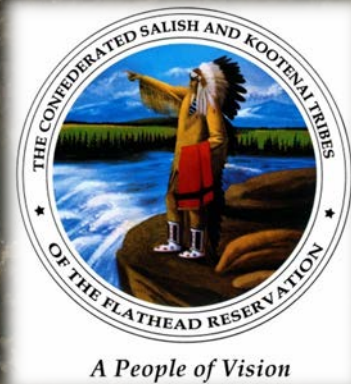


# US 93 on the Flathead Reservation: What's Next?



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Tribes

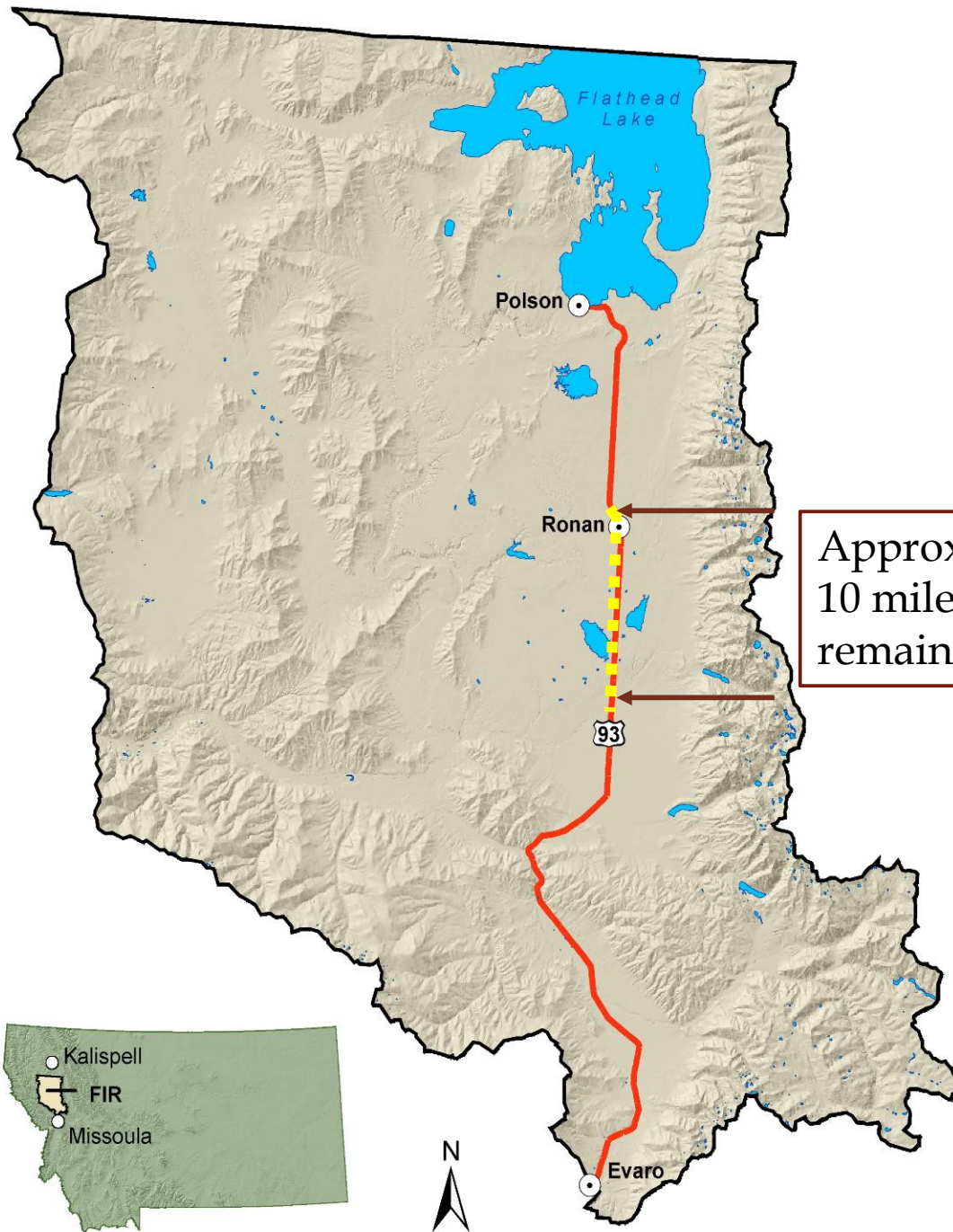


