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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
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1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
RM-9290, MM Docket No. 98-159
Bigfork, Montana

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Alpine Broadcasting Limited Partnership, permittee of Station KSIL(FM), Wallace, Idaho, submitted herewith are an original and four copies of its Comments in support of its Petition For Rulemaking to modify the FM Table of Allocations, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, to reallocate Channel 264C from Wallace, Idaho to Bigfork, Montana.

A facsimile copy of the Engineering Statement is attached to the Comments as Exhibit 11. An original of the engineering exhibit will be filed as a supplement to these Comments within the next few days.

If there are any questions in regard to this matter, kindly communicate directly with this office.

Very truly yours,


Theodore D. Kramer

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Amendment of Section 73.202(b))
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FM Table of Allotments,)
to Allocate Channel 264C to)
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TO: Chief, Allocations Branch
Mass Media Bureau

Comments of Alpine Broadcasting Limited Partnership

Alpine Broadcasting Limited Partnership¹ ("Alpine"), by its attorney, hereby submits its Comments in the above-captioned rulemaking proceeding.

Alpine is the proponent of the allotment change proposed in this rulemaking proceeding. Its reasons for seeking the allotment change are fully set out in its Petition for Rulemaking² ("Petition") and are incorporated herein by reference.

In its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking the Commission requested that Alpine provide additional information concerning the town of Bigfork,

¹ The correct name of Petitioner is Alpine Broadcasting Limited Partnership. The name submitted on the Petition for Rulemaking was a result of a typographical error. A letter was filed with the Commission on January 6, 1998 to correct the name in File No. BPH-960916MD.

² Alpine's Petition for Rulemaking is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Montana, including documentation of the population Alpine attributed to Bigfork, additional evidence to demonstrate that Bigfork contains indicia of a community, and information reflecting the areas and population that will lose potential service if Channel 264C is reallocated to Bigfork. This information is provided below.

I. Population of Bigfork

In its Petition, Alpine stated that Bigfork, Montana “has a population of 1,100 persons, based on 1990 U.S. Census data.” This population figure was taken from the index of the 1995 Rand McNally Road Atlas.³ In the index, each county, city and town is listed alphabetically by state, followed by the corresponding population. The Atlas attributes its population figures to “1990 Census population or latest available estimates.” The population for Bigfork is listed as 1,080. In the Petition, Alpine rounded this figure to 1,100. Alpine regarded this information as fact and included it in its Petition. As the Commission correctly points out, however, Bigfork was deleted as a census designated place in the 1990 U.S. Census and is now identified by the Census as the Creston-Bigfork Division of Flathead County.

Attached is 1990 Census information provided by the Census and

³ See Relevant pages of the 1995 Rand McNally Road Atlas are attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce which further breaks down the Creston-Bigfork Division into “tracts.” Bigfork is designated as “tract 13” with a population of 1,461.⁴

II. Other Evidence that Bigfork is a Community

A variety of social and cultural organizations are located in Bigfork.⁵ In fact, Bigfork has been called "one of the 100 best small art towns in the U.S."⁶ as it is home to numerous art galleries and hosts the Bigfork Festival of Arts every August. Over the years Bigfork has developed into an artists' community as sculptors, painters, potters, and other artisans have opened several studios and galleries along its main street, Electric Avenue, and nearby Grand Avenue.⁷ The Bigfork Art and Cultural Center, the center of the Bigfork art community, houses a gallery, a museum and offers art demonstrations, classes,

⁴ See 1990 Census of Population: Montana, Unincorporated Places in Flathead County, attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

⁵ See Bigfork Area Business Directory 1996, attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

⁶ See Bigfork, Montana, The Village by the Bay brochure, attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

⁷ See Bigfork Eagle Summer Guide, <http://bigforkeagle.com//summer.extras/page4.htm>, attached hereto as Exhibit 6.

concerts, and an annual Garden Tour.⁸ This past summer Bigfork held its 4th Annual Bigfork Charity Antiques Show and Sale, featuring exhibitors of antiques, fine art and antique jewelry, from all over the United States and Canada.⁹ The show is sponsored by the Bigfork Development Company, established thirty years ago, which funds cultural and aesthetic projects in Bigfork.

Bigfork boasts three performing arts organizations. In existence for almost forty years, the Bigfork Summer Playhouse, a repertory theater, offers popular musicals and comedies such as *West Side Story*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, and *Some Like it Hot!*¹⁰ In 1997 the Playhouse was the recipient of the 1997 Governor's Award for Performing Arts. The Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts and the Bigfork Community Players also offer plays, musicals and concerts.

Bigfork also offers its residents and businesses numerous municipal services, including water, sewer, power, light, trash removal, and a volunteer

⁸ See Bigfork Eagle Summer Guide, <http://bigforkeagle.com//summer/extras/page9.htm> and <http://bigforkeagle.com//summer/extras/page10.htm>, attached hereto as Exhibit 7.

⁹ See Bigfork Eagle Summer Guide, <http://bigorkeagle.com//summer/extras/page7.htm>, attached hereto as Exhibit 8.

¹⁰ See Bigfork Eagle Summer Guide, <http://bigforkeagle.com//summer/extras/page5.htm>, attached hereto as Exhibit 9.

fire department.¹¹ Bigfork students attend public elementary, junior and senior high schools administered by the Bigfork Public Schools System.¹²

III. Potential Gain and Loss Areas

As shown in the attached Engineering Exhibit, deletion of Channel 264C from Wallace will not leave Wallace without a local aural service.¹³ Station KWAL(AM) is licensed to Wallace.¹⁴ Moreover, the substitution of Channel 264C, Wallace, Idaho for Channel 264C in Bigfork, Montana, will permit the first FM allocation, as well as the first aural service to the community of Bigfork.

If Channel 264C is reallocated to Bigfork, eleven FM stations and nine AM stations remain within the 60 DBU loss area of KSIL(AM) Wallace, Idaho, although no actual loss will occur since KSIL(AM) has not been built. There are six FM stations and four AM stations within the proposed Bigfork 60 DBU gain area. Favorable action on the Alpine proposal would still leave the loss area with five more FM stations and four more AM stations than the gain

¹¹ See Bigfork Area Business Directory 1996, attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

¹² See Bigfork Schools, <http://www.bigfork.k12.mt.us/>, attached hereto as Exhibit 10.

¹³ See Engineering Exhibit of Donald E. Mussel, Jr., attached hereto as Exhibit 11.

¹⁴ As indicated in its Petition, a proposal is pending to reallocate Channel 248C2 from Wallace to Lolo, Montana. Even if Channel 248C2 is reallocated to Lolo, Montana, one local aural service KWAL(AM), will remain. Moreover, no actual loss will occur since KQWK(FM) has not been built.

area. Moreover, KSIL(AM) would bring an extra voice to the gain area.

The loss area covers 22,939 square kilometers while the gain area covers 21,770 square kilometers, resulting in an area loss of only 1,170 square kilometers. While 133,798 people will lose potential service, 79,797 will gain actual service once the station is built.

IV. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the public interest will be served by the allotment of Channel 264C to Bigfork, Montana, as its first FM allocation, as well as its first local aural service. If Channel 264C, is added at Bigfork, Montana, Alpine will promptly file an application for modification of its construction permit for a new a new FM station on that channel, and will promptly construct the modified facilities after its application is granted.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alpine Broadcasting Limited
Partnership**


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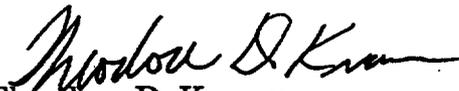
Re: Petition For Rulemaking, Big Fork, Montana

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Alpine Broadcasting Limited Partnership, permittee of Station KSIL(FM), Wallace, Idaho; I am submitting an original and four copies of its Petition For Rulemaking to modify the FM Table of Allocations, Section 73.202 of the Commission's Rules, to reallocate Channel 264C from Wallace, Idaho to Big Fork, Montana.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Theodore D. Kramer

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Enclosures

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In The Matter Of)
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b)) MM Docket No. _____
of the Commission's Rules,) RM _____
FM Broadcast Stations)
Wallace, Idaho and)
Bigfork, Montana)

TO: Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Alpine Broadcasting, Ltd. ("Alpine"), through counsel, hereby requests that the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to amend Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, by deleting Channel 264C from Wallace, Idaho, allotting Channel 264C to Bigfork, Montana, as that community's first local aural service and amending Alpine's construction permit to specify Bigfork as its new community of license.¹

I. ARGUMENT.

Alpine is the permittee for KSIL(FM), Wallace, Idaho (BPH-960916MD). Alpine seeks to change KSIL's community of license from

¹ While it has imposed a temporary freeze on the filing of further applications in all commercial broadcast services, the Commission will continue to accept and process petitions for rulemaking requesting the allotment of new FM channels to the FM Table of Allotments. See *Competitive Bidding for Commercial Broadcast and Instructional Television Fixed Services Licenses*, MM Docket No. 97234, FCC 97-397, at para. 61 (released November 26, 1997).

Wallace, Idaho to Bigfork, Montana, because Alpine has determined that Bigfork has an overwhelming need for the provision of its first aural service.

Bigfork has a population of 1,100 persons, based on 1990 U.S. Census data. Bigfork is located in Flathead County, on the edge of Flathead Lake, 35 miles south of Glacier National Park. In addition to a variety of outdoor sports and activities, Bigfork offers its residents a diverse selection of municipal services, businesses and cultural resources. As a growing center for fine and performing arts, residents enjoy a multitude of art galleries, craft shops and museums. The town hosts many popular festivals and special events.

Residents of Bigfork are cared for by local doctors and dentists. Children of Bigfork attend local elementary, junior high and high schools. The town also has a local newspaper, the *Bigfork Eagle*. What Bigfork lacks is its own radio station.

Alpine has determined that Channel 264C can be allocated to the city of Bigfork as its first local aural service. An engineering study of the proposed allocations, demonstrating compliance with the technical standards for allocating a new channel, is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*. The proposed Channel 264C allotment can be awarded with a site restriction of 4.1 km southeast of the geographic center of the community, in full compliance with the FM spacing rules. Bigfork is

listed at North Latitude 48° 02' 45" and West Longitude 114° 00' 33". No other full service broadcasters are affected by this proposal and operations from these coordinates would provide city grade service levels as set forth in Section 73.315 of the Commission's Rules.

Should the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments as requested herein, Alpine will promptly file an application for modification of its construction permit, construct the modified facilities, place those facilities in operation, and will seek a license covering the Bigfork facility.

The proposed change of community of license is mutually exclusive with Alpine's existing authorization at Wallace. The required separation between the KSIL authorized site and the reference coordinates in the proposal is 290 km² whereas the distance between the authorized site and the reference coordinates is only 142.51 km. Therefore, KSIL's construction permit can be modified without affording other interested parties an opportunity to file competing expressions of interest. *See Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License*, 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989), *as modified by Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License*, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990) ("Community of License MO&O").

² 47 C.F.R. §73.207.

The proposal set forth in this Petition is consistent with the procedures authorized in *Community of License MO&O*. Allotting Channel 264C to Bigfork would permit Bigfork to receive its first FM allocation as well as its first local aural service, thereby serving the highest of the Commission's existing allocation priorities. "[T]here are virtually no populated areas of the country where our higher allotment priorities, such as first reception service, have not been attained. Therefore, as a practical matter, provision of first local aural service is the highest of our allotment priorities which remains in any significant degree unsatisfied."³ Nor will deletion of Channel 264C from Wallace leave Wallace without a local aural service. Station KWAL(AM) is licensed to the community and there is an outstanding construction permit for KQWK(FM) on channel 248C2.⁴

In sum, Wallace has no scarcity of available spectrum, and reallocation of Channel 264C from Wallace to Bigfork would result in a net service benefit to both communities, and will best serve the Commission's allocation priorities and the public interest. Favorable action on the Alpine proposal would thus be in the public interest.

³ 5 FCC 7096, para. 16.

⁴ There is an outstanding Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MM Docket No. 97-203, DA97-1975, released September 19, 1997, in which the permittee of KQWK(FM) proposes to change its community of license from Wallace, ID to Lolo, MT.

II. CONCLUSION.

For the reasons stated above, the public interest will be served by the allotment of Channel 264C to Bigfork, Montana, as its first FM allocation, as well as its first local aural service. Accordingly, Alpine respectfully requests the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding that would amend the FM Table of Allotments as follows:

CITY	PRESENT ALLOTMENT	PROPOSED ALLOTMENT
Wallace, Idaho	248C2, 264C	248C2
Bigfork, Montana	---	264C

Alpine further requests the Commission to modify its construction permit to specify Bigfork, MT as its community of license without affording other parties the opportunity to file competing expressions of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPINE BROADCASTING, LTD.


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Engineering Statement In Support of Petition for Rulemaking Re-Allocate KSIL(FM) Wallace, Idaho to Big Fork, Montana

This engineering statement was prepared in support of a petition to amend 47 C.F.R., Section 73.202(b), the FM Table of Allotments, filed by Alpine Broadcasting Ltd., permittee of KSIL(FM), Wallace, Idaho (Hereafter referred to as "Alpine"). Station KSIL(FM) is currently a construction permit (BPH-960916MD).

The Alpine proposal is as follows:

<u>Community of License</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Wallace, Idaho	248C2, 264C	248C2
Big Fork, Montana	—	264C

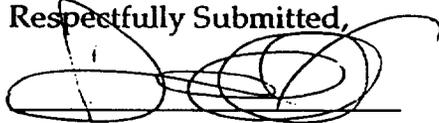
Alpine proposes to modify the Table of Assignments to allocate Ch. 264C to Big Fork, Montana with a site restriction 4.1 km southeast of the geographic center of the community.

As shown in Exhibit 1, the allocation of Ch. 264C meets all of the separation requirements pursuant to Section 73.207 of the Commission's rules from the reference point for Big Fork, Idaho, except as noted above. The proposed change of community is mutually exclusive with the existing Alpine authorization (KSIL) at Wallace, Idaho, therefore the change of community and modification of the KSIL construction permit can be made without affording other interested parties an opportunity to file competing expressions of interest. Wallace, Idaho will retain KWAL(AM), as well as the construction permit for KQWK(FM) as local aural services, subject to any subsequent action on the petition for change of community put forth by the permittee of KQWK(FM).

The substitution of Ch. 264C, Wallace, Idaho for Ch. 264C in Big Fork will permit the first FM allocation, as well as the first aural service to the community of Big Fork, Montana. There are numerous tower sites in the area that would be acceptable for use as transmitting locations for the proposed facility at Big Fork.

The foregoing technical statement and attached exhibits were prepared on behalf of Alpine by Donald E. Mussell Jr. NCE, its technical consultant. All information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of his belief and knowledge. All data relating to the FM facilities is extracted from the NTIA database as updated February 20, 1998.

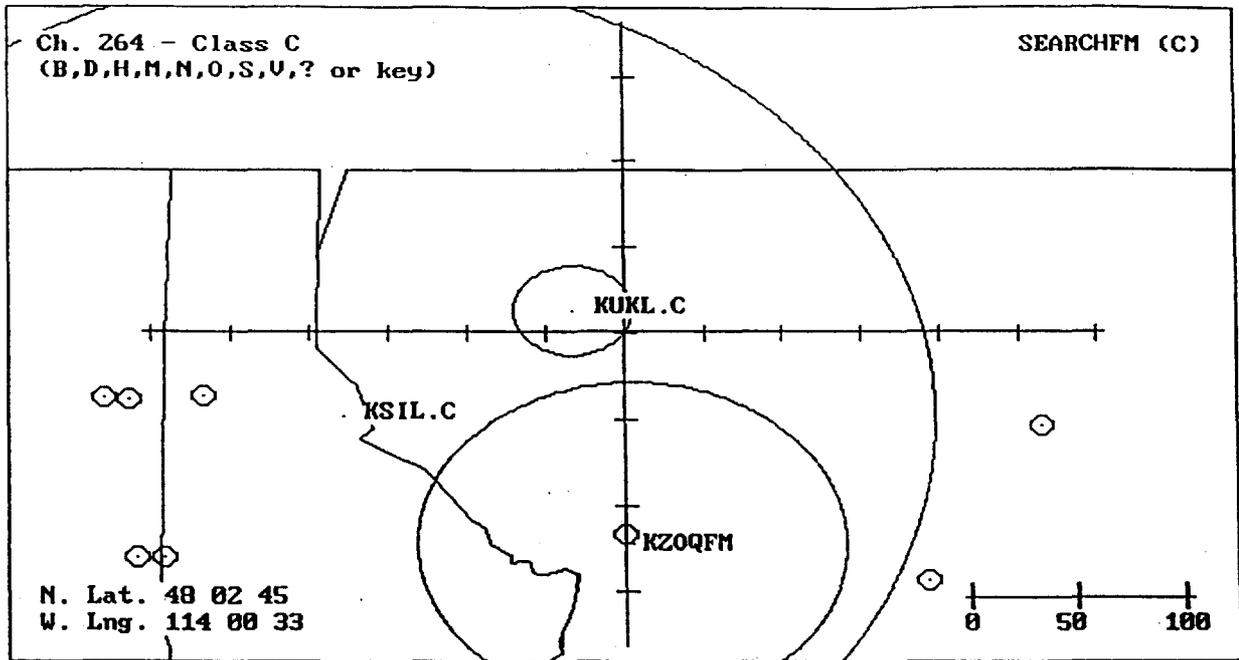
Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Donald E. Mussell Jr. NCE

February 23, 1998

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Class C Spacing Study
 Big Fork Montana Reference Point

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Data 02-19-98

Current rules spacings
 CHANNEL 264 -100.7 MHz

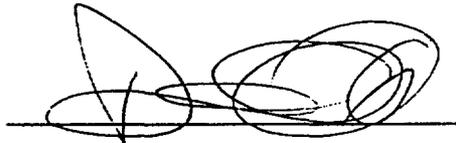
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KSIL.C	264C	Wallace	ID	248.6	147.49	290.0	-142.51 *
CP CN	47 33 44	115 50 33	82.000 kW	662M	91.7	180.2	
Alpine Broadcasting, Ltd.					BPH960916MD	980903	
KUKL.C	210A	Kalispell	MT	299.9	29.10	29.0	0.10 <
CP CN	48 10 34	114 20 53	0.850 kW	135M	18.1	18.0	
The University of Montana					BPED950124MC	980215	
>Proposed to Canada as Class A 950323-Accepted by Canada 950418							
KZOQFM	261C1	Missoula	MT	178.9	138.26	105.0	33.26
LI CN	46 48 09	113 58 21	13.500 kW	641M	85.9	65.3	
JS Marketing, Inc.					BLH931116KZ		
>Accepted by Canada as Class C1							

Exhibit 1
 Class C Spacing Study
 Alpine Broadcasting, Ltd.

