

February 18, 2026

County Commissioners
Yellowstone County
PO Box 35000
Billings, MT 59107-5000

Subject: Yearly Fuel Tax Certification of Roadway Mileage – SFY 2027

It is important that the enclosed map and certification form be signed by a designated county official and returned to the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) by March 13, 2026.

Each year the Montana Department of Transportation is required to determine fuel tax allocations distributed to Montana's cities, counties, and consolidated city-county governments as set forth in 15-70-101 MCA, as amended. One of the factors used to calculate the amount allocated to each local entity is road mileage. Mileage for counties consists of any road exclusive of the National Highway and Primary Systems within the county boundary and outside any incorporated city limits that meet the Fuel Tax Allocation criteria as stated below:

Fuel Tax Allocation mileage is a segment of road available for public use except during periods of extreme weather or emergency conditions, passable by a 2-wheel drive passenger car, and open to the general public. Restrictions include primitive trails, driveways to single residences, field access roads, parking lots, restrictive gates, orange markings on posts, or "No Trespassing" signs (MCA 45-6-201).

These routes do not indicate public access, ownership, or maintenance responsibility. Maintenance is not a factor in Fuel Tax Allocations nor are local governments required to maintain these routes.

The enclosed map(s) should be reviewed for completeness and accuracy. Road additions, deletions, names, or surface type updates should be marked on the map and returned with the signed certification form.

If you request the removal of any roads, please provide the reason in a brief note or other documentation. If you have any questions about a specific road, please call Brian Klapstein at 444-7289. Please **DO NOT INCLUDE NON-EXISTENT, PLATTED, or RESTRICTED ROADS**. Roads within the National Forest should not be included as part of your review. Eligibility and attribute information for these roads are determined by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

If your changes are available in an electronic GIS format, we would appreciate them being sent as well. Please contact us for assistance before submitting GIS data. To access maps, GIS data, or see more information about the Fuel Tax Allocations, go to <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/fueltax/allocations.shtm> or call me at 444-6103 or Brian Klapstein at 444-7289 with any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation,



Brian Andersen, Supervisor – Geospatial Information Section

Mileage Certification Form

In accordance with the provisions of Section 15-70-101, M.C.A., it is hereby certified that the Road mileage for Yellowstone County, exclusive of the National Highway System (including Interstate) and Primary System, is as follows:

<i>Roads Outside of Cities</i>	<i>Current Mileage</i>	<i>Added Mileage (Approximate)</i>	<i>Deleted Mileage (Approximate)</i>	<i>Adjusted Mileage (Approximate)</i>
Off-System	1516.998	4.116	0.264	1,520.85
Secondary/Urban System	114.426	N/A	N/A	114.426
TOTAL	1631.424			1,635.276

Any added or deleted mileage amounts shown above may differ from the calculated mileages derived using MDT's process. Additionally, MDT reserves the right to verify any additions or deletions that would significantly affect the fuel tax allocation program. If the number of miles to be added or deleted is significant, the verification process will occur during the **summer of 2026**, and eligible routes will be included in the calculations for the following year.

(Signature)

(Official Title)

_____, Montana
(City)

Date: _____

NOTE: PLEASE RETURN THIS CERTIFICATION FORM ALONG WITH THE SIGNED MAP OR GIS DATA ON OR BEFORE MARCH 13, 2026 FOR FUEL TAX ALLOCATION. IF THERE ARE NO MILEAGE CHANGES ONLY THE SIGNED CERTIFICATION FORM IS REQUIRED FOR THE RETURN. YOU CAN MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX THIS TO US.

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