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Connectivity



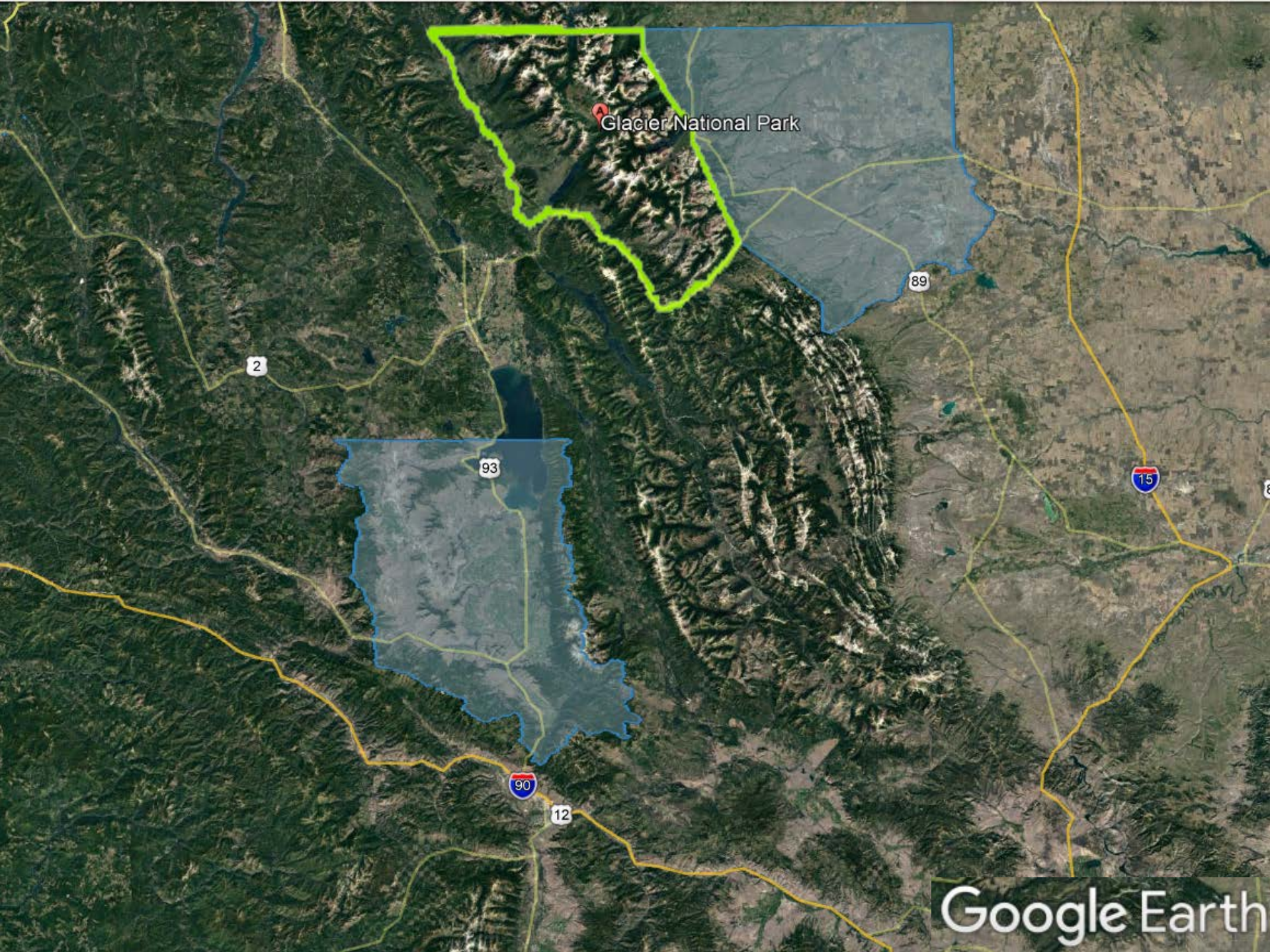
# Flathead Indian Reservation 1.3 million acres



Approx.  
10 miles  
remain

Homelands not ceded  
after the 1855 Hellgate  
Treaty with Selis̓,  
Qlispe', Ksanka people





Glacier National Park

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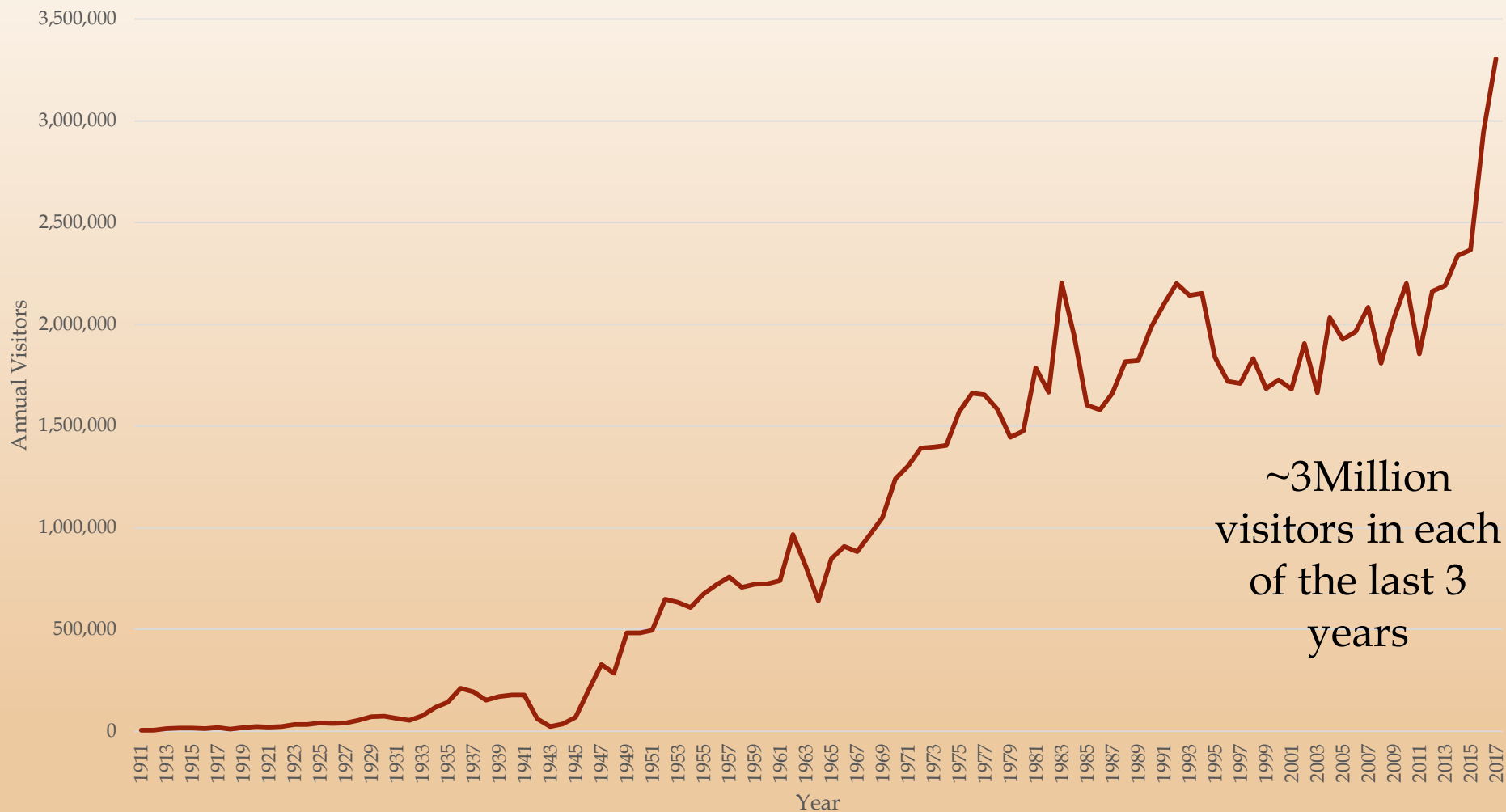
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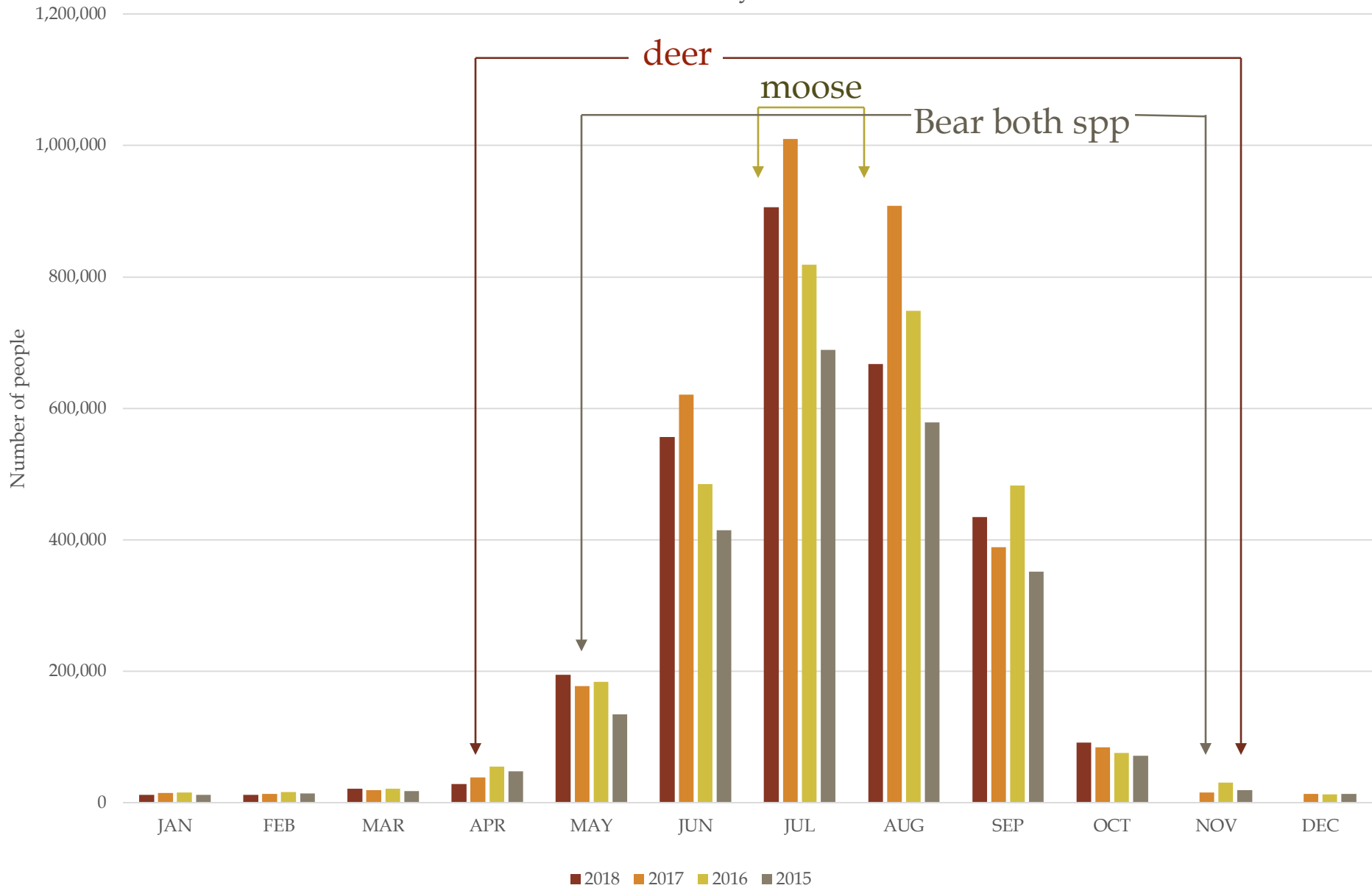


## Glacier NP Total Recreation Visitors





## GNP Visitation by Month





# Montana State Parks Experience Record Attendance for Fourth Straight Year

Flathead Lake state parks drew the  
most visitors in Montana during peak  
season



FLATHEAD BEACON BY DILLON TABISH // JAN 2, 2017



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# Spirit of Place

‘the road is a visitor and that it should respond to and be respectful of the land and the Spirit of Place’

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“It is as if the Indian People are mixed in with the animals”



# 'The Road is a Visitor'

In 1999, facilitated meetings introduced MDT and FHWA to CKST's "Spirit of Place" holistic approach.

Goals established for project:



- Develop an understanding of the land and the relationship the Salish and Kootenai people have with the land;
- Find ways the land can shape or influence the road;
- Develop concepts that respect the integrity and character of the place, people, and wildlife;
- Restore habitat areas that have been fragmented by the road and surrounding development;
- Respect and restore the way of life in small communities along the road; and
- Create a better visitor understanding of the place that the Salish and Kootenai people call their homeland.

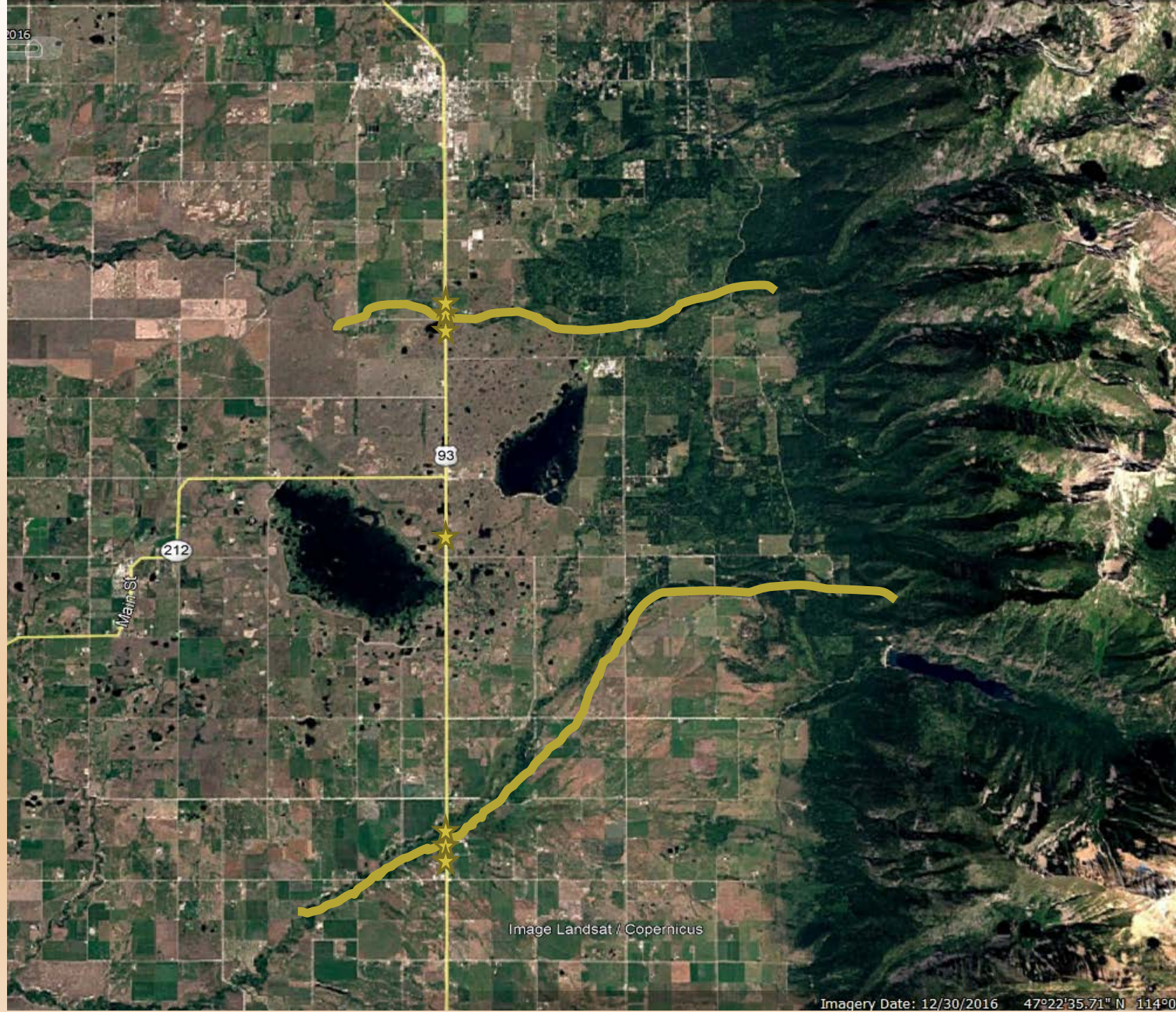
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# Goals

- ❧ Safety of the Traveling public — I mean “safety of US!”
- ❧ Spirit of Place
- ❧ The Future: Improving from what we have Learned
  - ❧ Adaptive Management, Realities of Maintenance, Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Connectivity



2016

Image Landsat / Copernicus

Imagery Date: 12/30/2016 47°22'35.71" N 114°0



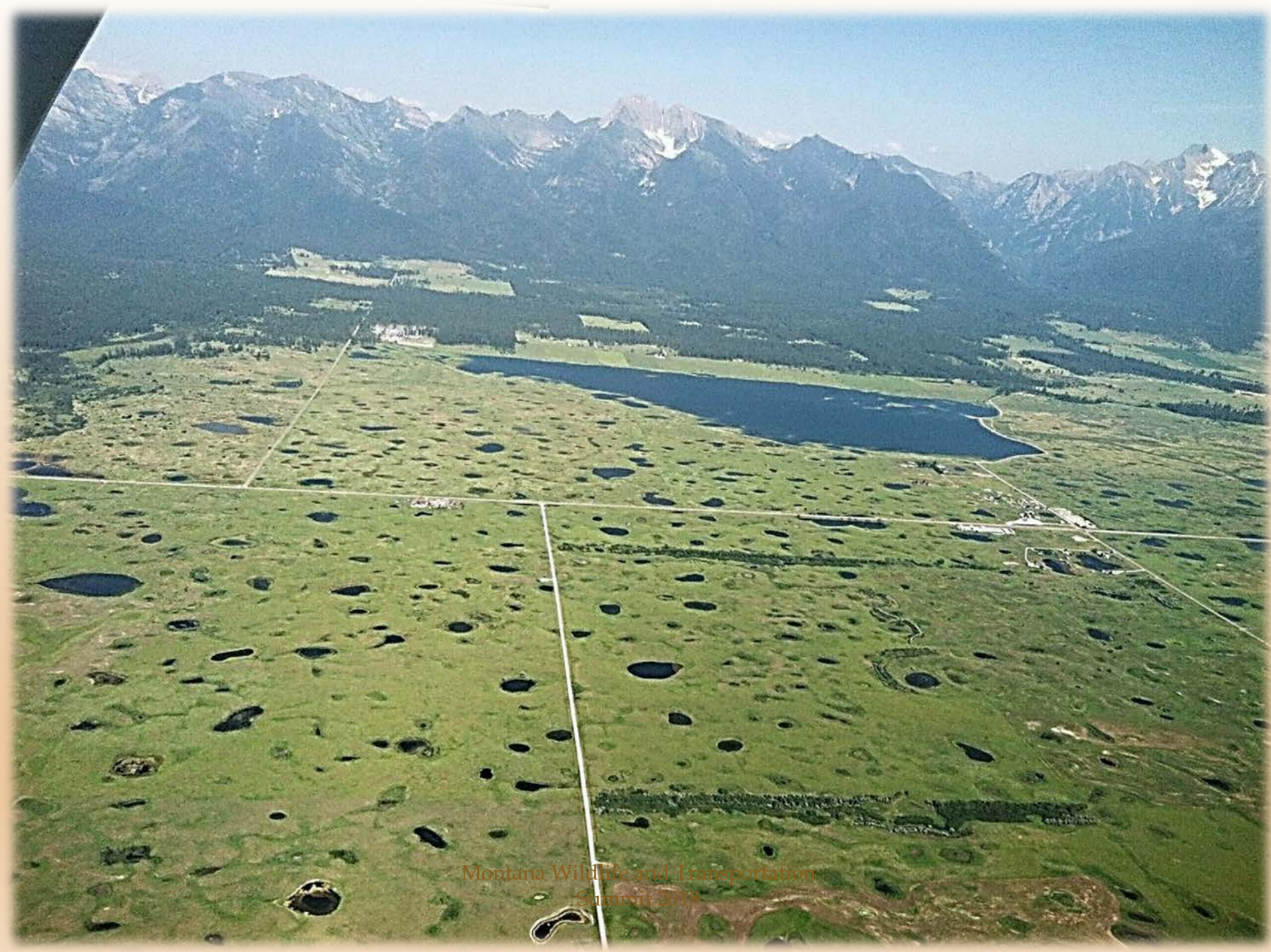


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Designation--  
CSKT Wildlife  
Habitat  
Protection  
Area

