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**Subject: MDT Statewide Maintenance Projects  
S-287, Willow Creek Road  
Gallatin County  
Reference Post from: 0.0  
Reference Post to: 7.9**

LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL  
POLICY OFFICE

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 checklist and the location map for your information.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 444-0456.

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Attachments

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES** **RECEIVED**

Applicant (Maintenance Chief) cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until ALL of the conditions of this checklist have been satisfied. AUG 12 2005

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

Project No.: State Funded ID: S-287 Designation: Willow Creek Road  
 Proposed Date of Maintenance Activity: Spring 2006 Federal Funds Involved? Yes  No   
 Reference Post (Station) 0.0 to Reference Post (Station) 7.9  
 Applicants Name: Ross Gammon Address: P.O. Box 1110, Bozeman, Montana 59771-1110  
 Type of Proposed Maintenance Activity: Overlay, Seal and Cover

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
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>see Attached Special provision.</i>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Is the proposed project in a "Class I Air Shed" (Some Indian Reservations)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

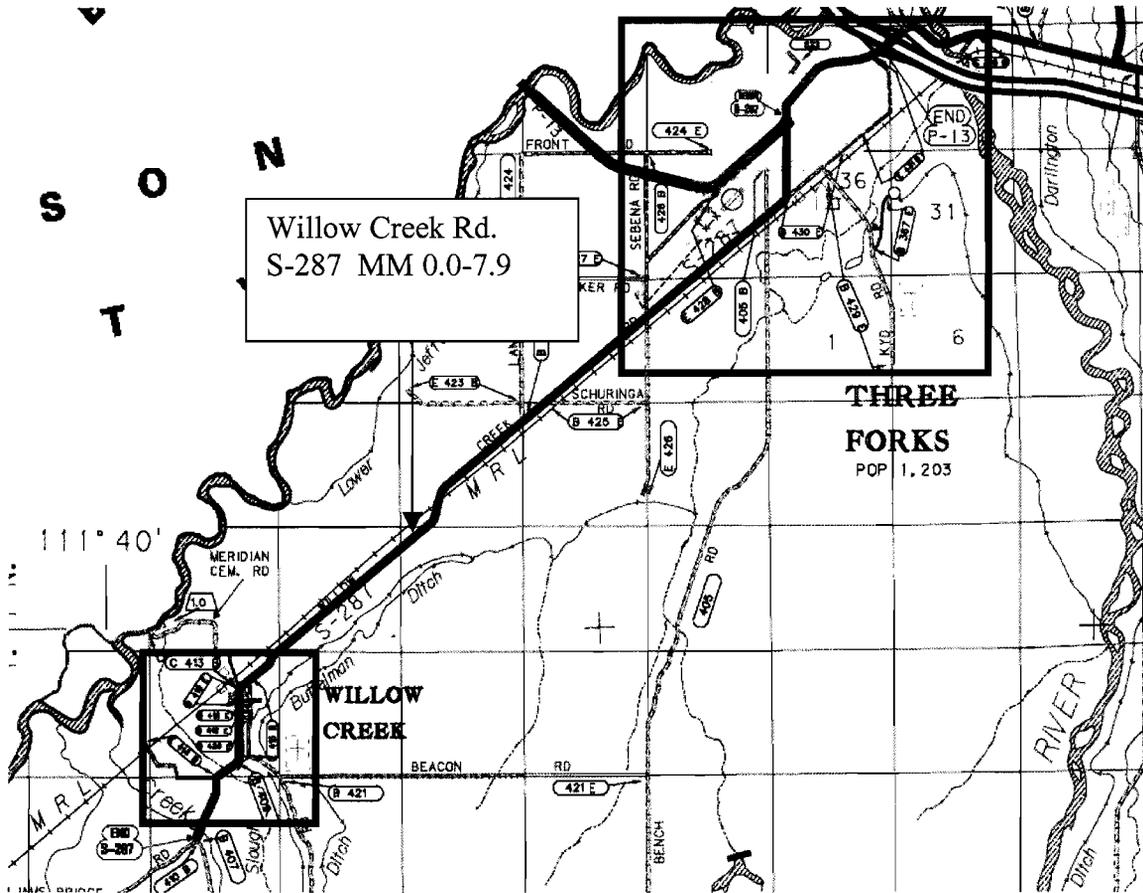
8. Magnitude and significance of potential impacts: To be completed by applicant.

Checklist prepared by: Maurice DeDycker Mtc. Supt. 8/10/05  
 Applicant (Maintenance Chief) Title ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING Date  
 SECTION SUPERVISOR  
 Approved by:  Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/22/05'  
 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.

**Montana's Wild and/or Scenic Rivers system as published by the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), or the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (USDol)**

- 1. Middle Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to South Fork of the Flathead River confluence)
- 2. North Fork of the Flathead River (Canadian Border to Middle Fork of the Flathead River confluence)
- 3. South Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to Hungry Horse Reservoir)
- 4. Missouri River (Fort Benton to Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge)



**WILLOW CREEK ROAD**  
 S-287, MM 0.0 to 7.9  
**OVERLAY, SEAL and COVER**

#### 1. THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Bald eagles or other raptors 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 an active nest, submit the location of such site(s) to MDT-Environmental Services Bureau for review, prior to commencing operation.