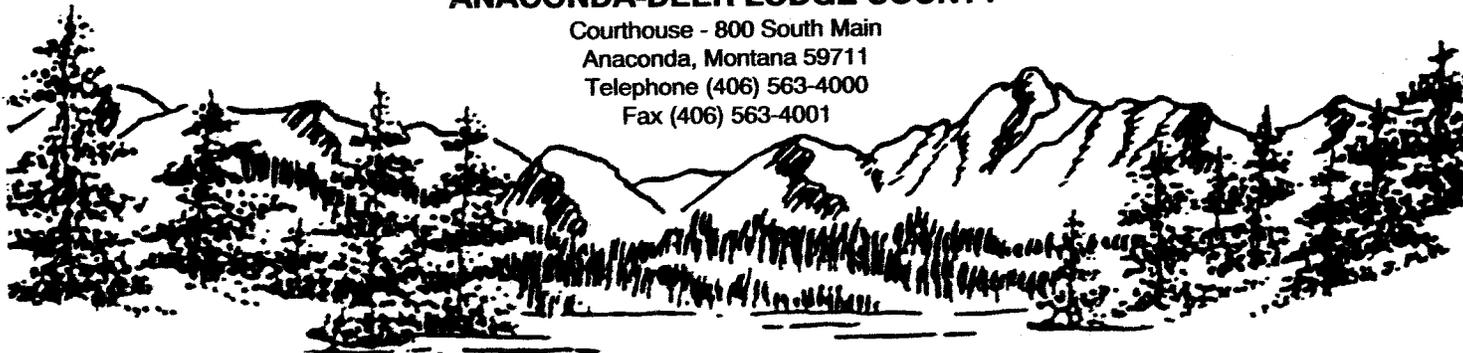


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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed for your review is a notice of funding of no significant impact (FONSI) from Anaconda-Deer Lodge County regarding a project located in the Amended Arbiter Minor Subdivision, east of Anaconda, Montana. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (406) 563-4010.

Sincerely,

Linda Bouck
Environmental Certifying Official

NOTICE OF
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
AND REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
Date of Publication Notice: November 25, 2005

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County (ADLC)
800 S. Main Street
Anaconda, MT 59711
(406) 563-4010

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about December 31, 2005, ADLC will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project:

An economic development project for BBMI, LLC.

PURPOSE OR NATURE OF THE PROJECT: BBMI, LLC is planning to start an insulated pipe manufacturing facility. The facility will manufacture pipe insulation. The proposed project is projected to employ up to 13 people. The use of CDBG funds is to provide working capital and purchase equipment.

LOCATION: The BBMI, LLC project will be located in the Amended Arbieter Minor Subdivision Lot 3C east of Anaconda.

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly ADLC has decided not to prepare an Environment Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: The proposed project will be located in a designated industrial highway commercial district. This project and the proposed use of funds (working capital and equipment purchase) are categorically exempt.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to effects on the environment has been made by ADLC. This Environmental Review Record is on file in the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDINGS

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by ADLC to the Planning office on or before December 12, 2005. All such comments so received will be considered and ADLC will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may also be submitted to the MDOC for consideration. MDOC will accept an objection only if it is on one of the following bases:

1. that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of the applicant approved by MDOC.

2. that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.
3. the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by MDOC or
4. another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections to be considered by MDOC must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to the following agencies:

1. Department of Commerce, Business Resources Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, PO Box 200505, Helena, Montana 59620-0505.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADLC will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the Montana Department of Commerce under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. ADLC is certifying to DOC that Linda Bouck, as approved by DOC, in her official capacity as the Environmental Certifying Officer consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action: and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect this certification is that upon its approval, ADLC may use the CDBG funds, and the DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

MDOC will not consider objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above. After evaluating the objections and comments received, the MDOC will make a final decision. However, no administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after publication of the Finding of No Significant Impact. For CDBG funding purposes, no objection received after December 30, 2005 will be considered by MDOC.

Linda Bouck
Environmental Certifying Officer
November 25, 2005

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