**AFFIDAVIT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF
DONALD E. MUSSELL JR.**

State of California)
Bonny Doon)
County of Santa Cruz)

Donald E. Mussell Jr. affirms that he is a consulting radio and electronics engineer; that he is Certified as a Broadcast Engineer, Class 1, by the National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers, Inc.; That he is recognized as a Broadcast Technologist by the Society of Broadcast Engineers; That he held a First Class Radiotelephone License from 1975 until 1985, when it was replaced by a lifetime General Class Radiotelephone license (PG-12-20588), issued by the Federal Communications Commission in January of 1985; that the foregoing report was prepared by him or under his direction; and that the statements contained therein are true to his own personal knowledge except those stated to be on information and belief, and as to those statements, he verily believes them to be true.



Donald E. Mussell Jr. NCE
February 23, 1998

EXHIBIT 2

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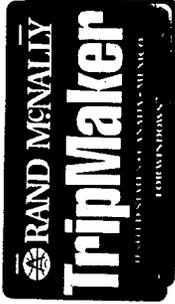
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We are using this informal way of giving you
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Your inquiry was welcomed and received
careful attention.

Thank you.

Dave Martin

**1990 CENSUS OF POPULATION: MONTANA
UNINCORPORATED PLACES IN FLATHEAD COUNTY**

***Bigfork**
Flathead County Creston-Bigfork CCD Tract 13 Pop: 1,461
Block map: parent 16 inset J

Columbia Heights
Flathead County Bad Rock-Columbia Heights CCD Tract 2 Pop: 229
Block map: parent 11 inset A2

Coram
Flathead County South Fork CCD Tract 1 Pop: 257
Block map: parent 11 inset L

Creston
Flathead County Creston-Bigfork CCD Tract 13 Pop: 202
Block map: parent 10, 11

Hungry Horse
Flathead County South Fork CCD Tract 1 Pop: 642
Block map: parent 11 inset K1, K3, K4

Kila
Flathead County Kalispell Southwest CCD Tract 5 Pop: 136
Block map: parent 15

Lakeside
Flathead County Lower Valley-Somers CCD Tract 14 Pop: 968
Block map: parent 15 inset H

Marion
Flathead County Pop: 209
 Kalispell Northwest CCD Tract 5
 Kalispell Southwest CCD Tract 5
Block map: parent 14

Martin City
Flathead County South Fork CCD Tract 1 Pop: 322
Block map: parent 11 inset K2, K4

Olney
Flathead County Whitefish CCD Tract 1 Pop: 105
Block map: parent 6 inset D

Somers
Flathead County Lower Valley-Somers CCD Tract 14 Pop: 512
Block map: parent 15 inset H

West Glacier
Flathead County Pop: 117
 Glacier National Park CCD Tract 1
 South Fork CCD Tract 1
Block map: parent 7 inset E

CCD = Census County Division

Pop = approximate population as of April 1, 1990

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Public Law 94-171 Data (January 1991). 1990 Census Block Maps (December 1990).

Biddle

Powder River County East Powder River CCD BNA 9608
 boundaries undefinable

Big Arm

Lake County Polson CCD BNA 9952
 B202 (12) + B305 (27) + B324-330 (59) = 98

Big Sky

Meadow Village portion: Gallatin County West Yellowstone CCD BNA 9868
 B218 (0) + B227-247 (289) + B249 (0) = 289
 Ski Area portion: Madison County Madison Valley CCD BNA 9881
 B135-138 = 118
 289 + 118 = 407

***Bigfork**

Flathead County Creston-Bigfork CCD Tract 13
 BG5 (1,244) + BG6 (217) = 1,461

Birney

Rosebud County Ashland CCD BNA 9628
 B150 = 46

Black Eagle

Cascade County Great Falls CCD Tract 20
 B101-115 (691) + B116B-116C (123) + B901B (0) + B902B-906 (109) + B907B-908 (4)
 = 927

Blackfoot

Glacier County Blackfeet CCD BNA 9761
 boundaries undefinable

Blue Creek area

Yellowstone County South Yellowstone CCD Tract 16
 B102-103 (20) + B117-123 (99) + B151 (0) + B231-252 (177) + B254 (0) + B266-270
 (19) + B276-279 (2) = 317

Box Elder

Hill County Rocky Boy CCD BNA 9737
 B148A (119) + B163A-169A (113) + B169D (0) + B187C (32) + B190-192 (2) = 266

Boyes

Carter County Little Missouri CCD BNA 9603
 B134 (16) + B136 (17) = 33 NOTE: these blocks also include Hammond

Bozeman Hot Springs

Gallatin County
 Belgrade CCD BNA 9857: B493-494 = 80
 Bozeman CCD BNA 9860: B316-318 (49) + B326 (2) + B358-359 (30) + B360-367 (49)
 = 130
 Gallatin Gateway CCD BNA 9867: B101-102 (63) + B106 (110) + B143-148 (124) +
 B201-207 (327) + B209-210 (13) + B212 (49) = 686
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Brady

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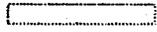
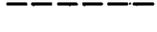
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County Subdivision Outline Map Legend and County Location Index

MAP LEGEND

MAP SECTIONS

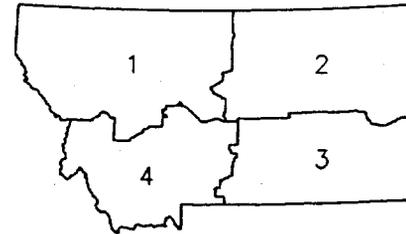
.....	International
-----	State
- - - - -	County ¹
	American Indian Reservation
	Trust Land
	County Subdivision
	Incorporated Place
	Census Designated Place
	Large River, Lake, Water Body, or Shoreline

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An asterisk following a place name indicates that the place is coextensive with a county subdivision. The county subdivision name is shown only when it differs from the place name.

A fishhook joins contiguous and/or discontinuous parts of the same geographic entity.

¹County or an equivalent entity for statistical purposes.

Note: All legal boundaries and names are as of January 1, 1990. Where international, State, county and/or county subdivision boundaries coincide, the map shows the boundary symbol for only the highest-ranking of these geographic entities. Where an international, State, county or county subdivision boundary coincides with a place boundary, the map does not show the place boundary symbol.

COUNTY LOCATION INDEX

This list presents the reference coordinates for each county on the county subdivision outline map. Map section numbers refer to the county subdivision outline maps only.

COUNTY	MAP SEC	MAP REF	COUNTY	MAP SEC	MAP REF	COUNTY	MAP SEC	MAP REF
Beaverhead.....	4	EB-BL	Lewis and Clark....	1	EE-AQ	Sweet Grass.....	4	FA-BH
Big Horn.....	3	FP-BI	Liberty.....	1	EL-AI	Teton.....	1	EE-AN
Blaine.....	2	FG-AJ	Lincoln.....	1	DE-AJ	Toole.....	1	EH-AI
Broadwater.....	4	EJ-BE	McCone.....	2	GHAO	Treasure.....	3	FP-BE
Carbon.....	3	FG-BK	Madison.....	4	EF-BK	Valley.....	2	GC-AK
Carter.....	3	GO-BI	Meagher.....	4	EM-BC	Wheatland.....	4	FA-BD
Cascade.....	1	EJ-AQ	Mineral.....	1	DF-AR	Wibaux.....	2	GQ-AR
Chouteau.....	1	EP-AM	Missoula.....	1	DL-AR	Yellowstone.....	3	FK-BG
Custer.....	3	GJ-BE	Musselshell.....	3	FJ-BD	Yellowstone National		
Daniels.....	2	GI-AH	Park.....	4	EP-BI	Park.....	4	EO-BN
Dawson.....	2	GM-AQ	Petroleum.....	2	FK-AQ			
Deer Lodge.....	4	DR-BF	Phillips.....	2	FL-AK			
Fallon.....	3	GP-BE	Pondera.....	1	ED-AK			
Fergus.....	2	FE-AQ	Powder River.....	3	GI-BJ			
Flathead.....	1	DM-AK	Powell.....	1	EA-BA			
Gallatin.....	4	EK-BJ	Prairie.....	2	GJ-BA			
Garfield.....	2	FR-AP	Ravalli.....	4	DL-BF			
Glacier.....	1	DR-AI	Richland.....	2	GO-AN			
Golden Valley.....	3	FE-BD	Roosevelt.....	2	GM-AK			
Granite.....	4	DP-BD	Rosebud.....	3	GA-BF			
Hill.....	1	ER-AI	Sanders.....	1	DF-AN			
Jefferson.....	4	EF-BF	Sheridan.....	2	GO-AH			
Judith Basin.....	1	EQ-AR	Silver Bow.....	4	EC-BG			
Lake.....	1	DL-AO	Stillwater.....	3	FD-BI			

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	-----Race-----							Pop. Density+	Housing Units
	Total	White	Black	Amer. Indian	Asian & Pac. Isl.	Other Races	Hispanic Origin*		
Montana	799,065	741,111	2,381	47,679	4,259	3,635	12,174	5.5	361,155
18 years and over	576,961	542,595	1,500	27,799	2,797	2,270	7,058		
* Flathead County	59,218	57,897	56	880	240	145	616	11.6	26,979
18 years and over	42,469	41,600	33	582	163	91	352		
Bad Rock-Columbia Heights division									
	3,230	3,187	-	23	11	9	38	44.0	1,245
18 years and over	2,220	2,187	-	16	9	8	27		
Tract 2 (pt.)	1,695	1,666	-	14	7	8	27	69.2	624
18 years and over	1,163	1,140	-	11	5	7	18		
BG 6	766	753	-	3	6	4	14	112.1	262
18 years and over	501	491	-	3	4	3	10		
BG 7	929	913	-	11	1	4	13	52.6	362
18 years and over	662	649	-	8	1	4	8		
Tract 6 (pt.)	1,535	1,521	-	9	4	1	11	31.3	621
18 years and over	1,057	1,047	-	5	4	1	9		
BG 4	823	811	-	7	4	1	2	31.5	298
18 years and over	559	551	-	3	4	1	2		
BG 5	712	710	-	2	-	-	9	31.2	323
18 years and over	498	496	-	2	-	-	7		
Columbia Falls division									
	6,142	5,966	5	120	33	18	84	10.3	2,624
18 years and over	4,314	4,205	2	80	18	9	37		
Columbia Falls city									
	2,942	2,857	1	67	13	4	48	2,379.7	1,227
18 years and over	2,033	1,980	1	42	7	3	23		
Tract 2 (pt.)	2,942	2,857	1	67	13	4	48	2,379.7	1,227
18 years and over	2,033	1,980	1	42	7	3	23		
BG 1 (pt.)	8	7	-	1	-	-	-	265.6	2
18 years and over	4	4	-	-	-	-	-		
BG 2 (pt.)	33	33	-	-	-	-	-	440.6	10
18 years and over	18	18	-	-	-	-	-		
BG 3 (pt.)	341	331	-	9	1	-	3	1,579.9	181
18 years and over	253	247	-	6	-	-	1		
BG 4 (pt.)	1,546	1,494	-	39	10	3	18	3,512.4	620
18 years and over	1,062	1,032	-	23	5	2	8		
BG 5 (pt.)	1,014	992	1	18	2	1	27	2,133.4	414
18 years and over	696	679	1	13	2	1	14		
Remainder of Columbia Falls division									
	3,200	3,109	4	53	20	14	36	5.4	1,397
18 years and over	2,281	2,225	1	38	11	6	14		
Tract 1 (pt.)									
	97	97	-	-	-	-	-	.2	189
18 years and over	84	84	-	-	-	-	-		

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BG 1 (pt.)	97	97	-	-	-	-	-	.2	189
18 years and over	84	84	-	-	-	-	-		
Tract 2 (pt.)	3,103	3,012	4	53	20	14	36	44.1	1,208
18 years and over	2,197	2,141	1	38	11	6	14		
BG 1 (pt.)	1,281	1,244	1	22	5	9	15	21.8	536
18 years and over	882	859	-	16	3	4	8		
BG 2 (pt.)	1,447	1,407	-	22	13	5	20	133.1	509
18 years and over	1,040	1,015	-	15	8	2	6		
BG 3 (pt.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	-
18 years and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BG 4 (pt.)	104	101	-	1	2	-	-	221.7	39
18 years and over	66	65	-	1	-	-	-		
BG 5 (pt.)	271	260	3	8	-	-	1	802.2	124
18 years and over	209	202	1	6	-	-	-		
* Creston-Bigfork division	5,147	5,059	5	47	26	10	45	37.4	2,407
18 years and over	3,708	3,644	3	34	17	10	30		
Tract 12 (pt.)	457	451	-	6	-	-	2	59.9	154
18 years and over	306	303	-	3	-	-	1		
BG 2	457	451	-	6	-	-	2	59.9	154
18 years and over	306	303	-	3	-	-	1		
Tract 13	4,690	4,608	5	41	26	10	43	36.1	2,253
18 years and over	3,402	3,341	3	31	17	10	29		
BG 1	755	747	-	3	3	2	2	26.8	288
18 years and over	523	515	-	3	3	2	2		
BG 2	893	878	1	9	2	3	10	23.1	367
18 years and over	625	614	1	6	1	3	8		
BG 3	858	832	1	12	11	2	4	20.8	473
18 years and over	587	569	1	8	7	2	4		
BG 4	723	703	2	12	4	2	15	106.4	304
18 years and over	526	512	1	9	2	2	7		
* BG 5	1,244	1,232	1	5	5	1	10	124.9	658
18 years and over	973	964	-	5	3	1	6		
* BG 6	217	216	-	-	1	-	2	42.5	163
18 years and over	168	167	-	-	1	-	2		
Glacier National Park division									
	98	97	-	-	1	-	1	.1	114
18 years and over	70	70	-	-	-	-	-		
Tract 1 (pt.)	98	97	-	-	1	-	1	.1	114
18 years and over	70	70	-	-	-	-	-		
BG 2	98	97	-	-	1	-	1	.1	114
18 years and over	70	70	-	-	-	-	-		
Kalispell division	26,601	25,924	28	468	121	60	270	273.1	11,215
18 years and over	19,161	18,732	16	302	79	32	150		

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**1997 ESTIMATES OF MONTANA'S RESIDENT POPULATION: COUNTIES
ARRANGED BY POPULATION RANK**

	<u>7/1/97</u> <u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>RANK</u>	<u>4/1/90</u> <u>CENSUS</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>RANK</u>	<u>CHANGE</u> <u>90 TO 97^</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u> <u>90 TO 97^</u>	<u>LAND AREA</u>		<u>DENSITY</u> <u>1997**</u>	<u>DENSITY</u> <u>1990**</u>
							<u>SQ. MILES*</u>	<u>RANK</u>		
Montana	878,810	44	799,065	44	79,745	10.0	145,556.297	4	6.0	5.5
Yellowstone County	125,771	1	113,419	1	12,352	10.9	2,635.212	23	47.7	43.0
Missoula County	88,818	2	78,687	2	10,131	12.9	2,598.215	24	34.2	30.3
Cascade County	79,134	3	77,691	3	1,443	1.9	2,698.018	20	29.3	28.8
* Flathead County	71,707	4	59,218	4	12,489	21.1	5,098.595	3	14.1	11.6
Gallatin County	61,111	5	50,463	5	10,648	21.1	2,506.853	25	24.4	20.1
Lewis and Clark County	53,251	6	47,495	6	5,756	12.1	3,461.030	14	15.4	13.7
Ravalli County	34,554	7	25,010	8	9,544	38.2	2,394.298	26	14.4	10.4
Silver Bow County	34,441	8	33,941	7	500	1.5	718.323	56	47.9	47.3
Lake County	25,341	9	21,041	9	4,300	20.4	1,493.817	46	17.0	14.1
Lincoln County	18,772	10	17,481	11	1,291	7.4	3,612.789	12	5.2	4.8
Hill County	17,538	11	17,654	10	-116	-0.7	2,896.382	18	6.1	6.1
Park County	15,910	12	14,484	12	1,426	9.8	2,656.161	21	6.0	5.5
Glacier County	12,687	13	12,121	13	566	4.7	2,994.749	17	4.2	4.0
Big Horn County	12,617	14	11,337	16	1,280	11.3	4,994.881	5	2.5	2.3
Fergus County	12,498	15	12,083	14	415	3.4	4,339.316	8	2.9	2.8
Custer County	12,115	16	11,697	15	418	3.6	3,783.283	11	3.2	3.1
Roosevelt County	11,121	17	10,999	17	122	1.1	2,355.652	29	4.7	4.7
Sanders County	10,253	18	8,669	22	1,584	18.3	2,762.282	19	3.7	3.1
Rosebud County	10,209	19	10,505	19	-296	-2.8	5,012.388	4	2.0	2.1
Richland County	10,191	20	10,716	18	-525	-4.9	2,084.151	32	4.9	5.1
Deer Lodge County	9,995	21	10,356	20	-361	-3.5	736.937	55	13.6	14.1
Jefferson County	9,878	22	7,939	26	1,939	24.4	1,656.700	42	6.0	4.8
Carbon County	9,425	23	8,080	25	1,345	16.6	2,048.067	33	4.6	3.9
Dawson County	9,048	24	9,505	21	-457	-4.8	2,373.265	28	3.8	4.0
Beaverhead County	9,012	25	8,424	23	588	7.0	5,542.613	1	1.6	1.5
Valley County	8,295	26	8,239	24	56	0.7	4,920.935	6	1.7	1.7
Stillwater County	7,835	27	6,536	29	1,299	19.9	1,794.730	38	4.4	3.6
Blaine County	7,081	28	6,728	27	353	5.2	4,226.245	9	1.7	1.6
Powell County	7,072	29	6,620	28	452	6.8	2,325.967	30	3.0	2.8
Madison County	6,899	30	5,989	32	910	15.2	3,586.628	13	1.9	1.7

