



## **APPENDIX C**

# **FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING**



<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	4. Sheet 1 of _____
1. Name of Project <b>FHWA-MT-EIS-12-01-D, NCPD 56(55), CN 4199</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>FHWA</b>	
2. Type of Project <b>Roadway Corridor</b>		6. County and State <b>City of Billings, MT; Yellowstone County, MT</b>	
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <b>8/14/12</b>	2. Person Completing Form <b>Kate Norvell</b>
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 <b>46,000</b>   <b>1,148</b>	
5. Major Crop(s) <b>spring wheat</b>		6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <b>332,960</b> % <b>20</b>	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <b>253,883</b> % <b>15</b>
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <b>LESA</b>		9. Name of Local Site Assessment System <b>NA</b>	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS <b>8/6/13</b>

<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment _____</b>			
	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	<b>106</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>91.3</b>	

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

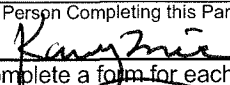
<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>82.4</b>	
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<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>				
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	
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>					
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
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>109.7</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>123.4</b>	<b>0</b>

1. Corridor Selected: <b>Corridor B</b>	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: <b>107.3</b>	3. Date Of Selection: <b>2/16/12</b>	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 <b>09/30/13</b>
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NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor