

River Crossing

The following picture is a rendering of a possible bridge across the Little Missouri River.



ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Open House: 5:00-7:00 pm
Formal Presentation: 5:30 pm
Kelly Inn
1800 North 12th Street
Bismarck, ND

Thursday, June 7, 2012
Open House: 5:00-7:00 pm
Formal Presentation: 5:30 pm
ND Cowboy Hall of Fame
250 Main Street
Medora, ND

Next Steps

Fieldwork will be completed this summer and a full analysis of potential environmental and social impacts will be conducted on the proposed alternatives. These impacts, purpose and need and a detailed description of the alternatives will be disclosed in the EIS.

Public Involvement

The purpose of today's meeting is to solicit participation from the public and interested parties regarding the range of reasonable alternatives developed for the project.

We hope this Alternatives Public Workshop is informative and useful to you. Thank you for your interest in the proposed Little Missouri River Crossing.

Please mail comments to:

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Written statements will be included in the official transcript if received by **June 22, 2012**. For further information and updates, please visit the Little Missouri River Crossing EIS project website at www.billingscountynd.gov.

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Purpose and Need for the Project

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and commerce through promotion of a reliable transportation system within Billings County. Specifically, the purpose of the proposed project is to:

- Provide the public with a centrally accessible, safe, efficient, and reliable link between ND Highway 16 and US Highway 85 within the study area (system linkage); while connecting the transportation network on the east side of the Little Missouri River to the transportation network on the west side of the Little Missouri River (internal linkage).
- Upgrade existing roadways and/or create new roadways and construct a river crossing over the Little Missouri River to best meet roadway and structure design standards.

The need for the proposed project is driven by inadequate system linkage within Billings County, specifically the lack of reliable river crossings, and increased traffic demands from the oil and gas industry. Historically, Billings County has seen a need for a new crossing of the Little Missouri River as early as the 1970s. The County documented concerns that roadways in the area were unreliable in inclement weather, which made them virtually impassable, while the ability to cross the river has had to be negotiated with landowners of private fords. The County also identified the need for a river crossing to meet socioeconomic demands within the area, such as industry development.

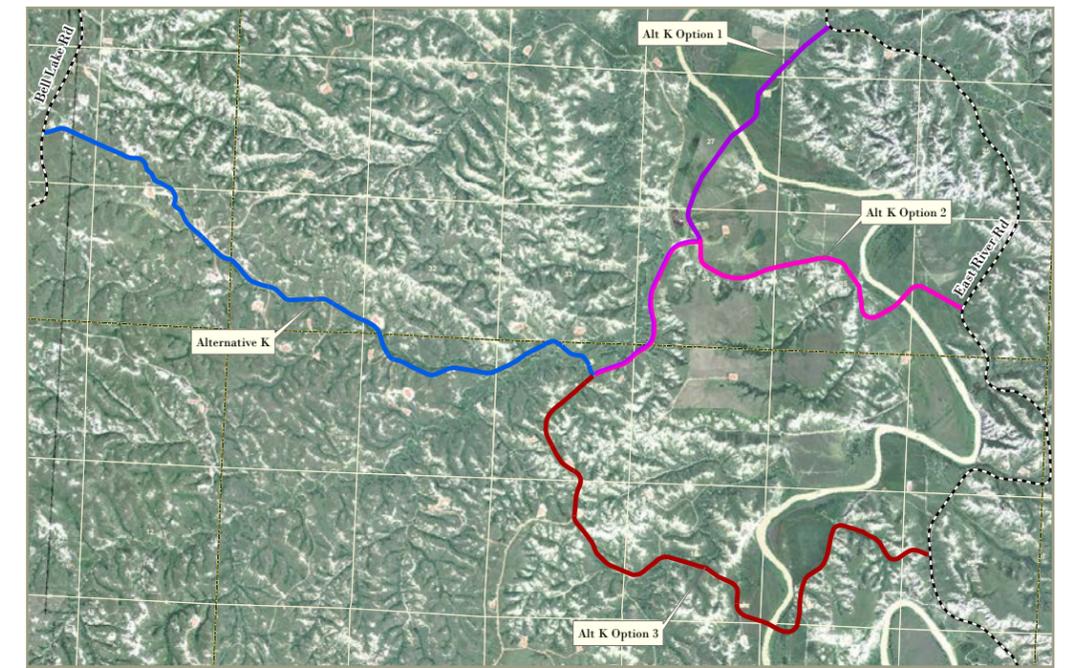
Alternatives Under Consideration

A range of reasonable alternatives has been developed. Alternatives will be analyzed with the intent of avoidance and minimization of impacts in conjunction with meeting the purpose and need of the project. Currently, alternatives being analyzed include:

- Six alternatives in Billings and Golden Valley Counties (Alternatives A, B, C, K Option 1, K Option 2, K Option 3)
- One alternative in McKenzie County (Alternative J)
- One no-action alternative (Alternative L)

Alternative K

Alternative K would connect East River Road to Belle Lake Road. Three options are being analyzed with this alternative: Option 1 would require approximately 8.5 miles of new road construction; Option 2 would require approximately 8.6 miles of roadway construction; Option 3 would require approximately 10.1 miles of new roadway construction.