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Pondera County	6,431	31	6,433	30	-2	0.0	1,624.668	44	4.0	4.0
Teton County	6,340	32	6,271	31	69	1.1	2,272.602	31	2.8	2.8
Chouteau County	5,236	33	5,452	33	-216	-4.0	3,973.437	10	1.3	1.4
Phillips County	4,904	34	5,163	34	-259	-5.0	5,139.878	2	1.0	1.0
Toole County	4,818	35	5,046	35	-228	-4.5	1,910.908	34	2.5	2.6
Musselshell County	4,605	36	4,106	37	499	12.2	1,867.178	36	2.5	2.2
Sheridan County	4,341	37	4,732	36	-391	-8.3	1,676.650	41	2.6	2.8
Broadwater County	4,083	38	3,318	38	765	23.1	1,191.484	51	3.4	2.8
Mineral County	3,725	39	3,315	39	410	12.4	1,219.869	50	3.1	2.7
Sweet Grass County	3,400	40	3,154	40	246	7.8	1,855.181	37	1.8	1.7
Fallon County	3,035	41	3,103	41	-68	-2.2	1,620.369	45	1.9	1.9
Granite County	2,632	42	2,548	42	84	3.3	1,727.520	40	1.5	1.5
Liberty County	2,391	43	2,295	43	96	4.2	1,429.801	47	1.7	1.6
Wheatland County	2,333	44	2,246	47	87	3.9	1,423.178	49	1.6	1.6
Judith Basin County	2,316	45	2,282	44	34	1.5	1,869.886	35	1.2	1.2
Daniels County	2,057	46	2,266	46	-209	-9.2	1,426.136	48	1.4	1.6
McCone County	2,035	47	2,276	45	-241	-10.6	2,642.598	22	0.8	0.9
Powder River County	1,909	48	2,090	48	-181	-8.7	3,297.264	16	0.6	0.6
Meagher County	1,805	49	1,819	49	-14	-0.8	2,391.850	27	0.8	0.8
Carter County	1,503	50	1,503	51	0	0.0	3,339.680	15	0.5	0.5
Garfield County	1,444	51	1,589	50	-145	-9.1	4,668.175	7	0.3	0.3
Prairie County	1,335	52	1,383	52	-48	-3.5	1,736.605	39	0.8	0.8
Wibaux County	1,106	53	1,191	53	-85	-7.1	889.343	54	1.2	1.3
Golden Valley County	1,051	54	912	54	139	15.2	1,175.327	52	0.9	0.8
Treasure County	839	55	874	55	-35	-4.0	978.900	53	0.9	0.9
Petroleum County	518	56	519	56	-1	-0.2	1,653.934	43	0.3	0.3
Yellowstone Nat'l Park	39	-	52	-	-13	-25.0	245.393	-	0.2	0.2

^ Numerical and percent change over a period of 87 months from April 1, 1990 to July 1, 1997.

* Land area in square miles calculated for the 1990 Census of Population and Housing.

**Population density per square mile, computed by dividing the total population of each geographic unit by its land area.

Intercensal estimates were released March 17, 1998 by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Table reflects corrected 1990 Census data for Deer Lodge and Park Counties. More detailed information may be obtained from the Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, 1424 Ninth Ave., Helena, MT 59620.

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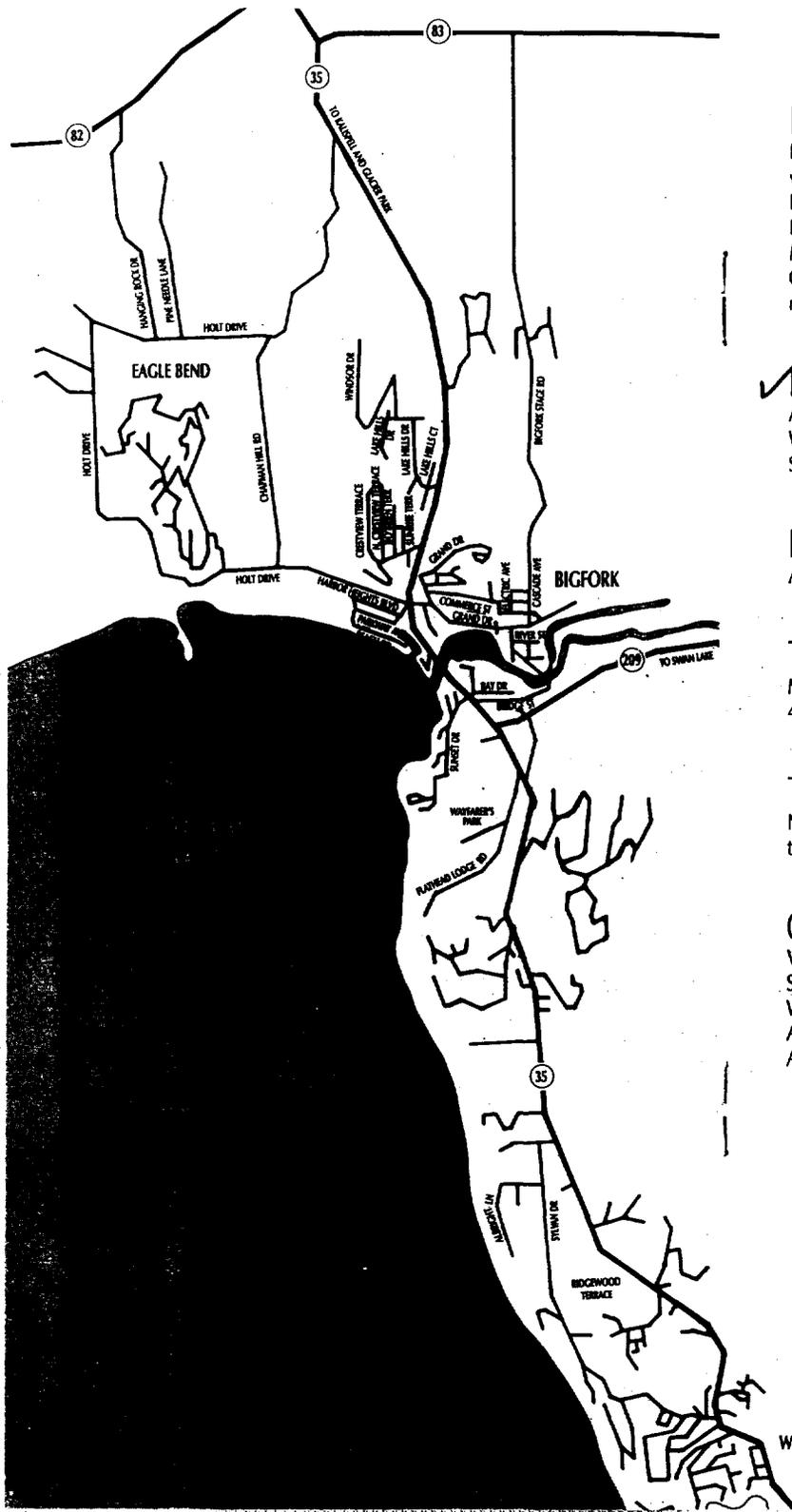
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LOCATION

Bigfork is located in the north-west corner of Montana on Highway 35.
 Kalispell - 17 miles north
 Missoula - 115 miles south
 Glacier National Park - 45 miles northeast

MAJOR AIRPORTS

Glacier Park International
 45 minutes northeast
 Kalispell City Airport
 20 miles north

RAIL

Amtrak (Whitefish)
 35 miles north

POPULATION

Approximately
 Winter - 3500
 Summer - 10,000

ELEVATION

Approximately 2,900 feet

TIME ZONE

Mountain Standard Time
 406 Area Code

TAXES

No sales tax, 4% accommodation tax

CLIMATE

Very Low Humidity
 Summer Average Highs - 80
 Winter Average Highs - 36
 Average Annual Rain - 15 inches
 Average Annual Snow - 66 inches

