

**Name: Big Butte Property Acquisition Project -- \$667,641.00
(Contract No. 600181)**

Request: Modification – Scope of Work

Progress to Date. Pursuant to the 2005 Big Butte Acquisition grant contract and scope of work, funds have been used by Butte-Silver Bow to acquire land (approximately \$510,000) and to purchase materials to protect the area (approximately \$54,000). No project management or administrative expenses were charged to the NRD grant, but rather provided as a significant in-kind match. In all, 27 legal parcels were acquired from 16 private landowners to bring 305 acres into public ownership to comprise the area now known as the Big Butte Open Space Park (see Exhibit 1, Site and Ownership Map). Pending the completion of final project tasks in spring 2013, approximately \$40,000 will be spent to complete one last land acquisition (\$3,000) and to repair the perimeter and install trail user amenities (\$32,000; kiosk with trail map, permanent garbage containers, etc.). It is expected that there will be approximately \$50,000 to \$70,000 remaining in the grant when all project objectives are achieved.

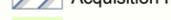
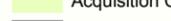
Operations and Maintenance Request. Big Butte is managed and maintained as part of Butte-Silver Bow's system of parks, trails and open space assets. BSB invests approximately \$35,000 in Big Butte Open Space O&M annually. The grant scope and contract modification for the Big Butte Property Acquisition Project is to re-program the remaining grant funds toward long-term maintenance. This request substantially modifies the original project scope of work. In the 2005 application, Butte-Silver Bow agreed to assume responsibility for operations and maintenance because at the time use of NRD funds for operations and maintenance was not encouraged. Today, however, modifications to NRD guidelines allow project work plans to include O&M.

Re-zoning of the Big Butte area from Single-Family Residential (R1) to Open Space-Conservation (OS-C) was adopted in 2012, and the attendant land use regulations of the OS-C zone afford the area effective protection. Trail enhancements and perimeter fencing have promoted stewardship among users and fostered the return of native flora and fauna. Butte-Silver Bow is committed to sustaining the success of this restoration project through effective, long-term maintenance. Applying remaining grant funds to this site over the next several years would provide a stable, shared source of support for BSB to implement its long-term commitment to this site.

Description. As reflected in Exhibit 2, Budget, Butte-Silver Bow seeks to modify the existing grant agreement and convert the remaining grant funds (estimated at \$50 – 70,000) to long-term maintenance, dispersed through an annual, cost-share stipend of approximately \$7,000 for up to 10 years. The NRD stipend would be combined with Butte-Silver Bow resources to help defray direct costs such as maintenance laborer's salary and wages and weed control, fence repair, garbage/debris pick-up and miscellaneous maintenance tasks. Management time, equipment and indirect costs would continue to be paid by Butte-Silver Bow.

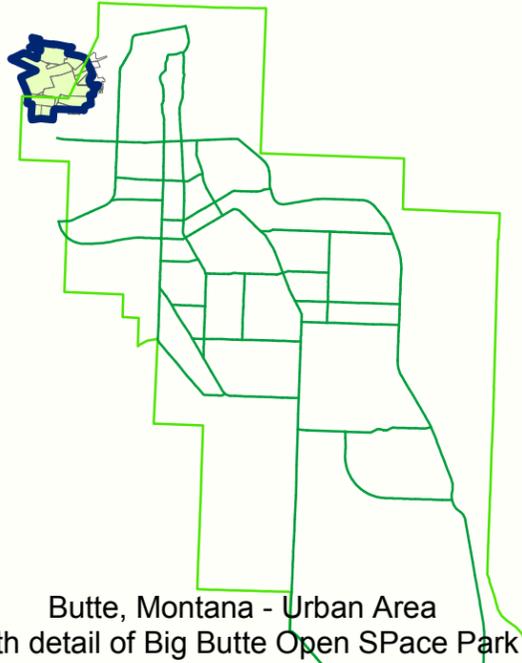
After the NRD funds are spent, Butte-Silver Bow would assume all maintenance costs. As the project sponsor, we believe the request for re-programming of remaining grant funds to operations and maintenance is reasonable, consistent with the goal of the natural resource damage program, and will be instrumental in the long-term success of the Big Butte project.

Exhibit 1., Big Butte Site Ownership Map

-  Arterial Road
-  Road, Street, or Trail
-  Big Butte Trail System
-  Big Butte Open Space Park Boundary
-  Acquisition Pending Final Survey and Filing
-  Acquisition Complete
-  Property Boundary (Reference Use Only)
-  Urban Limits



740 370 0 740 Feet



Butte, Montana - Urban Area with detail of Big Butte Open SPace Park

Figure 1. Parcel Ownership

Parcel No.	Owner	Cost	Size (Acres)	Status
1	MMP	\$66,030.00	44.02	Complete
2	Sorini	\$135,360.00	90.24	Complete
3	Chattel	\$4,500.00	3	Declined offer to Sell
4	Burgess	\$5,000.00	0.79	Complete
5	MMP	\$150,000.00	80.99	Complete
6	MMP	\$0.00	28.97	Complete
7	CCA	\$16,932.00	1.891	Complete
8	Grinolds/Burgess	\$875.00	0.08	Declined offer to Sell
9	Cleveland	\$2,613.00	0.24	Declined offer to Sell
10	MMP	\$24,422.00	0.977	Complete
11	BSB	\$0.00		N/A
12	Johnson	\$25,000.00	1.16	Complete
13	Hollow	\$19,500.00	14.75	Complete
14	Hollow	\$25,000.00	5	Declined offer to Sell
15	Mining Claim Master/Henningsen/Cooney	\$35,640.00	23.76	Pending
16	Cooney	\$21,750.00	16.11	Complete
17	BSB	\$0.00		N/A
18	Barry	\$4,000.00	0.015	Declined offer to Sell