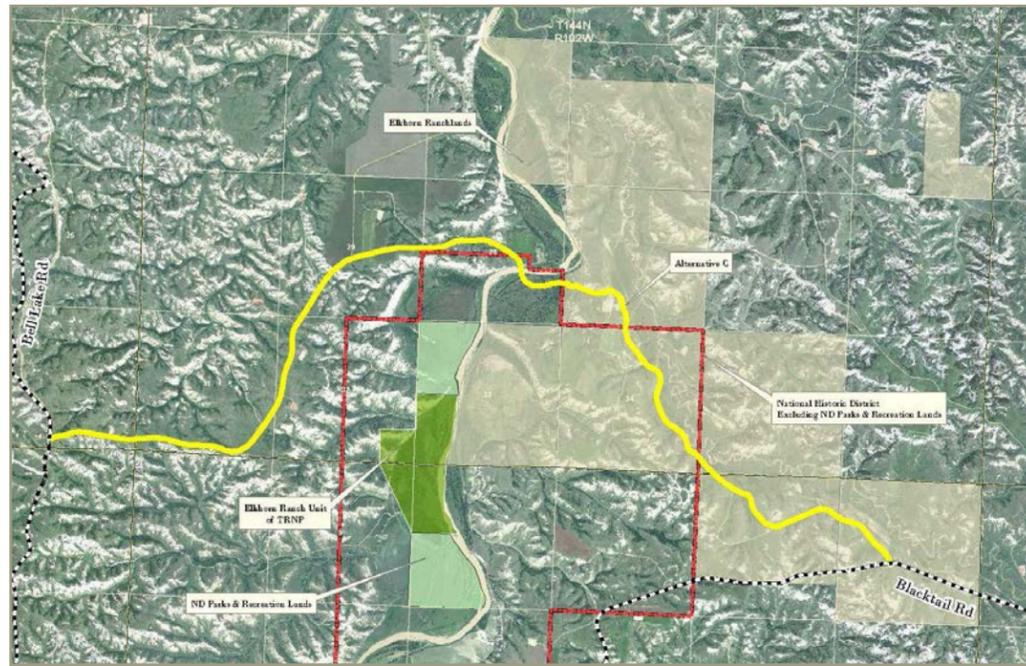
No-Build Alternative

Alternative L

The no-build alternative is used to describe the existing conditions and anticipate what would happen if no improvements were made. Alternative L would leave the study area as it is today, with no reliable crossings of the Little Missouri River between US Highway 85 south of Watford City and ND Highway 16.

Alternative C

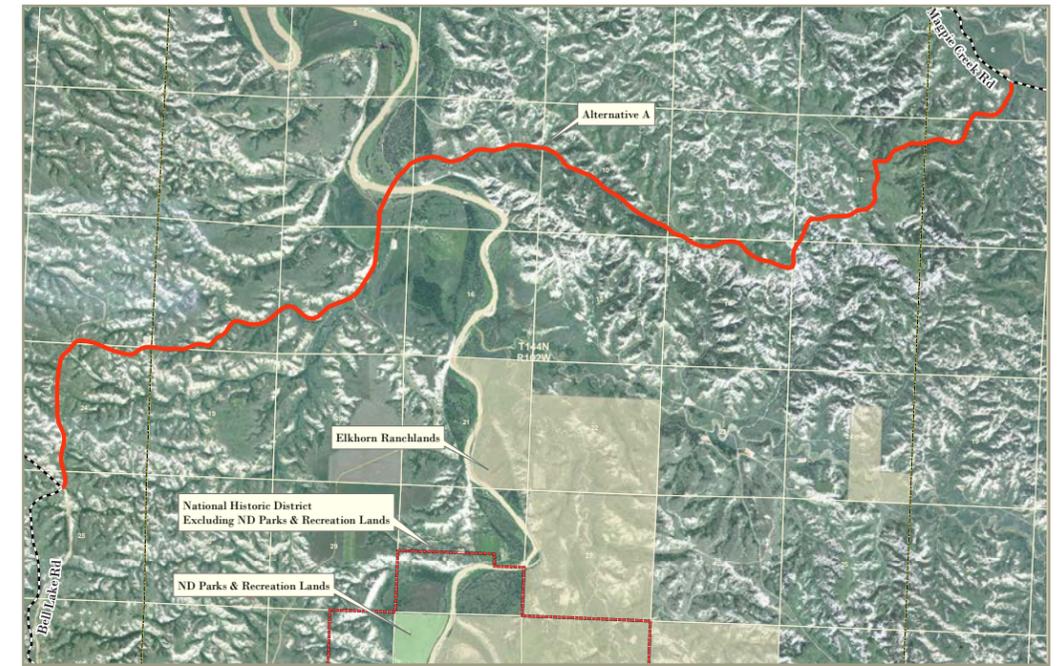
Alternative C would connect Blacktail Road to Belle Lake Road and would require approximately 8.3 miles of new roadway construction.



