



January 10, 2019

Dear Browning Community Member and/or Landowner:

The Blackfeet Tribe, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and NECI invite you to participate in the Willow Creek Watershed Planning Study Scoping Meeting. ***The scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24th at 6 pm in the Blackfeet Tribal Council Chambers, 640 All Chiefs Road, Browning MT.*** The public and interested stakeholders are invited to participate to assist with identification of flooding concerns, issues, and reasonable alternatives to reduce flood damages in Browning. Food will be provided at the 6 pm meeting.

The Willow Creek Watershed Planning Study is being undertaken by the Blackfeet Tribe and NRCS to reduce flood damages in Browning. The project plan will develop and evaluate reasonable alternatives to reduce Willow Creek flood damages through Browning. Mitigation measures that may be evaluated include construction of a flood control dam and/or diversion structures, channel modifications, land use management, and floodplain management/structure relocation.

Major flooding has occurred in Browning in the past. In 1975, the NRCS helped the City of Browning, the Blackfeet Tribe, and the Glacier County Conservation District prepare a Watershed Work Plan and an Environmental Impact Statement to reduce flooding in Browning. However, the final design was suspended in 1976 and since that time, numerous developments have encroached upon the channel diversion routes making the 1975 plan no longer feasible.

Over the next year, a new Watershed Project Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Plan-EIS) will be developed in close cooperation with the community. The Plan-EIS will be a physically, environmentally, socially, and economically sound plan to reduce flood damages in Browning. It will generate flood inundation mapping for Browning as well as identify and analyze potential flood control improvements. As an affected community member, your help to identify and analyze potential flood control improvements is greatly appreciated. The project and watershed area are shown on the attached project map.

The Tribe will also post project news to their website (<http://blackfeetnation.com>) and the Blackfeet Nation Facebook page.

Sincerely,

The Willow Creek Project Plan Team

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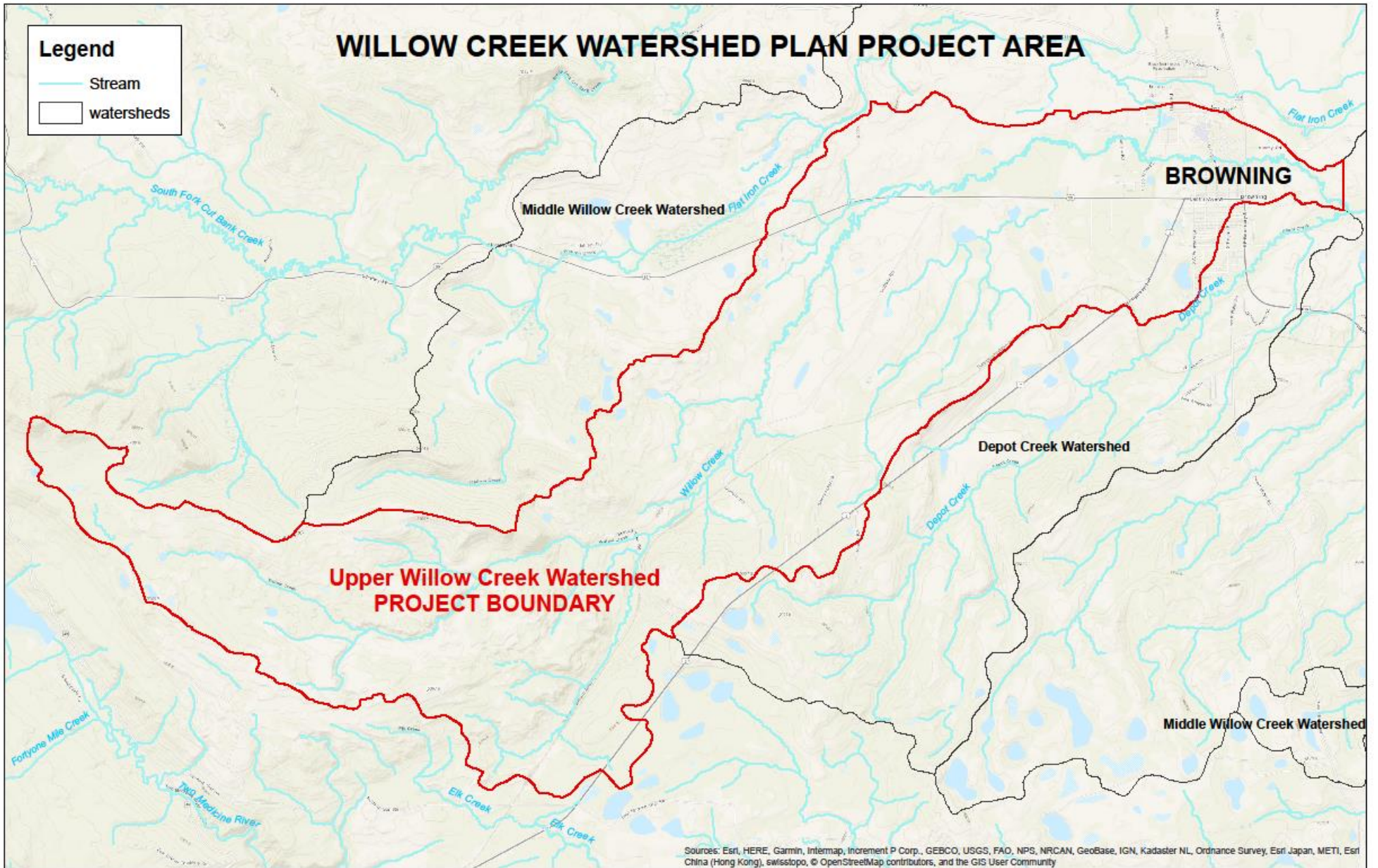
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- Stream
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WILLOW CREEK WATERSHED PLAN PROJECT AREA



BROWNING

Middle Willow Creek Watershed

Depot Creek Watershed

**Upper Willow Creek Watershed
PROJECT BOUNDARY**

Middle Willow Creek Watershed

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