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Subject: **MDT Statewide Maintenance Projects**  
**US-287 – North Rouse**  
ID: US-287 - Gallatin County  
Reference Post from: 0.0  
Reference Post to: 2.9

The Environmental Services Unit of the Montana Department of Transportation has reviewed the Environmental Checklist for the Maintenance Pavement Preservation Activities. We have determined that the Statewide PCE for these types of projects would cover this project.

If there are special provisions for these projects the special provisions are attached or included on the checklist.

I have attached the checklists and the location maps for your information.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 444-9456.

Jean A. Riley, P.E., Chief  
Environmental Services Bureau

Attachments

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# ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

**Applicant (Maintenance Chief) cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until ALL of the conditions of the checklist have been satisfied.**

**(FOR PROJECTS WITH NO RIGHT-OF-WAY INVOLVEMENT)**

Project No.: STATE FUNDED                      ID: \_\_\_\_\_                      Designation: US-287 (NORTH ROUSE)

Proposed Date of Maintenance Activity: SPRING 2005                      Federal Funds Involved? Yes  No

Reference Post (Station) MP 0.0                      to Reference Post (Station) 2.9

Applicants Name: MDT                      Address: 907 N. ROUSE, BOZEMAN MT

Type of Proposed Maintenance Activity: MAINTENANCE Mill & Fill

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)			
Impact Questions	[Y/N] There are Potential Impacts; or Item Requires Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measures, and/or (a) Permit(s).		
	Yes	No	Comment or List Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measure, and/or (a) Permit(s) Required for Items 1 through 7. (Use attachments if necessary)
1. Does the proposed action require work in, across, and/or adjacent to a river which is a component of, or proposed for inclusion in Montana's Wild and/or Scenic Rivers system. (See listing on page 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Are there any recorded occurrences, and/or critical habitat for Federally-listed Threatened and Endangered Species in the vicinity of the proposed activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Does the proposed action have an impact on water quality? If answer is NO go to question 4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3a. If the answer to number 3 is yes, is a Clean Water Act ' Section 402 permit required? (MPDES issued by MDEQ)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Does the proposed project have impacts to wetlands or waters of the U.S.? If answer is NO go to question 5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4a. If the answer to number 4 is yes, is a Clean Water Act ' 404 permit authorization required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
4b. If the answer to number 3 or 4 is yes, is a Stream Protection Act ' 124SPA permit required? (Issued by MDFWP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Does the proposed project involve hazardous waste site[s]? (Superfund, spills, underground storage tanks, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6. Is the proposed activity on and/or within approximately 1.6 Km (1 mile) of an Indian Reservation? If answer is NO go to question 7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6a. Are any Tribal water permits required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Is the proposed project in a "Class I Air Shed" (Some Indian Reservations)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

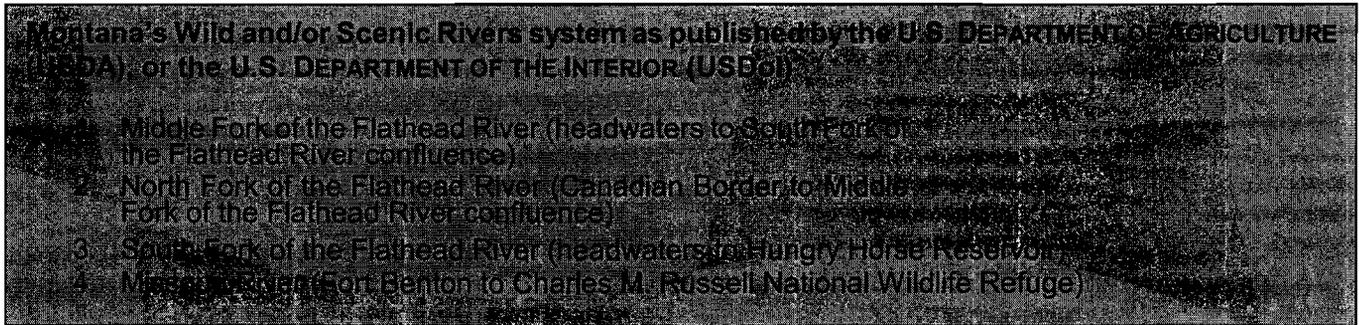
8. Magnitude and significance of potential impacts: To be completed by applicant.

Checklist prepared by: ROSS GAMMON                      MAINTENANCE CHIEF                      1-18-2005  
    Applicant (Maintenance Chief)                      Title                      Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_                      Bureau Chief                      2/10/05  
    Environmental Services                      Title                      Date

(when items 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 6a, or 7 are checked "Yes")

- A. The applicant shall complete the checklist indicating a "Yes" or "No" for each item, except number 8 which may require a narrative response.
- B. When a "Yes" is indicated on any number of items 1 through 7, the applicant must explain why and provide the appropriate documentation, evaluation, permit, and/or mitigation measures required to satisfy environmental concerns for the project. Use attachments if necessary.
- C. If the applicant checks "Yes" for any one item, the checklist and the applicant's mitigation proposal, documentation, evaluation and/or permit shall be submitted to MDT Environmental Services. Contact Number 444-7228.
- D. When the applicant checks a "Yes" item, the applicant cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until Environmental Services reviews the information and signs the checklist.
- E. Applicant will obtain all necessary permits or authorizations from other entities with jurisdiction prior to beginning the Pavement Preservation Activity.





## THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Bald eagles may actively nest in the vicinity of this project. If you suspect that any new aggregate borrow source, gravel, crushing, storage or staging areas, or processing plants may potentially be located within one mile of a bald eagle nest, submit the location of such site(s) to MDT-Environmental Services Bureau for review.

Large carnivores such as wolves, lynx and other cats, or bears may occupy some areas in the vicinity of this project. If you suspect that any new aggregate borrow source, gravel, crushing, storage or staging areas, or processing plants may potentially be located within one mile of an actively occupied area, submit the location of such site(s) to MDT-Environmental Services Bureau for review.

If you are unsure about any of the above listed requirements or require on-site guidance, contact Deb Wambach, Butte District Biologist, at 444-0461.

## TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

If situations are observed during construction that may potentially impact water quality, including wetland areas, utilize Best Management Practices (BMP) and/or temporary erosion control measures as necessary to protect the resource. Refer to Section 208 of the MDT Detailed Drawings (2002 metric edition) for erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices.