

**2013 Project Evaluation Criteria  
Capital Improvement or Enhancement Projects  
Montana Federal Lands Access Program**

*Maximum Points*

<p><b>1. Safety</b></p> <p><b>Improvement of the Transportation Network for the safety of its users.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improves identified crash sites 0-15</li> <li>▪ Improves identified hazardous conditions other than crash sites 0-10</li> <li>▪ Improves safety for a wide range of users 0-10</li> </ul>	<b>25</b>
<p><b>2. Preservation</b></p> <p><b>Improvement of the Transportation Network for economy of operation and maintenance.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improves National Bridge Inventory System (NBIS) deficient bridge rating 0-15</li> <li>▪ Improves Surface Management System (SMS) condition 0-10</li> <li>▪ Reduces maintenance or operating costs 0-5</li> </ul>	<b>25</b>
<p><b>3. Recreation and Economic</b></p> <p><b>Development, utilization, protection, and administration of the Federal Lands and its resources.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Federal high-use recreation site or Federal economic generator: (Scale by categories for each FLMA.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Use or High Economic Impact 9-12</li> <li>Medium Use Medium Impact 5-8</li> <li>Low Use Low Impact 0-4</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Federal Land area accessed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over 100,000 acres 5</li> <li>25,000-100,000 acres 2-4</li> <li>Under 25,000 0-2</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Supports community economic goals/needs, i.e. designated Federal/State/County Scenic Byway 0-5</li> </ul>	<b>25</b>
<p><b>4. Mobility</b></p> <p><b>Mobility of users and continuity of the transportation network serving the Federal Lands and its dependent communities.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need identified in transportation plan, Federal Land Management plan, State plan or County plan 0-10</li> <li>▪ Fills missing link in network, removes travel restriction, bottleneck, size/load limit 0-10</li> <li>▪ Sole access to area 0-5</li> <li>▪ Reduces travel time and congestion, increases comfort and convenience 0-5</li> <li>▪ Improves mode choices 0-5</li> </ul>	<b>15</b>
<p><b>5. Environmental Quality</b></p> <p><b>Enhancement of the rural environment associated with the Federal Lands and its resources.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supports or advances environmental goals identified in adopted plans 0-10</li> <li>▪ Enhances wildlife connectivity or aquatic organism passage 0-10</li> <li>▪ Enhances water quality, riparian function, wetlands function 0-10</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>6. Other</b></p> <p><b>Other factors to consider as part of project delivery.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certainty of cooperator's match 0-5</li> <li>▪ Project readiness (environmental compliance, design, ROW) 0-5</li> <li>▪ ROW acquisition or environmental Issues (none-5, minor-3, major-0) 0-5</li> <li>▪ Agency priority, previous federal investment 0-5</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>
<i>Total available Points</i>	<b>110</b>