



APPENDIX C

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	4. Sheet 1 of _____
1. Name of Project FHWA-MT-EIS-12-01-D, NCPD 56(55), CN 4199		5. Federal Agency Involved FHWA	
2. Type of Project Roadway Corridor		6. County and State City of Billings, MT; Yellowstone County, MT	
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS 8/14/12	2. Person Completing Form Kate Norvell
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form.)		4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size 46,000 1,148	
5. Major Crop(s) spring wheat		6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 332,960 % 20	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 253,883 % 15
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used LESA		9. Name of Local Site Assessment System NA	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 8/6/13

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment _____			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly				
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
C. Total Acres In Corridor	106	107.3	91.3	

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	24.4	21.6	23.6	
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	14	21	20.4	
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.0115	.0128	.0132	
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	79.6	60.5	55.0	

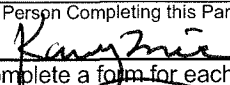
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)	67.7	81.1	82.4	
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PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	5	5	5	
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	3	3	3	
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	0	1	1	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0	0	0	
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0	0	0	
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	17	18	15	
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5	5	5	
8. On-Farm Investments	20	10	10	10	
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0	0	0	
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	2	2	2	
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	42	44	41	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	67.7	81.1	82.4	0
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	42	44	41	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	109.7	125.1	123.4	0

1. Corridor Selected: Corridor B	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 107.3	3. Date Of Selection: 2/16/12	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:
Corridor B would provide the best, most cost-effective long-term solution to meet the project's purpose and need while minimizing impacts to the surrounding community.

Signature of Person Completing this Part: 	DATE 09/30/13
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NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor