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Subject: Request to recertify environmental documentation
BR 9026(15)
Sage Creek – 23 km E of Whitlash
CN 4543

Environmental Services has reviewed the above proposed project's impacts and has determined that this proposed project still qualifies as a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.129(c). The original categorical exclusion was signed 8/13/02 and is attached. This proposed action also continues to qualify as a categorical exclusion under the provisions of ARM 18.2.261 (Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201, M.C.A.). This determination is based on the following:

The Scope-of-Work for the proposed project has been reviewed and has not changed. In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a), this action will still neither individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts

In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) concurrence letter of April 15, 1999, this notification documents that this proposed action is still properly classified as a CE under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(d).

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