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Allan Woodmansey, P.E.  
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Federal Highway Administration  
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Subject: Re-Evaluation of Categorical Exclusion Determination  
2003 Bike/Ped Facility Impvts – GTF  
CM 5299(63)  
Control Number: 5482000

Dear Allan Woodmansey:

Environmental Services has reviewed the proposed project's impacts and has determined that this proposed project still qualifies as a categorical exclusion (CE) under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.129(c). The original CE was signed July 8, 2005. This proposed action also continues to qualify as a CE 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 fact that the Scope-of-Work has been reviewed and has not changed and more than three years have passed since the approval of the CE.

Site 1 (38<sup>th</sup> Street N. to Giant Springs Road) of the proposed project involves locating a portion of the path on Giant Springs State Park property. Giant Springs State Park is encumbered by Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. The proposed project within Giant Springs State Park would not result in the conversion of any lands encumbered by Section 6(f). The proposed project would not require MDT to acquire any temporary or permanent interests on Giant Springs State Park property. The proposed project would not affect any facilities within Giant Springs State Park.

MDT has completed coordination with the officials having jurisdiction over the Section 6(f) Giant Springs State Park and on March 31, 2008, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks issued a letter to MDT supporting the proposed project to be constructed on Giant Springs State Park property.

In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's 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(c).

Sincerely,

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