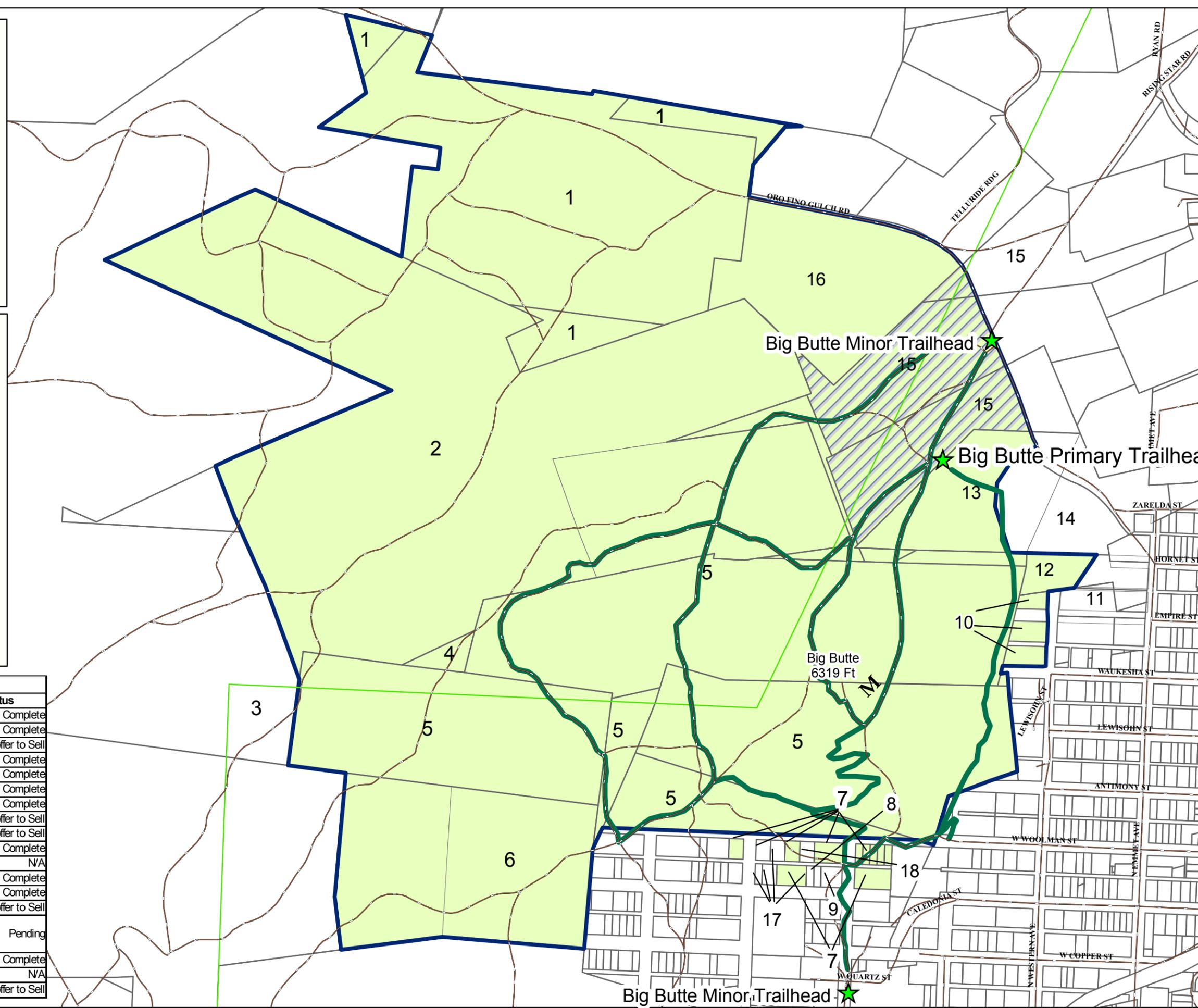


Exhibit 2: Operations & Maintenance Request
Big Butte Open Space Project - Annual Operations & Maintenance
 2013 Addendum Proposal - Natural Resource Damage Program Advisory Council
 13-May-13

DESCRIPTION	Annual Hours	Total	NRDP Share	BSB Share
<u>Salaries and Wages</u>				
Jon Sesso, Planning Director	52	\$2,121	0	\$2,121
Julia Crain, Special Projects Planner	104	2,288	0	2,288
Kelly Dennehy, Parks and Rec Maintenance Supt.	104	2,811	0	2,811
Maintenance Laborers	320	6,941	4,164	2,776
Sub-Total Salaries		14,161	4,164	9,997
Benefits @ 53% of Wages		7,505	2,207	5,298
TOTAL WAGES AND BENEFITS:		21,666	6,372	15,295
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS				
Weed control herbicide and supplies (average over five years)		1,000	600	400
EQUIPMENT (truck and tools)		8,000	0	8,000
9. MISCELLANEOUS				
Indirect Costs @ 20% of salaries/benefits		4,333	0	4,333
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS:		\$ 35,000	\$ 6,972	\$ 28,028