

## = Montana Highway 48 =

Montana State Highway 48 ( MT 48 ) is a short state maintained highway located in Deer Lodge County , in the southwestern region of the U.S. state of Montana . The highway is 6 @. @ 839 miles ( 11 @. @ 006 km ) long , and connects MT 1 to Interstate 90 , passing mainly through rural mining areas . MT 48 was first designated in 1938 , although portions of a highway existed in the location of MT 48 by at least 1924 .

## = = Route description = =

MT 48 begins at an intersection with MT 1 as a two @-@ lane , paved road . The highway proceeds northeastward through rural mining land for a short distance before intersecting S @-@ 273 . The roadway continues northeast , running parallel to Spring Creek . After a short distance , the highway passes Bowman Field and several small reservoirs that were created for mining . The road proceeds northeastward through more rural mining land before slightly bending eastward . The highway continues in a slight northeastward direction near the town of Warm Springs , crossing the Montana Western Railway . The highway proceeds to its eastern terminus at an intersection with Interstate 90 's frontage road near exit 201 .

The Montana Department of Transportation 's average daily traffic count for MT 48 is 1445 vehicles , of which 113 are trucks . No portion of the highway is listed as part of the National Highway System ( NHS ) , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

## = = History = =

A short stretch of MT 48 near what would become MT 1 existed by at least 1924 . By 1927 , a short , dirt , unimproved connector road existed near the location of MT 48 . By at least 1937 , that route had been paved , and connected U.S. Route 10 ( US 10 , now MT 1 ) to US 10S ( now I @-@ 90 ) . MT 48 was officially designated on May 16 , 1938 . By 1949 , all but 0 @. @ 046 miles ( 0 @. @ 074 km ) of MT 48 had been reconstructed along its current route . US 10 had been renumbered as US 10A by 1951 . Since then , both segments of US 10 have been redesignated and improved . In 1978 , the final 0 @. @ 046 miles ( 0 @. @ 074 km ) of the highway was reconstructed . MT 48 has not been worked on since .

## = = Major junctions = =

The entire route is in Deer Lodge County .