INFORMATION

NUMBERS

State Wide Road Reports
 1-800-332-6171
 Flathead Valley Weather
 (406) 329-4718

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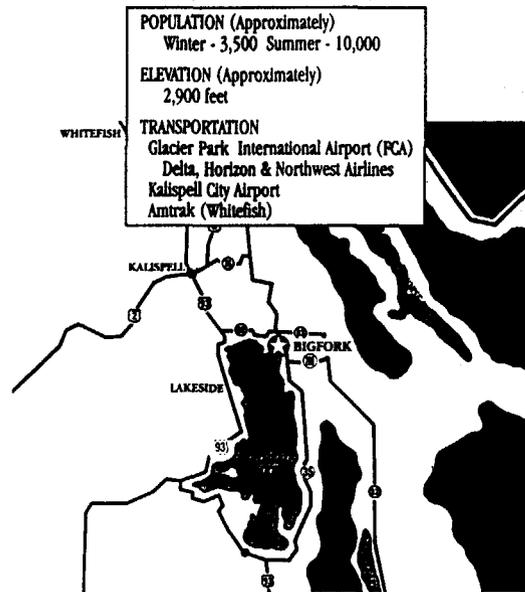
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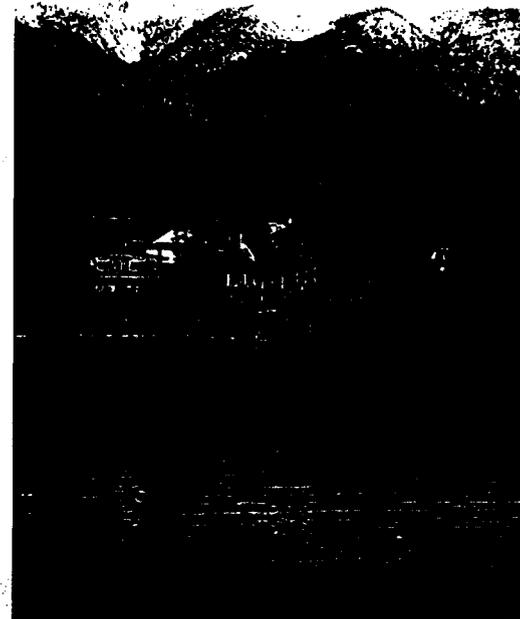
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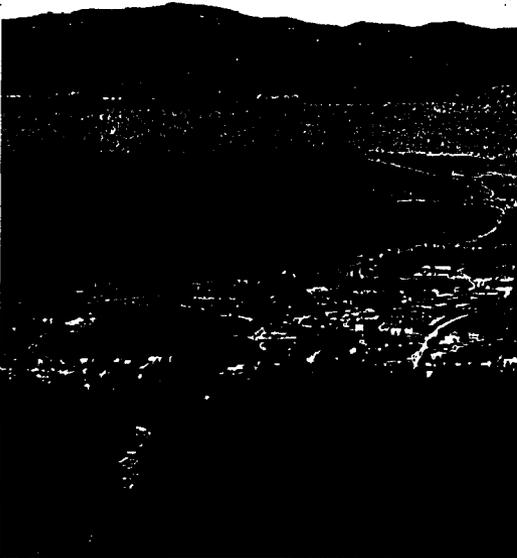
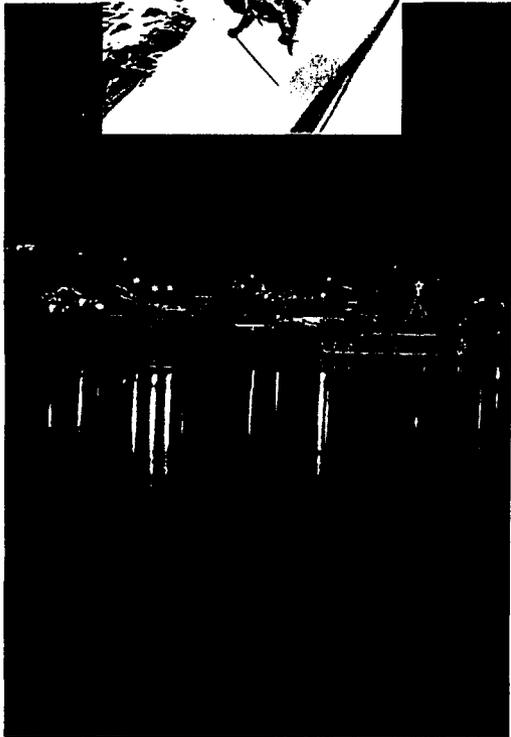
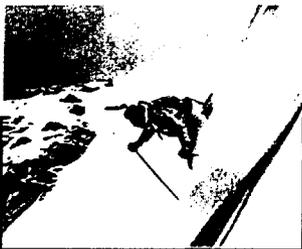
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Bigfork lies where the Swan River joins Flathead Lake in Northwest Montana, where eagle and osprey share skies with the peaks of the Swan Range in the Rocky Mountains. Here the air is so clear that the distant peaks look as sharp as the thousands of Christmas lights adorning Bigfork's Electric Avenue during the holidays. Like the central jewel in a crown of nature, Bigfork has the unique mixture of old Western legends and modern traditions making it both a joy to be a resident as well as welcoming to the visitor. The colors of the wilderness blend with those of the arts and artisans to make the portrait of Bigfork all that it is. Throughout all seasons of the year, Bigfork blends relaxation and recreation as rich as the colors of a tapestry that has been created by nature's hand.

Bigfork has the unique combination of untamed wilderness and extravagant amenities that so many of our guests appreciate. Lodging accommodations range from a variety of executive suites and condos to rustic ranch cabins, allowing guests to reach the ski slopes or Glacier National Park as easily as a whitewater raft trip or sunset cruise on the lake. One of the nation's top golf courses awaits visitors at Eagle Bend Resort and the Bigfork Playhouse has featured a spectrum of Broadway hits for 37 years. Bigfork has been designated "one of the 100 best art towns in the West", and its August Festival of the Arts delights visitors and residents each summer. Galleries displaying works of internationally known artists and "four-star" restaurant dining are all part of Bigfork's ambiance. Regardless of the season, Bigfork offers an activity for everyone.



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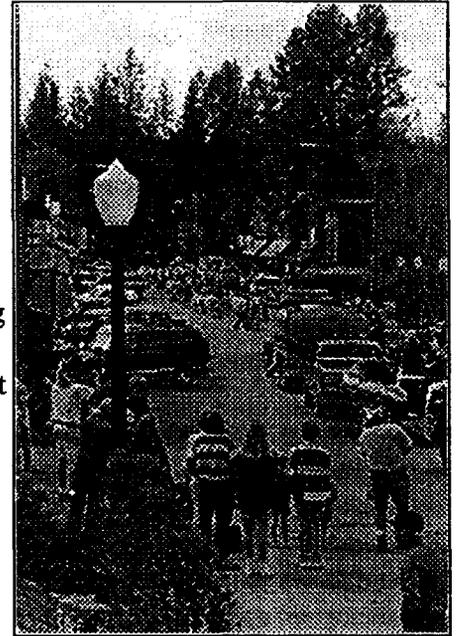
A stroll through downtown Bigfork today.

By Kay Bjork

Bigfork's main street, Electric Avenue, is lined with craft shops, art galleries and a theater. It curves around Bigfork Bay with the Swan Mountains as a backdrop. Just south, around a bend is Everit L. Sliter Park alongside the Swan River as it heads for the bay and Flathead Lake.

The picture perfect village is a far cry from the community that sprung up at the turn of the century to accommodate loggers and a power plant and dam. The variety of shops that make up Bigfork now are not what visitors would call essential - there is no mercantile or gas station downtown, no longer a bank in the immediate area either.

These types of stores and variations on them are found on the edges of downtown. The Village of Bigfork, instead, offers a different kind of experience. The look of downtown has been changing - a constant over the past decades, but especially so in the past few years.



The evolution of downtown began in 1960 when the Bigfork Summer Playhouse came to town. The small Montana town began turning into what it is now - a showcase for artists and artisans of all kinds.

A visitor to downtown can see plenty of art, paintings, sculpture, pottery and the artist at work as well. Most of the galleries are also studios where the artist/owners create their pieces.

There is also lots of good food being cooked here, from breads and cookies to fine dinners.

Let's take a stroll up Grand Avenue and around Electric Avenue and see.

Heading east visitors will find the Bigfork Inn, built in 1937 after a fire destroyed the Bigfork Hotel. The Inn was built by Bigfork businessman Ernie O'Brien in a Swiss chalet style similar to the chalets of Glacier National Park. The Inn, which serves dinners only is open year-round seven days a week.

Next to the Inn is Bjorge's Old Standard Gallery. Sculptor Ken Bjorge, like many of his fellow artists in Bigfork, is usually around working on a piece, ready to talk to passers-by.

Across the street, heading north is Electric Avenue. Walking on the east side, visitors will find the Kootenai Galleries, then shops selling items from clothing to fine art. Sculptor Eric Thorsen has a gallery/studio here. Visitors to his shop can see the award-winning artist work on wildlife sculptures from trout to turtles.

The Bigfork Village Square Art Center and branch library building is next.

The art center houses a gallery, gift shop and space for classes. The building is funded by membership drives and is overseen by a director hired by a board.

Around the corner is yet another studio/gallery, this one operated by Judith Syverson, who paints miniatures and is a member of the Royal Miniature Society of London. Syverson shares space with art framer Roilene Gordon.

Back on Electric Avenue Art Fusion gallery features pottery and ceramics. Next door is the Twin Birches complex, which includes Electric Avenue Gifts and Larry Janoff's gallery with its aviation art.

On the corner of Electric is Essentials with a varied selection of gifts and home items and then the Wild Mile Deli, which serves breakfast and lunch as well as offering gourmet food items, wine and beer.

East, around another corner near the Swan River, Brookie's Cookies offers sweet tooth munchies baked on the premises from chocolate cookies to gourmet desserts.

Farther north as the road turns into Bridge Street, Tuscany offers Italian dinners in an intimate setting.

Over the old-steel bridge across the Swan River is Everit L. Memorial Sliter Park, named after the founder of Bigfork. In the park is the Riverbend Stage where concerts are held on Sunday evenings throughout the summer.

On the west side of Electric Avenue is Eva Gates Preserves, a Bigfork landmark, which underwent a major renovation a few years back.

Back downtown on Electric Avenue in Bigfork Station is a gallery owned by sculptor Bob Stayton and wife, Mary. Bob sculpts there and sometimes other featured artists will be at work, too.

Electric Avenue Books is one of two bookstores downtown. Besides an eclectic selection of titles from contemporary to classics and the work of Montana writers, the shop's backroom holds a baby grand piano that owner Trish Tavenner graciously allows customers to sample. A great view of the bay and lake is available from the room, too. On Sundays, jazz singer and pianist Nina Russell performs.

The Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts is next door. A wide selection of acts appears during the year from Chinese Acrobats to school and community theater plays. In the summer the Bigfork Summer Playhouse reigns. Produced by Don and Jude Thomson, the Summer Playhouse brings musicals to Bigfork in repertory style. This year's plays are Sugar, Guys and Dolls, West Side Story and Big River.

Next to the theater is ShowThyme! restauraunt, formerly a bank, and next to that is Kathy McDonnell's Jewelry in the old Bigfork Merc building. McDonnell designs and makes her own jewelry in her shop.

Around the corner on Grand Avenue is Bay Books and Prints, Bigfork's first book store. The shop, owned by O'Neil Jones features a wide selection of western and Montana history books and some Bigfork memorabilia.

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EXHIBIT 7



The Bigfork Art and Cultural Center is the hub of the town's artistic activities.

The beginnings of the Bigfork Art and Cultural Center took shape in 1968 when an old gas and service station was leased under the supervision of the Bigfork Development Co.

The center, known as the Village Square, was to serve as a springboard for local artists and to make other art activities available to the community.

