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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
DRY PRAIRIE RURAL WATER AUTHORITY
SCOBEY-FLAXVILLE BRANCH LINES PROJECT PHASE 2

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Date:	October 9, 2020
Action:	Water System Improvements Project
Location of Project:	Sheridan and Daniels Counties, Montana
DEQ/DWSRF Funding:	To be Determined
Total Project Cost:	Approximately $5,000,000

An environmental review has been conducted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding construction of a drinking water distribution system by the Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority (DPRWA) in Sheridan and Daniels Counties.

The proposed action consists of the installation of approximately 105 miles of buried pipelines that are 2 to 6 inches in diameter and 73 user services to provide drinking water to rural customers. The pipelines in Phase 2 will be installed in rural areas throughout Sheridan County with a small portion extending into Daniels County. These pipelines are part of the Dry Prairie Rural Water System and are intended to bring high quality drinking water to communities and individual rural residents.

Based on the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA), including environmental commitments detailed in the EA, the project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts upon terrestrial and aquatic life or habitat, including endangered species, water quality or quantity, air quality, geological features, cultural or historical features, or social quality.

The DEQ utilized the following references in completing its environmental review of this project: (1) the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System, Fort Peck Reservation and Dry Prairie Service Areas, dated October 2002. The lead agency for the EA was the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation (The Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation were cooperating agencies in preparation of the EA); (2) a Design Report for Scobey-Flaxville Branchlines Project prepared by DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company; (3) Contract Legal Documents, Specifications and Drawings for the Scobey-Flaxville Branchlines Project prepared by DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company; and (4) Review of potential contaminant sources completed by the source water protection section of DEQ. These references are available for review upon request by contacting:

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Comments on this finding or on the EA may be submitted to DEQ at the above address. Comments must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this FONSI in the newspaper. After evaluating substantive comments received, DEQ will revise the EA or determine if an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary. Otherwise, this finding of no significant impact will stand if no substantive comments are received during the comment period or if substantive comments are received and evaluated and the environmental impacts are still determined to be non-significant.

Signed,

Mark Smith, DWSRF Engineering Manager
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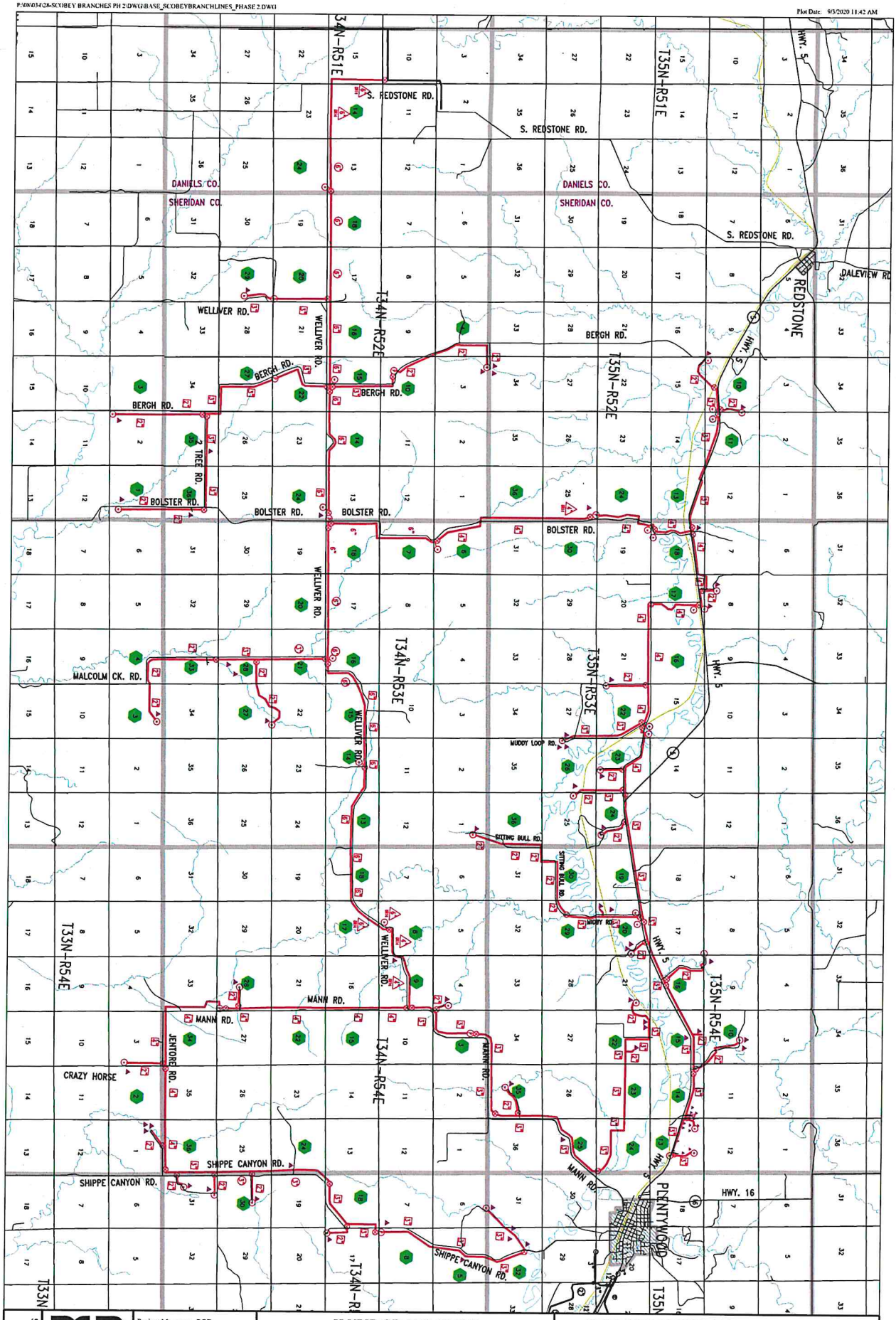

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