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Hi Ned, I hope you had a good August and had a chance to enjoy some time off.

I'm getting back to you – following up on the meeting Tom Dillon and I had with you about Treasured Landscapes -- with a map showing the boundaries of the grassland landscapes in northern Montana and showing where oil and gas development is occurring.

You had asked us how much of the BLM lands are under grazing allotments, and the answer is virtually all of them. As for the status of those allotments and when they're coming up for renewal, we don't have access to that information, but hopefully you'll be able to obtain it from the BLM folks.

And once we put a fixed boundary on the map, the acreage of BLM lands changed from what is in the "Ocean of Grass" document I shared with you.
The revised figures are below.

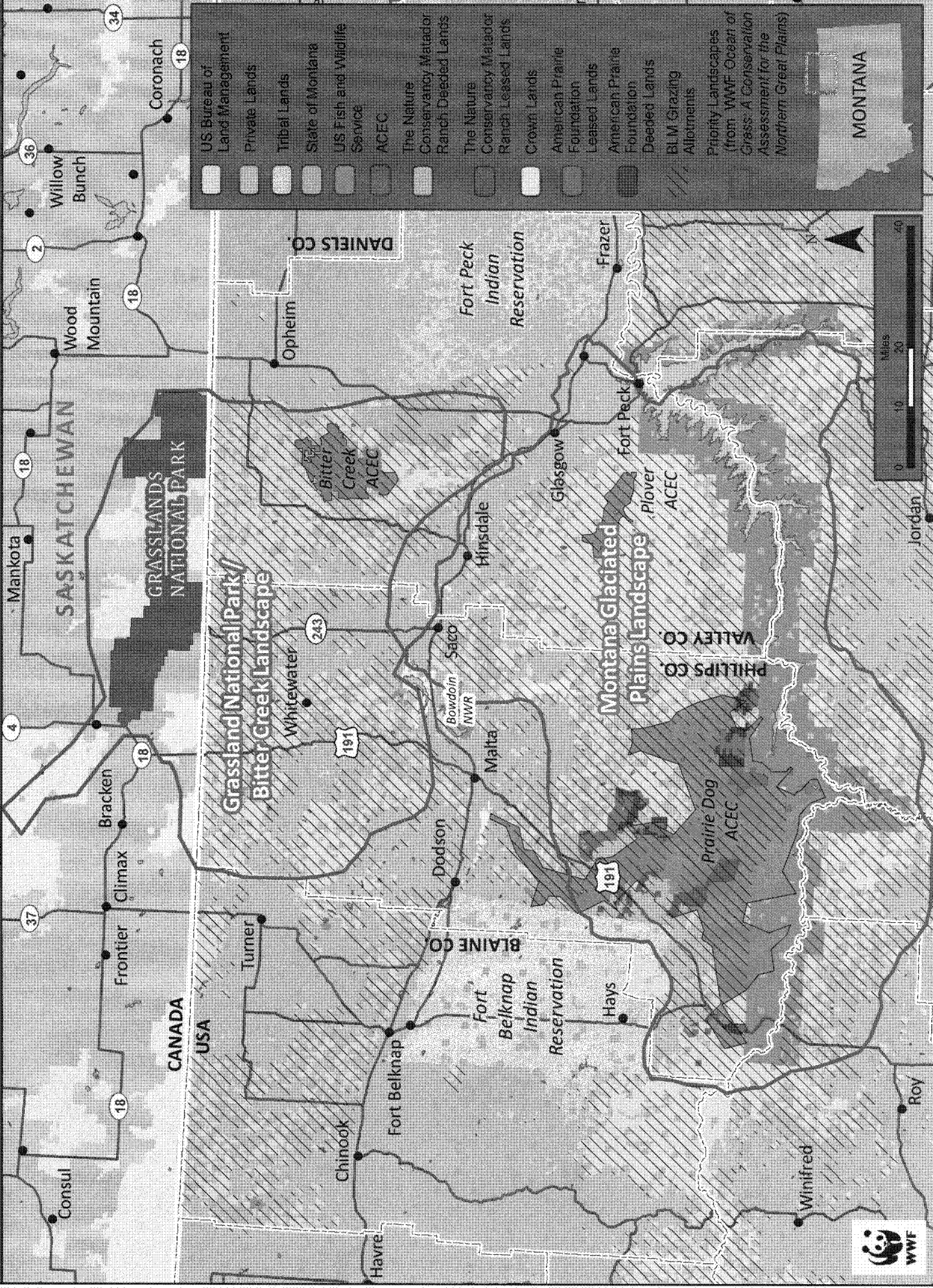
You had asked where Governor Schweitzer's ranch is – it's in Judith Basin County, which on the western boundary of the Northern Great Plains ecoregion, as we define it, but outside these two landscapes.

And our staff in Bozeman is going to visit with Gene Terland about it. How about if you and I touch base on it again after they do that?
Cheers, Gina

Conservation Area	Total Area (Acres)	BLM Area (Acres)*
Bitter Creek	2,491,836	796,919
Montana Glaciated Plains	4,138,593	1,570,405

*Data from MT Natural NRIS, <http://nr.is.mt.gov>

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