Founders boasted it would be the "Art Center of Montana." The combined efforts of the Bigfork Playhouse and the art center made the arts a central activity in downtown Bigfork - a theme that continues to distinguish Bigfork from other small Montana towns.

Ed Bergstrom played a key role in the development of the art center. The center has depended on donations and fundraisers to meet its expenses.

Besides the gallery and arts and crafts demonstrations, a museum and tourist information center also were housed in the building.

The museum was a replica of an early western town set up by O'Neil Jones, BDC's first president and owner of a gallery and bookstore on Grand Avenue. Today he is still the proprietor of Bay Books and Prints.

Arts and crafts were demonstrated and taught by a variety of local artists at the center.

Volunteers staffed the center and worked on coordination of functions at the center as well as its maintenance.

They estimated an annual visitation of 10,000 people during the summer season, which began in May and ended in September.

In 1970, William Rowan, owner of the building, decided to leave the area and sold the building to the BDC.

Improvements to the building, built in 1940, included the addition of a furnace and the enclosure of the attic to allow year-round use.

A major remodeling began in 1984 under a project known as BRITE, Bigfork Rebirth in the Eighties.

The facelift was to require an estimated quarter of a million dollars. The addition of the branch library to the renovation plans provided funds from a state grant. The county branch library moved into the center, replacing a book mobile and a small downtown book nook run by Flathead County.

A fundraising drive, spearheaded by Les Averill, culminated in an art auction and barbeque at the

Flathead Lake Lodge.

A limited edition of 1,500 prints of a painting "Warm Days of Winter" by nationally renowned artist Fred Fellows of Bigfork was issued. Purchase of a print included a chance at winning a condo in Bigfork Harbor.

An idea of a Chinese Auction at the gala barbeque was conceived by Averill and Fellows. Tom Thiel of Bigfork won the condo.

The money was raised and the project started.

The remodeling doubled gallery space with the addition of a second floor. The building was also made more energy efficient.

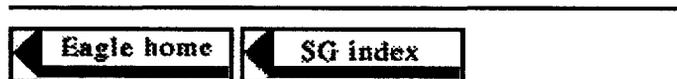
The museum was moved from the center and ended up in storage. The tourist center is now located in the Lakehills Shopping Center, so the downtown center, except for the library portion, concentrates on art.

Today, an annual membership drive provides a portion of the operating expenses of the art center. Other fundraisers for the art center have included the Garden Tour and the Christmas Tree Extravaganza.

Some proceeds from the Bigfork Charity Antiques Show and Sale have been used to help operate the building. The county provides the branch librarian and the books, while the art center donates space for the library.

The center has seen thousands of pieces of art, hundreds of thousands of visitors and dozens of dedicated volunteers. Numerous classes, exhibits and children's activities also have occurred there.

The art center's gift shop offers a variety of items for both local people looking for special occasion gifts and tourists who want to take home a Montana gift.





Music, art and acting are all part of the doings at the art center this summer.

Internationally known Scottish harpist William Jackson will perform 8 p.m. June 27 at the Bigfork Art and Cultural center. His concert, which will include Celtic and original songs on the pennywhistle, pipes and piano, is just one of the many activities at the center this summer.

Jackson, a music therapist, is heard regularly on the National Public Radio program Thistle and Shamrock. Tickets for the show are \$10.

Children's art classes will be offered at the center beginning June 30 and continuing Mondays. The classes are taught by Stephanie Pointer.

Beyond Finger Painting, painting with brushes and tempera, is for children in kindergarten through third grade. Cost is \$20 plus a small materials charge for four sessions. Single session drop-in fee is \$6. Classes run from 1:30-3 p.m.

Paintbrush Express teaches tempera techniques for children in grades three through five. Cost is \$45 for nine sessions plus a small materials fee. Single drop-in session is \$6. Classes are 10-11:30 a.m.

On July 19 and 20, the art center will sponsor its annual Garden Tour. The fundraiser is \$7, and tickets are sold at the center.

Greeters are needed at the gardens. To volunteer call Donna Gordon, 837-6806.

Sketch and draw sessions continue at 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Acting classes will be offered in July and August from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays. Linda Grinde, who has directed and choreographed plays at the Bigfork Summer Playhouse and in New York, Seattle and Dallas, will teach the course for children 10-17.

For information on classes and exhibits call 837-6927.



EXHIBIT 8



Twenty three noted antiques dealers from across the country will be part of the select 4th Annual Bigfork Charity Antiques Show and Sale.

The Fourth Annual Bigfork Charity Antiques Show and Sale will be held Aug. 15-17 in the Bigfork Elementary School gymnasium.

The show is sponsored by the Bigfork Development Company. The BDC, which was established 30 years ago, funds cultural and aesthetic projects in the unincorporated village of Bigfork.

The small, hard-walled show features 23 prominently known exhibitors who come from all over the United States and Canada. The management intends to keep it a small, select show, with the number of Montana dealers limited, to give collectors and antiques buffs the opportunity to see and buy what's available in other parts of the country, but not readily available in the Pacific Northwest. In fact, the Bigfork show is a radical departure from the gun and collectible shows that proliferate the mountain states.

Each year the show has grown in stature and increased attendance. Collectors and celebrities, as well as other dealers, and those just seeking knowledge converge on the Bigfork show from far and wide.

Buyers are just as interested in early American, period English and European pieces which sell well at this annual charity show.

The show also features fine art, antique jewelry, period cut glass, Native American, and much more.

Friday, Aug. 15, features Early Buying Privileges, 5-8 p.m., and refreshments, \$15 Admission.

Aug. 16 and 17 are General Admission, 10-6 p.m., \$5 Admission.

Through the Garden Gate Tea Room serves food Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Bigfork Elementary School gymnasium is located off Montana 35 at Grand Avenue. There is ample parking.

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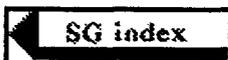
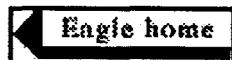
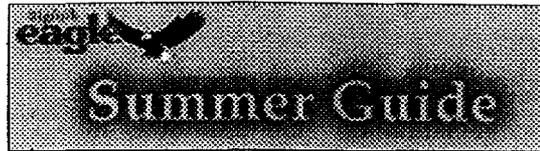


EXHIBIT 9



The curtain opens on another season at the Bigfork Summer Playhouse



By Kay Bjork

The Bigfork Summer Playhouse has been at the heart of downtown Bigfork for nearly 40 years, established in 1960 by two University of Montana professors, Bo and Margery Brown.

Their goal was to showcase state talent in summer theater. The popular playhouse helped put Bigfork on the tourism map. This year, the Bigfork Summer Playhouse, under the direction of Bigfork residents Don and Jude Thomson, has the added prestige of being the recipient of the 1997 Governor's Award for Performing Arts.

The Thomsons have operated the Summer Playhouse since 1968.

Don is quick to credit cast members and the community for their contribution to the playhouse. They, he said, also share in the award.

The community has shown its support throughout the history of the playhouse, Thomson said.

In its earlier days the playhouse was housed in an old building that had its own rustic charm but often stretched the imagination of those involved in production. The condemnation of the building by the fire marshall in 1987 forced the playhouse and community leaders to make plans for a theater that would cost \$750,000. Many thought it an impossible dream for this unincorporated village, a dream some thought could come true only in a story on stage.

But through perseverance, faith and hard work money was raised, and the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts opened its doors in 1988.

The Bigfork Summer Playhouse has offered dozens of popular musicals and comedies throughout its 37 years. This year a few favorites are back as well as two plays that are brand new to Bigfork audiences.

The season opened May 23 with weekend performances of the comic farce *Lend Me a Tenor*, a story of a world famous tenor who suffers a series of mishaps that lead to massive confusion on stage.

June 14 the musical *West Side Story* began its run and on June 16 *Guys and Dolls*, marking the official opening of the Summer Playhouse with performances every night except on Sunday. Plays are presented in repertory fashion - a different musical each night.

West Side Story is a modern day Romeo and Juliet love story set in the ghettos of New York City. Young Maria and Tony fall in love but are doomed by the fact that they have family and friends in opposing gangs. Music by Leonard Bernstein includes *Maria*, *Tonight* and *I Feel Pretty*.

Guys and Dolls is based on a story by Damon Runyon. Also set in New York City, this is a humorous fable of love, marriage and temperance. Songs include If I Were A Bell and Luck Be a Lady.

The musical Sugar chimes in on June 30. This story spawned the screenplay for the movie Some Like It Hot! and is based on a story by Robert Thoeren about two unemployed musicians who take on female garb to escape the mob after they witness a murder. Their disguises get them in other predicaments when they join an all-girl band. Music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Bob Merrill include Sun On My Face and Do In It for Sugar.

The season is rounded out July 14 with Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, the classic story of Huck and his efforts to free his friend Jim from slavery. The musical was the winner of seven Tony awards and chronicles the adventures of Huck and Jim on the Ohio River. Music written by Roger Miller includes Muddy Water and River In the Rain.

Returning this year are the two special Sunday shows, Brach Thomson in Concert on July 27 and The Benefit Revue on Aug. 10.

Brach Thomson, son of Don and Jude, returns for his seventh season. His keyboard concert features popular music by the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Dave Brubeck and the song Don't Cry For Me Argentina from the show Evita.

The annual Benefit Revue features the entire company performing music and skits from past and future seasons. Tickets for both shows are available at the theater box office.

