STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2-2025

EXECUTIVE ORDER FORMALLY TRANSFERRING ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LEWISTOWN READINESS CENTER FROM THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Military Affairs ("DMA") administers and manages the Lewistown Readiness Center in Lewistown Montana ("Lewistown RC");

WHEREAS, DMA and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks ("FWP") wish to transfer administration and management duties of the Lewistown RC from DMA to FWP;

WHEREAS, DMA and FWP have entered into a contract for "Assignment of Improvements on and Transfer of Control over State Land" ("Assignment Agreement") for the Lewistown RC, dated March 27, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Gianforte Administration is committed to utilizing the assets of the State of Montana to promote the highest efficiency of government operations; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Montana to accomplish the transfer of administrative and management responsibility for the Lewistown RC to FWP consistent with the Assignment Agreement, for the purposes of housing FWP employee offices and leasing recruitment office space to DMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG GIANFORTE, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, Title 2, Chapter 15, MCA and other applicable statutes, do hereby declare, approve, and ratify the transfer of administration and management responsibility of the Lewistown RC as described in this Executive Order and the Assignment Agreement from DMA to FWP and order that FWP shall be responsible for all maintenance and repair of the Lewistown RC and all other associated real property assets at this location.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.

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	CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State

Return after recording to:
Land & Water Unit
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620

ASSIGNMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS ON AND TRANSFER OF CONTROL OVER STATE LAND

This Assignment of Improvements On and Transfer of Control Over State Land is made between the DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS, an agency of the State of Montana, PO Box 4789, Ft. Harrison, MT 59636, hereinafter called "Assignor", and the DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS, an agency of the State of Montana, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, hereinafter called "Assignee".

For valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree to an Assignment of Improvements on and Transfer of Control over State Land, defined below, upon the following TERMS and CONDITIONS:

1. "Improvements" is hereby defined as all buildings, accessory structures, other structures, fixtures, equipment and mechanical, whether above or below ground, that Assignor installed on or under the "State Land". "State Land" is defined as the real property legally described in that certain Deed recorded in Book 167, Page 588, public records of Fergus County, Montana, as corrected in Book 168 of Deeds, Page 273, and described as follows:

A tract of land located in the SW¼ of Section 21, Township 15 North, Range 18 East, M.P.M., Fergus County, Montana, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is S54°26'W and at a distance of 441.99 feet from the accepted center of Section 21, T15N, R18E, Montana Principal Meridian; said point being 50 feet distant from the Center Lione of the Airport access road; thence S0°10'E a distance of 833.27 feet; thence S89°50'W a distance of 300 feet S; thence N0°10'W a distance of 620 feet; thence N54°26'E, a distance of 368.1 feet, 50 feet distant and paralleling the Center Line of the Airport access road to the point of beginning.

2. Assignor hereby assigns to Assignee, forever, the Improvements, and Assignor hereby transfers all control over the State Land to Assignee, forever.

- 3. The State Land shall remain titled in the State of Montana.
- 4. DMA makes no warranties, express or implied, as to the State Land and Improvements, including without limitation the structures, improvements, equipment, mechanical and fixtures. Upon the effective date of this Assignment, Assignee shall forever release and hold harmless Assignor from and against any and all liability, costs, claims, complaints, suits and damages related in any way to Assignor's and the Montana National Guard's use and possession of the State Land and Improvements.
- 5. Hereafter, all third parties shall look to Assignee regarding all obligations and liabilities, monetary or otherwise, arising under the Deed and Assignee's control, possession and use of the Improvements and State Land.
- 6. This Assignment runs with the land and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the assigns and successors in interest to the parties hereto.

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS, an agency of the State of Montana

By: J. Peter Hronek

Major General, Montana National Guard

The Adjutant General

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the <u>2.5</u> day of March, 2025, by J. Peter Hronek, The Adjutant General.

HEATHER GANT
Notary Public for the
State of Montana
Residing at HELENA
My Commission Expires
October 4, 2027

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Signature of Notary

Print Name

Notary Public, State of Montana

ASSIGNEE:

DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS, an agency of the State of Montana

By: Christy Clark

3/27/25 Date

Its:

Director

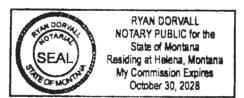
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STATE OF MONTANA

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COUNTY OF LEWIS & CLARK

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the day of March, 2025, by Christy Clark, Director of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks.



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Signature of Notary

Print Name

Notary Public, State of Montana