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STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

HELENA, MONTANA 59601

H. J. ANDERSON
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

August 28, 1975

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Richland County Off
System Roads Program
Priority Nos. 1 & 2

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Environmental Quality Council
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana 59601

Gentlemen:

Attached, for your information, are two (2) copies of the Agency Impact Determination for the above project, as approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

Very truly yours,

H. J. ANDERSON
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

By *Stephen C. Kologi*
Stephen C. Kologi, P.E., Chief -
Preconstruction Bureau

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Attachments

cc: K.F. Skoog

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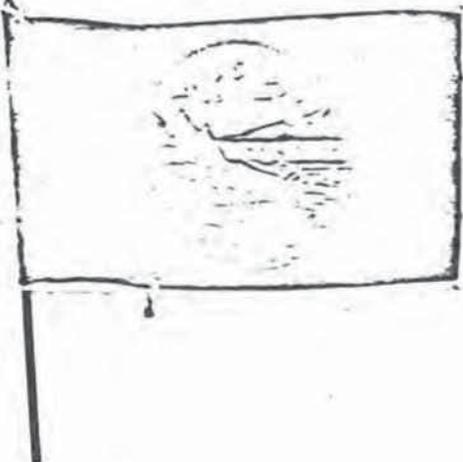
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STATE OF MONTANA
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H. J. ANDERSON
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

August 19, 1975
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Reply Requested by
September 5, 1975

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Helena, Montana 59601

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Gentlemen:

This is to request your concurrence that neither an Environmental Impact Statement nor a Negative Declaration is required for the subject project and that this Agency Impact Determination is appropriate.

The attached map prints show the project locations. Priority No. 1 provides for plant mix overlay of 1,700 feet of the county road leading to the Holly Sugar factory northeast of Sidney. The road will be widened from the existing 22 feet to 32 feet.

Priority No. 2 provides for the removal of an existing bridge across Hardscrabble Creek in Section 1, Township 26 North, Range 55 E and the construction of a new two-span steel beam, laminated timber bridge.

The projects are not a major action and it is our opinion that the effects on the environment will be insignificant. Some traffic disruption will undoubtedly occur during the construction period however, it will last for only a short time. The major impact of the projects will be to provide an improved roadway for local traffic. The projects should not significantly affect the air, noise or water quality of the area.

No acquisition of new right-of-way is anticipated.

We also at this time request your approval to waive the requirements for public hearings and location and design approval.

Very truly yours,

H. J. ANDERSON
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

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attachments

- cc: J. R. Beckert w/attach.
- R. E. Champion "
- B. Russell "
- D. D. Anderson "
- K. F. Skoog "

By: Stephen C. Kologji
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Preconstruction Bureau

GEORGE VUCANOVICH, CHAIRMAN

Date 8/22/75

I concur

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