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- Tribal
- State
- Federal
- Land trust





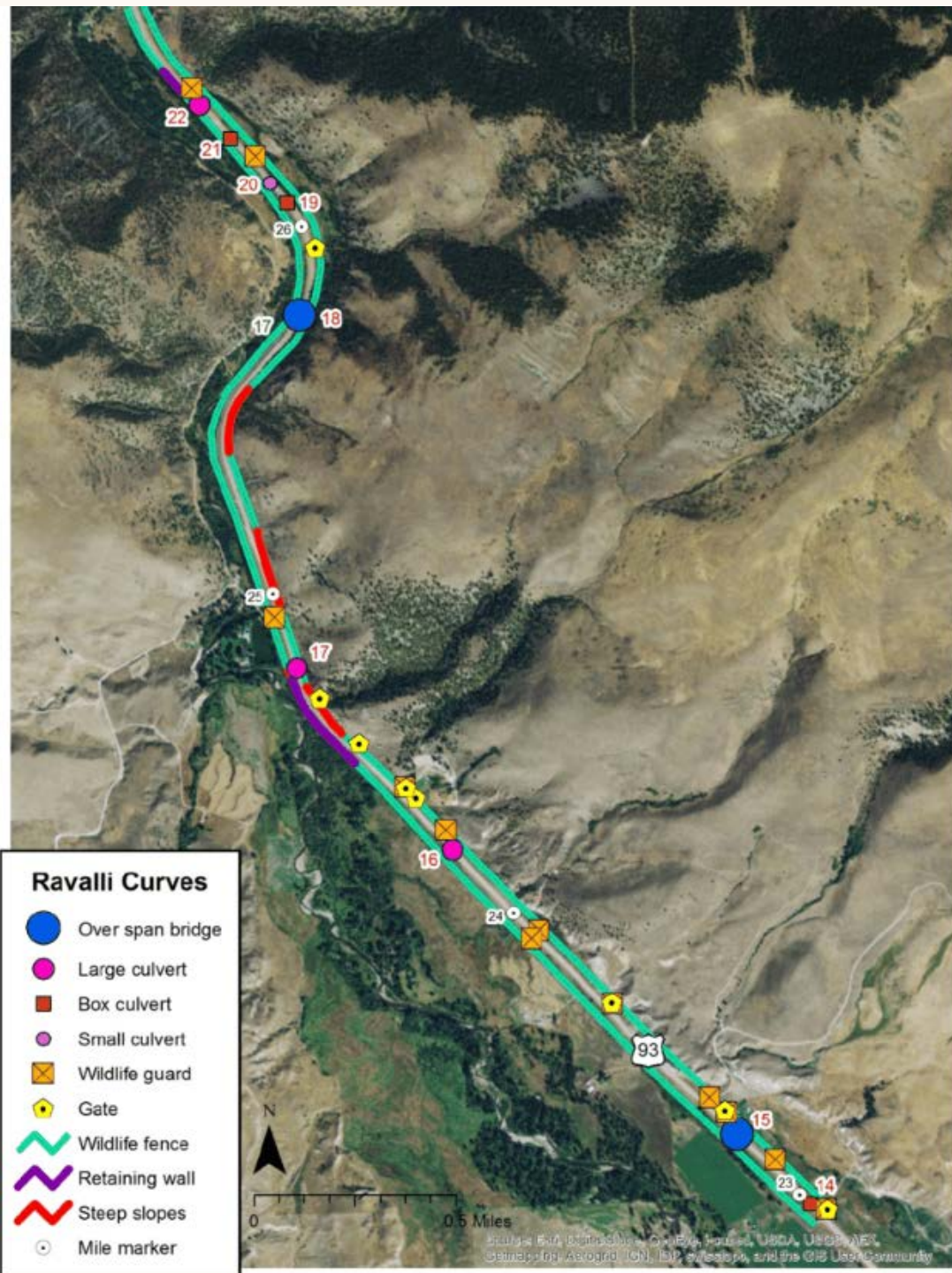






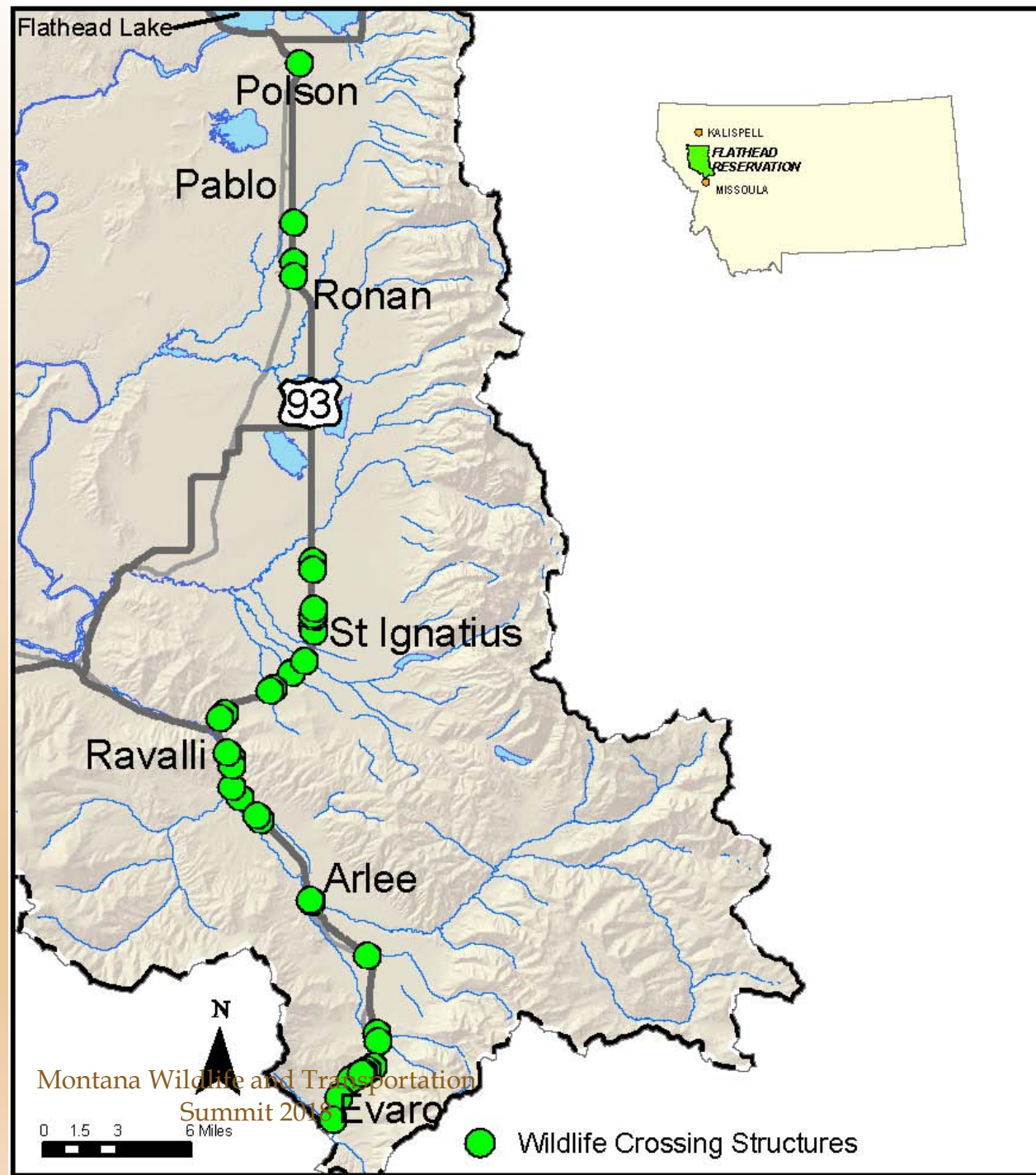
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# Crossing Structure Locations





# Overpass



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# Questions?



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Split War Shield Cast handmade  
paper, lithograph and mixed media  
2001