

## Staff Report

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Jordan Hess, Darlene Craven, Garin Wally  
**Date:** March 26, 2026

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### **Agenda Item:** 5.1 Petitions for Removal

#### **Attachments:**

- 5.1.1 Resolution 26-03 approving the petitions for removal.
- 5.1.2 Map showing petitioning locations.
- 5.1.3 Map showing petitioning locations.

#### **Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution 26-03 removing the referenced properties from the urban transportation district tax rolls and filing with the Missoula County Clerk & Treasurer for processing by the Montana Department of Revenue.

#### **Discussion:**

On October 1, 2025, House Bill 764 became effective. HB 764 updated and revised MCA 7-14-219 by establishing two criteria for petitioning for removal from the Missoula Urban Transportation District and defined direct transportation services as “the operation of a vehicle that provides general or special service to the public on a regular basis within 1½ miles of the property.” In addition, it allowed individual properties to request removal if there had been no service within the last five years.

Since the effective date, agency staff have received numerous inquiries regarding the removal process. Because the revised statute is ambiguous and does not define specific steps for removal, the staff met with principals from the other entities that are part of the removal process – the elections office, the clerk and treasurer’s office and the state department of revenue. As a result of those meetings and legal counsel, the staff have developed a process that complies with the statute. This process includes a statutorily allowed 60-day timeline for board action.

Petitions received after January 1, 2026, would become effective for tax bills issued in November 2027.

Going forward in 2026, the staff will continue to submit resolutions with petitions for removal to the board within the 60-day timeframe established by the statute and record those resolutions with the clerk & recorder. The clerk & recorder will then submit the recorded resolutions (and petitions) to the DOR prior to the January 1, 2027, deadline.

**Financial Impact and Funding Source:**

Total tax amount for the submitted petitions is \$9,120.53; however, the mill levy computation rebalances tax revenue each year.

**DBE Certified:**

Not applicable.

**RESOLUTION 26-03**  
**Petition for Removal from the**  
**Missoula Urban Transportation District**

A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE PROPERTIES FROM THE MISSOULA URBAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TO INCLUDE the properties listed as follows:

<b>Name(s)</b>	<b>Address(es)</b>
Kathleen McLaughlin	1629 Douglas Drive
Mark Nelson	7425 Teigen Court
Betty A. & Ted D. Riebe	2025 Chickadee Drive
Donna M. Hartford	8885 Grouse Drive
Ann Larsen	2060 Chickadee Drive
Elieen F. & John R. Caswell	8920 Grouse Drive
Patricia A. & Lawrence J. Robran	9180 Sharptail Drive
Donald E. & Kathleen A. Spritzer	8840 Sharptail Drive
El Mar Estates (Sharptail, Grouse, Quail & Warbler Drives)	Phase 4, S15, T13N, R20W

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: The legal descriptions are attached as Exhibit A. The subject properties are shown on the attached removal petitions map.

WHEREAS, the property owners listed on the removal petition have petitioned to remove their properties from Missoula Urban Transportation District; and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2025, MCA 7-14-241 established the criteria for removing individual properties from the Missoula Urban Transportation District; and

WHEREAS, it is the considered and deliberate judgment of the Missoula Urban Transportation District that the properties be removed from the district because they have not received direct service within the last five years and are not located within a mile and a half of direct transportation service as defined by MCA 7-14-241; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula Urban Transportation District has determined that compliance with MCA 7-14-241 dictates that individual properties may be removed from the Missoula Urban Transportation District if they have not received direct transportation services within the last five years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Missoula Urban Transportation District to remove the properties described herein from the urban transportation district tax rolls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CEO & General Manager is hereby instructed to file this resolution with the Clerk and Recorder of Missoula County. These removal petitions shall become effective at the start of the tax year following the date of the filing of said document in compliance with the Montana Department of Revenue assessment schedule.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2026.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

