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STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

HELENA, MONTANA 59601

H. J. ANDERSON
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

September 29, 1975

IN REPLY REFER TO:

OS 26 ()
Liberty County
Off System Road Program
Priority No. 1 & 2

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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

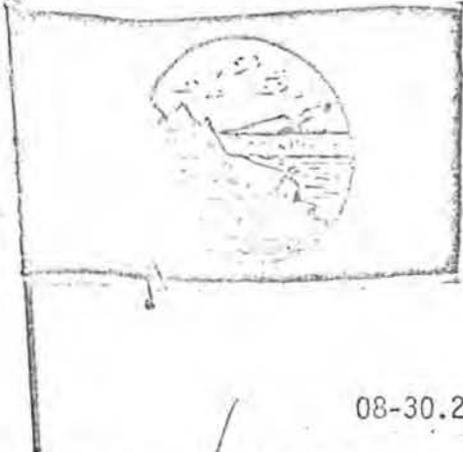
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OS 26 ()
Liberty County
Off System Road Program
Priority No.1 & No.2

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

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QUALITY

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 county map prints show the project locations.

Priority No. 1 is located on Liberty County Road No. 147. The project begins at the intersection with US 2 at Lothair and extends north approximately 8.7 miles to the intersection with County Road No. 176.

The existing dirt roadway is 33 feet wide with right angle curves at the correction line 6.7 miles north of US #2. The project provides for reshaping the existing road to a 26 ft. width and surfacing with approximately 3 inches of pit run gravel. The grade of that portion between US 2 and the Burlington Northern Inc. track will be raised before gravel is placed. The ADT=55 for this road.

Priority No. 2 is located on Liberty County Road No. 322 south of Tiber Reservoir. The project starts approximately 300 feet south of a wooden bridge over Pondera Coulee and extends 0.3 miles north.

Priority No. 2 provides for the replacing of a 16 ft. wide by 36 ft. long bridge with an 11 ft. rise by 16 ft. 6 inch span by 100 ft sectional plate arch culvert and realigning and regrading the approach roadways. Backslopes will be flattened on the north 350 ft. of the project.

Liberty County forces will do the work on both priorities. Some additional right-of-way will be obtained by the County for Priority #2.

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The project is 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 project will be to provide an improved roadway for local traffic. The project should not significantly affect the air, noise or water quality of the area.

We also at this time request location and design approval.

Very truly yours,

H.J. ANDERSON
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

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Date