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CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Name 3-mile Cn access Proposed Implementation Date: 12-1-92  
 Proponent Stone Container Corp., P.O. Box 3120, Missoula, MT 59806  
 Type and Purpose of Action The proponent wishes to use an existing road, during the winter, to access private lands for pulp wood harvesting. The private lands to be harvested belong to Rosemary Sewell. The state section to be crossed (16-T11N-R5W) is leased by Rosemary Sewell with a pasturing agreement to Robert Blanchard. Access for harvesting equipment & personnel and hauling of pulp logs is requested.

Location 16 - T11N-R5W County Lewis & Clark

N = Not present or No Impact will occur  
 Y = Impacts may occur (explain under Potential Impacts)

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

RESOURCE	[Y/N] POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES
1. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE: Are fragile, compactible or unstable soils present? Are there unusual geologic features? Are there special reclamation considerations?	[N] soils are very rocky, use will be in the winter
2. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION: Are important surface or groundwater resources present? Is there potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality?	[N]
3. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulate be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (Class I airshed)?	[N]
4. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY: Will vegetative communities be permanently altered? Are any rare plants or cover types present?	[N] existing roadway
5. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS: Is there significant use of the area by important wildlife, birds or fish?	[N]
6. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are any federally listed threatened or endangered species or identified habitat present? Any wetlands? Species of special concern?	[N] no T&E spp. present
7. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: Are any historical, archaeological or paleontological resources present?	[N]
8. AESTHETICS: Is the project on a prominent topographic feature? Will it be visible from populated or scenic areas? Will there be excessive noise or light?	[N]
9. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY: Will the project use resources that are limited in the area? Are there other activities nearby that will affect the project?	[N]
10. IMPACTS ON OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract?	[N]

## IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION

RESOURCE	[Y/N] POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES
11. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY: Will this project add to health and safety risks in the area?	[ N ]
12. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION: Will the project add to or alter these activities?	[ N ]
13. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT: Will the project create, move or eliminate jobs? If so estimated number	[ Y ] short term increase in # of jobs, returning to the pre-existing levels after use
14. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES: Will the project create or eliminate tax revenue?	[ N ]
15. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Will significant traffic be added to existing roads? Will other services (fire protection, police, schools, etc) be needed?	[ N ]
16. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS: Are there State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, etc. zoning or management plans in effect?	[ N ]
17. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES: Are wilderness or recreational areas nearby or accessed through this tract? Is there recreational potential within the tract?	[ N ]
18. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING: Will the project add to the population and require additional housing?	[ N ]
19. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES: Is some disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities possible?	[ N ]
20. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY: Will the action cause a shift in some unique quality of the area?	[ N ]
21. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES:	[ N ]

22. Alternatives Considered <sup>①</sup> no access is one alternative. The existing road was used in the past for timber sale access to this same private tract.

② Access up Park Gulch looping around the ~~area~~ s. & w. sides of the state section could be used but would require considerable amounts of snow plowing

③ Access through the center of sec. 16 along 3-mile cr. could be used but would require construction of approx. 1/4 mile of road to connect with the road in alternative 2. Some of this route would be extremely close to the creek, requiring special protective measures.

23. Public Involvement, Agencies, Groups or Individuals contacted Rosemary Sewell-leasee,  
Robert Blanchard - pasturing agreement

Rosemary Sewell has legal R/W from end of 3-mile Cr. County Rd  
through subdivided land to state boundary. Stone Container is planning  
to meet w/ landowners to explain project prior to harvest.

24. Other Governmental Agencies with Jurisdiction, List of Permits Needed.

Lewis & Clark County Conservation District -  
sediment control ordinance - see attached

25. Magnitude and Significance of Potential Impacts. No impacts to this road  
are expected. Use will be in the winter. Upon completion, the  
snow burns, which are sure to be created by plowing, should be  
broken at frequent intervals.

Use of existing road will not create significant  
impacts. Estimated road length on state section is  
approximately 600 feet.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis:

EIS       More Detailed EA       No Further Analysis

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