The Benefit Revue started out as a fundraiser for the new theater and evolved into a scholarship fundraiser after the building was completed. A total of \$4,500 in scholarships was awarded last year to help promising young performers, technicians and musicians complete their education.

A "Friends of the Playhouse" program helps meet expenses of facilities such as the scene shop, the paint shop, a rehearsal space, storage space and additional housing that have been constructed in the past nine years. A new costume shop is the next project planned.

The final performance of this season will be Guys and Dolls on Aug. 23.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Playhouse Box Office seven days a week from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. For information call 837-4886.



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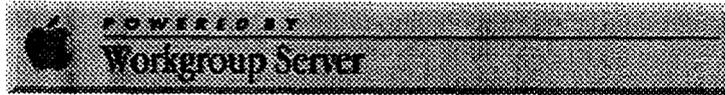
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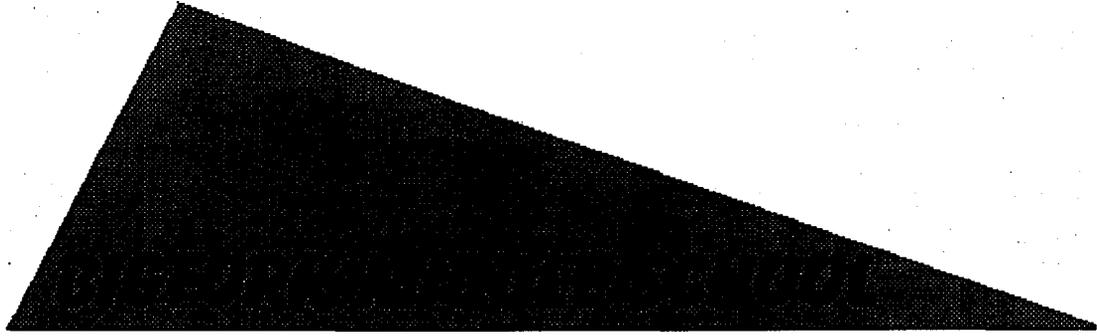
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Allocation of KSIL Wallace, Idaho to Big Fork, Montana

As shown in Figure 1, the total overlap of the existing (but unbuilt) 60 dbu contour and the proposed 60 dbu contour of KSIL falls entirely within Sanders County, Montana. The overlap area contains 3,270 Persons, and encompasses 3,280 Sq. kilometers. There are no radio facilities located in Sanders County, Montana within the overlap area.

The total population that would be served by the (unbuilt) KSIL(FM) 60 dbu would include 137,068 persons, and a total geographic area of 26,219 Sq. kilometers. By allocating KSIL(FM) to Big Fork, Montana, a total of 133,798 persons within a geographic Area encompassing 22,939 Sq. kilometers would "lose" service, although in reality, there would be no "loss", because KSIL(FM) has not commenced operation.

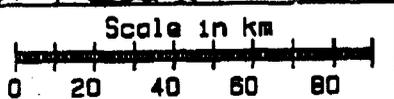
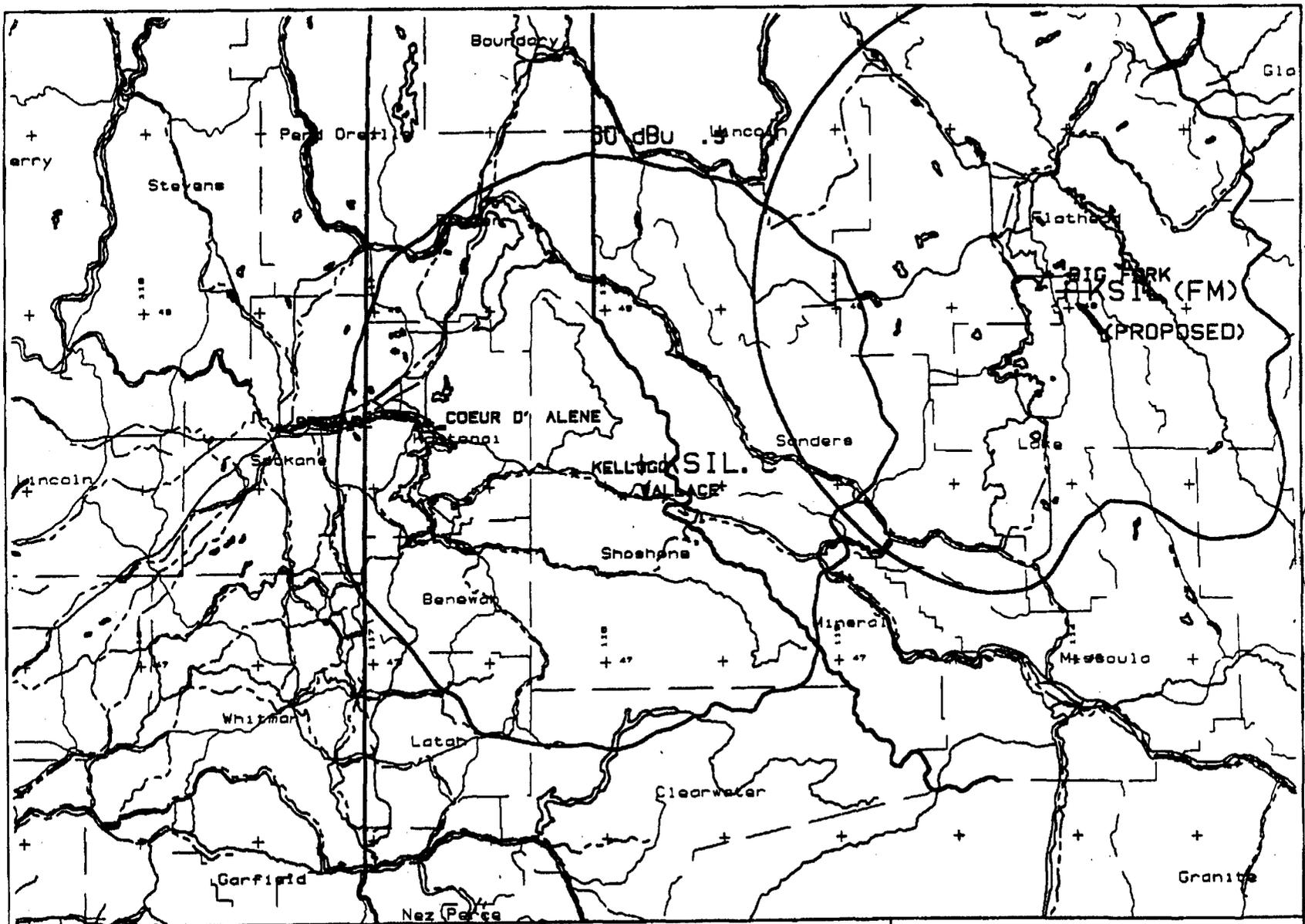
By allocating KSIL(FM) to Big Fork, Montana, the total gain in population served would be 83,067 persons within a geographic Area encompassing 25,050 Sq. kilometers. Subtracting the overlap population and geographic area of the two proposals, the result is a gain of 79,797 persons within a geographic area encompassing 21,770 Sq. kilometers.

In Figure 2, existing radio facilities that overlap both the unbuilt and proposed KSIL(FM) facilities are listed. There are a total of 20 operating radio stations within the 60 dbu contour of the unbuilt KSIL(FM) facility. Within the proposed 60 dbu contour of the KSIL(FM) Big Fork facility, there are 10 operating radio stations. There will still be two existing aural services in Wallace, Idaho (KQWK(FM) and KWAL(AM)), should Ch. 264C be allotted to Big Fork, Montana.

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ALLOCATE KSIL (FM) WALLACE, ID TO BIG FORK, MT
 FIGURE 1 - 60 DBU CONTOURS

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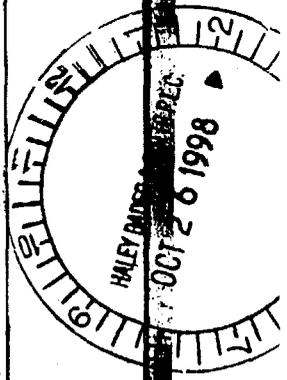


FIGURE 2
COMMERCIAL STATIONS WITHIN THE LOSS AREA OF KSIL(FM) WALLACE, IDAHO (60 DBU)

FM:

KZZU Spokane, WA
KDRK Spokane, WA
KEZE Spokane, WA
KISC Spokane, WA
KZZY Spokane, WA
KXLY Spokane, WA
KNJY Spokane, WA
KEEH Spokane, WA
KAEP Spokane, WA
KHTQ Hayden, ID
KCDA Cour d' Alene, ID

AM:

KVNI Cour d' Alene, ID
KWAL Wallace, ID
KAQQ Spokane, WA
KJRB Spokane, WA
KXLY(AM) Spokane, WA
KTRW Spokane, WA
KSBN Spokane, WA
KUDY Spokane, WA
KGA Spokane, WA

COMMERCIAL STATIONS WITHIN THE GAIN AREA OF KSIL(FM) PROPOSED BIG FORK (60 DBU)

FM:

KQRK Ronan, MT
KDBR Kalispel, MT
KKMT Columbia Falls, MT
KALS, Kalispel, MT
KBBZ Kalispel, MT
KOFI Kalispel, MT

AM:

KGEZ Kalispel, MT
KOFI(AM) Kalispel, MT
KERR Polson, MT
KJIZ Whitefish, MT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an employee of Haley Bader & Potts P.L.C., hereby certifies that the foregoing document was mailed this date by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or was hand-delivered*, to the following:

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October 26, 1998