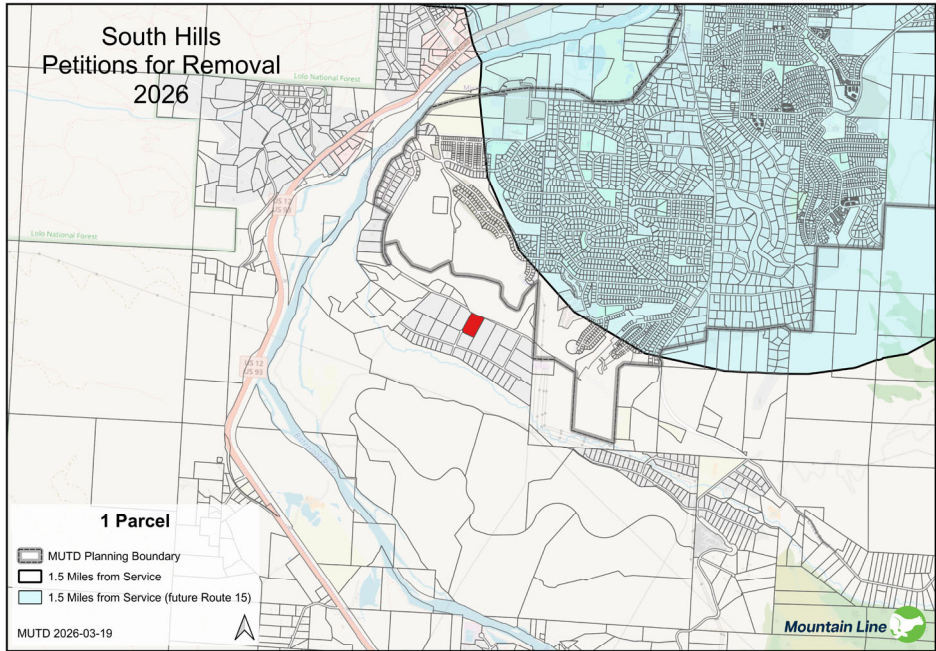
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 Jason Wiener  
 Board Chair  
 Missoula Urban Transportation District

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 Amy Cilimburg  
 Secretary  
 Missoula Urban Transportation District

**EXHIBIT A – Property Legal Descriptions**

McLaughlin 1629 Douglas Drive	S14, T13 N, R20 W, C.O.S. 4236, PARCEL B, IN E2 W2 SW4 NW4
Nelson 7425 Teigen Court	MALONEY RANCH, S14, T12 N, R20 W, Lot 31, PHASE VIII
Riebe 2025 Chickadee Drive	EL MAR ESTATES - PHASE 3, S15, T13 N, R20 W, BLOCK 4, Lot 11
Hartford 8885 Grouse Drive	EL MAR ESTATES - PHASE 4, S15, T13 N, R20 W, BLOCK 3, Lot 4
Larsen 2060 Chickadee Drive	EL MAR ESTATES - PHASE 3, S15, T13 N, R20 W, BLOCK 3, Lot 14
Caswell 8920 Grouse Drive	EL MAR ESTATES - PHASE 4, S15, T13 N, R20 W, BLOCK 4, Lot 6
Robran 9180 Sharptail Drive	EL MAR ESTATES - PHASE 4, S15, T13 N, R20 W, BLOCK 2, Lot 15
Spritzer 8840 Sharptail Drive	EL MAR ESTATES - PHASE 4, S15, T13 N, R20 W, BLOCK 2, Lot 27
El Mar Estates (Sharptail, Grouse, Quail & Warbler Drives)	Phase 4, S15, T13N, R20 W

# South Hills Petitions for Removal 2026



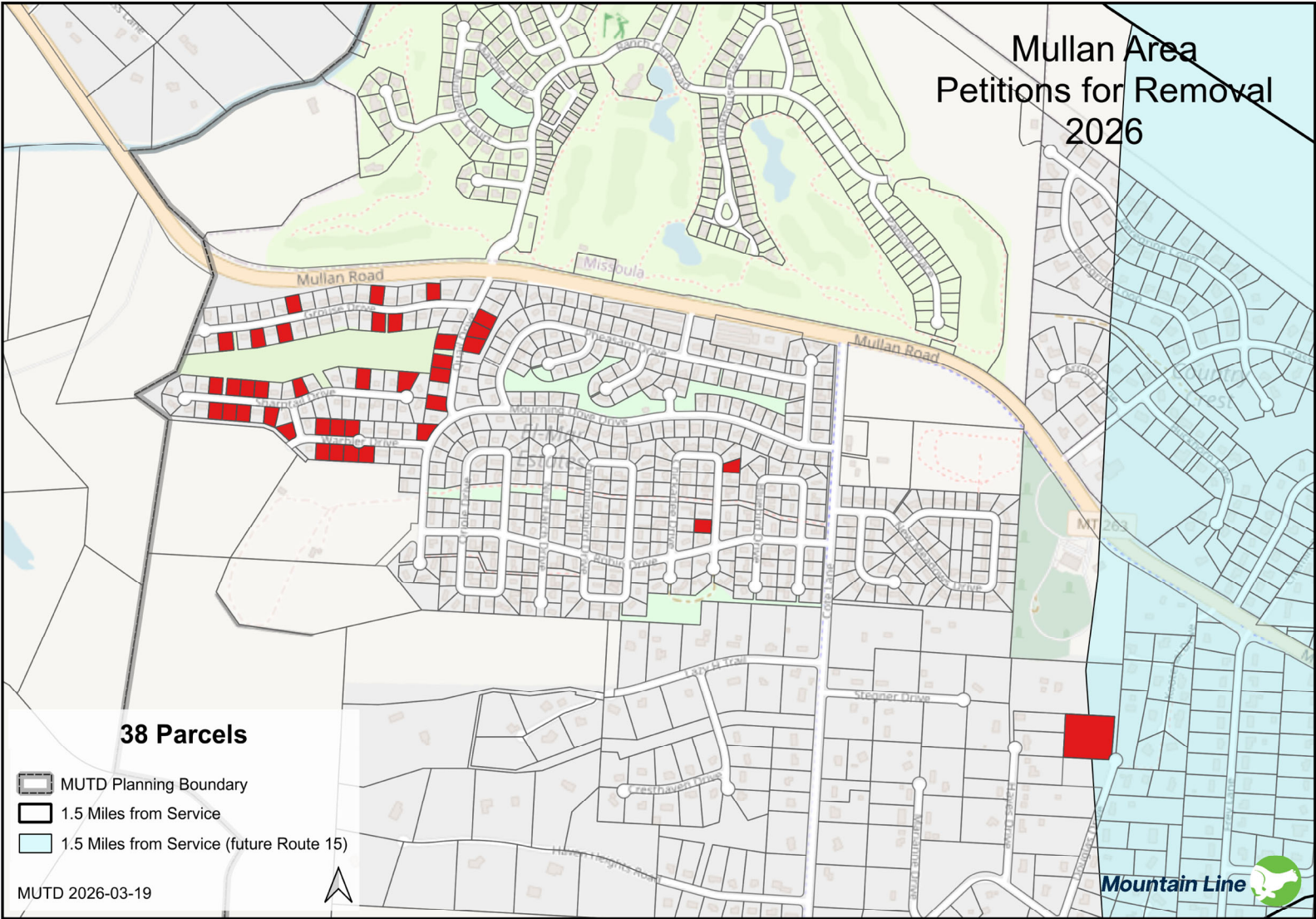
**1 Parcel**

- MUTD Planning Boundary
- 1.5 Miles from Service
- 1.5 Miles from Service (future Route 15)

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Mountain Line

# Mullan Area Petitions for Removal 2026



**38 Parcels**

- MUTD Planning Boundary
- 1.5 Miles from Service
- 1.5 Miles from Service (future Route 15)

MUTD 2026-03-19

