By WILL BRIGGS | Reporter

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The residential area is made up of multiple three-bedroom, two-bathroom modular units features a spacious kitchen with a large island, front deck, luxurious master bath, and walk-in master closet that Erlandson is turning into a sewing room.

Erlandson’s new modular home arrived June 17. Crews lifted the house by crane and placed it onto the foundation before completing its assembly.

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Ranching groups to appeal BLM’s approval of bison grazing proposal

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It didn’t take long for ranching groups to push back against a proposal to change grazing leases from cattle to bison on BLM land in Phillips County.

On July 28 the BLM issued a decision on seven grazing allotments, a total of 13,056 acres, administered by the Malta Field office. The decision approved a request by the American Prairie organization to change grazing cattle to grazing bison on 5,036 acres at the American Prairie.

The request dates to 2012, and included changing seasons of grazing, modifying some fences by adding electric wire, and removing some interior fences.

As part of the process, the BLM held public meetings to solicit comments and extended the comment period to allow for more public input. After receiving thousands of comments, both pro and con, the BLM issued a decision; allow the APA’s proposed actions, or a combination of APA proposed and current management practices, meaning bison could be grazed under the permit system.

According to the EIS, the viewshed (how things look) might affect Central Montana. Those seeking detailed information were referred to the draft EIS document. The two workforce hubs for Montana missile workers will be located in Lewistown and Great Falls.

‘This house is a testament to the community’

Carla Allen and her mom Jeanne Erlandson stand in the living room of Erlandson’s new home, which is filled with gifts and donations, including the decor on the walls from friends, family, and neighbors.

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An artist’s rendition from the draft Environmental Impact Statement shows how Sentinel worker housing and community facilities for up to 3,000 workers might look. An Air Force spokesperson explained this drawing is only conceptual; the actual design might look considerably different.

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