Build Alternatives

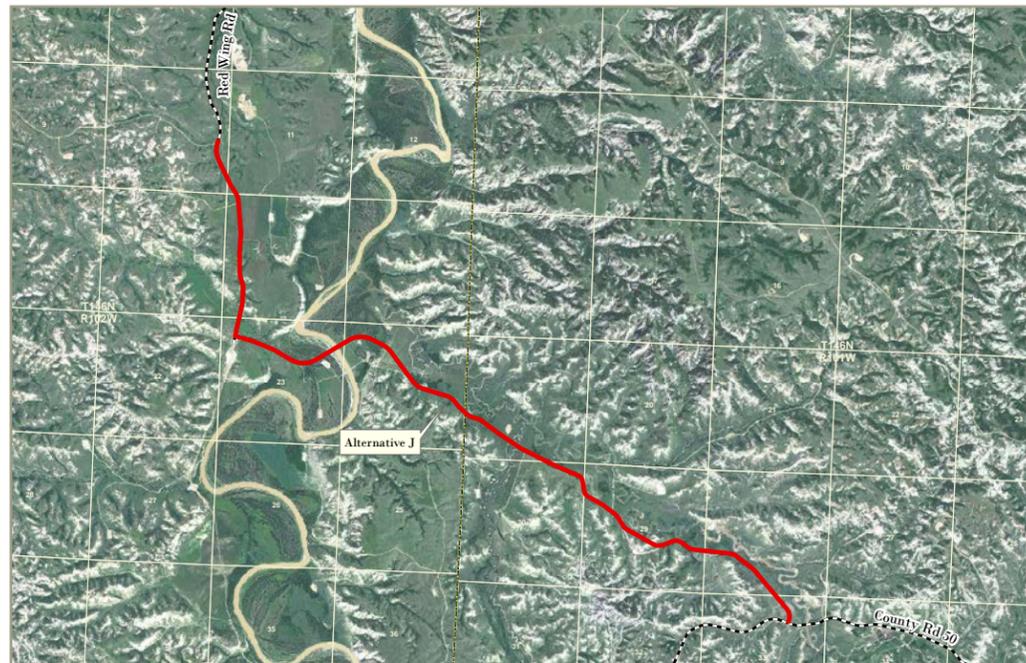
Alternative A

Alternative A would connect Magpie Creek Road to Forest Highway 2. Approximately 10.7 miles of new road would be constructed.



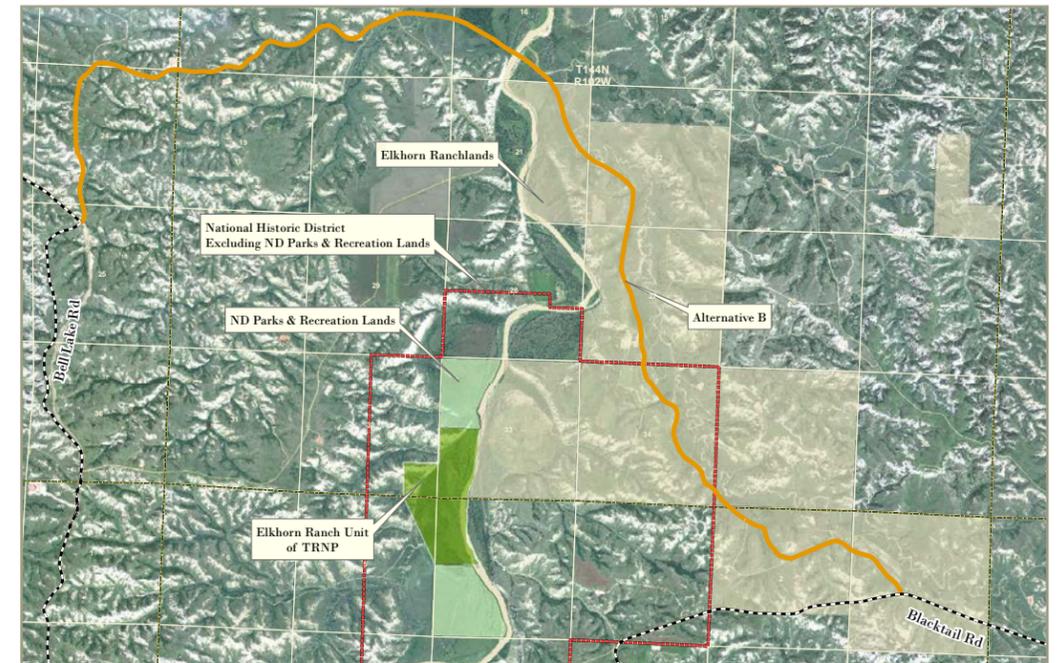
Alternative J

Alternative J would connect Hay Draw Road to County Road 50. This alternative would require approximately 8.8 miles of roadway widening and reconstruction.



Alternative B

Alternative B would connect Blacktail Road to Forest Highway 2. This alternative would require approximately 10.1 miles of new roadway construction.



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Environmental Impact Statement

Project No. FHO-02-04(001)

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Study Area Map

April 18, 2012

