

September 24, 2026

ITEM 226-2012-R0926

Request for Authorization to Grant a Utility Easement to NorthWestern Energy; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with BOR Policy 1003.6, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University to grant a utility easement to NorthWestern Energy for underground electric, natural gas, and necessary appurtenances on MSU property in Gallatin County, Montana.

EXPLANATION

1. The proposed easement grants NorthWestern Energy a ten (10) foot wide underground utility easement on Montana State University property in Gallatin County, Montana.
2. The easement currently sits on Moose Lot 21 located on the corner of S. 19th Ave. and Lincoln Street easement. Easement area is described as Township 02 South, Range 05 East, P.M.M., Gallatin County, Montana, Section 13, including Tract 1 of Certificate of Survey No. 2727, situated in the Northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 South, Range 5 East, deeded to Montana State University by deed recorded in Book 20, Page 506, Records of Gallatin County, Montana.
3. The easement allows NorthWestern Energy to construct, operate, maintain, replace, upgrade, and remove an underground electric power line, natural gas pipeline specifically associated with NorthWestern Energy facilities, and necessary appurtenances.
4. This request and the associated easement do not grant rights of way.
5. The MSU standard language reserves MSU's right to relocate the easement if it unreasonably interferes with the present or future use of MSU land, and reserves MSU's right to terminate the easement with reversion of the interest to MSU or its assigns and successors.
6. The easement is attached as Exhibit A and includes a map and legal description for the proposed new 10-foot-wide underground utility easement.
7. No funds will be exchanged as a result of this easement.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Exhibit A - Map