included as part of your review. Eligibility and attribute information for these roads are determined by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

Our city boundary dataset has undergone a major review. Proposed changes come from a variety of sources including city/county GIS data, MT State Library data, and parcel information. City boundaries determine whether a segment of a fuel-tax eligible road counts for county or city mileage. **The map and certification form use the proposed city boundary. It is therefore important to consult the online FT SFY2023 City Boundary Review map (<https://arcg.is/1PTzSv>) and provide any feedback. The proposed city boundaries and affected fuel tax-eligible routes will be finalized prior to fuel tax allocations, pending any feedback.**

If your changes are available in an electronic GIS format, we would appreciate them being sent as well. Please contact us for assistance before submitting GIS data. To access maps, GIS data, or see more information about the Fuel Tax Allocations, go to <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/fueltax/allocations.shtml> or call me at 444-6103 or Brian Klapstein 444-7289 with any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Brian Andersen, Supervisor – Geospatial Information Section

Mileage Certification Form

In accordance with the provisions of Section 15-70-101, M.C.A., it is hereby certified that the Road mileage for Ravalli County, exclusive of the National Highway System (including Interstate) and Primary System, is as follows:

<i>Roads Outside of Cities</i>	<i>Current Mileage</i>	<i>Added Mileage (Approximate)</i>	<i>Deleted Mileage (Approximate)</i>	<i>Adjusted Mileage (Approximate)</i>
Off-System	1788.924			
Secondary/Urban System	58.190	N/A	N/A	58.190
TOTAL	1847.114			

Any added or deleted mileage amount shown above may differ from the calculated mileages derived using MDT's process. Also, MDT reserves the right to verify any additions or deletions of roads that would significantly affect the fuel tax allocation program. If the number of miles to be added or deleted are significant, the verification process would occur during the **summer of 2022** and eligible routes would be included as part of the calculations for the following year.

(Signature)

(Official Title)

_____, Montana
(City)

Date: _____

NOTE: PLEASE RETURN THIS CERTIFICATION FORM ALONG WITH THE SIGNED MAP OR GIS DATA ON OR BEFORE **MARCH 11, 2022** FOR FUEL TAX ALLOCATION. IF THERE ARE NO MILEAGE CHANGES ONLY THE SIGNED CERTIFICATION FORM IS REQUIRED FOR THE RETURN. YOU CAN MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX THIS TO US.

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