

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR  
EM-KAYAN VILLAGE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

**TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS**

Date: December 18,2009  
Action: Funding Water Main Replacements  
Location of Project: Em-Kayan Village, Montana  
DEQ Funding: \$190,619.  
DOC/TSEP Funding: \$290,619.  
DNRC Funding: \$100,000.  
Total Project Cost: \$581,238.

An environmental review has been conducted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for proposed funding for improvements to the City of Great Falls Water System. The Montana Department of Commerce Treasure State Endowment Program is a cooperating agency on the Environmental Assessment and this finding. The proposed project involves water main replacement projects. The purpose of the project is to make improvements to the Em-Kayan water system that are needed to protect public health and the integrity of the drinking water infrastructure.

The affected environment will primarily be the area of Em-Kayan Village, Montana and the immediate vicinity. The human environment affected will include residents and visitors of Em-Kayan Village. Based on the environmental assessment, the project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts upon terrestrial and aquatic life or habitat, including endangered species, water quality or quantity, air quality, geological features, cultural or historical features, or social quality.

This project will be funded with low interest loans through the Montana Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, administered by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and with grants from the Treasure State Endowment Program and the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program.

References utilized by DEQ in completing the environmental review of this project were: State Revolving Fund Loan Application, June 2009 for the Em-Kayan Village Water and Sewer District, prepared by NCI Engineering; Uniform Environmental Checklist for Montana Public Facility Projects, April 18, 2008, prepared by Jeff Schmidt, P.E., NCI Engineering; NCI Engineering Letter of January 7, 2008, seeking comment regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action, prepared by Crystal Morgan, E.I., NCI Engineering; Em-Kayan Village Water and Sewer District, Water System Improvements, Contract Documents and Specifications and Plans, 2009 prepared by NCI Engineering; A

Fish and Wildlife Service letter dated January 22, 2008; A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers letter dated March 25, 2008; A Montana Historical Society's Historic Preservation Office letter dated January 8, 2008; A Department of Environmental Quality letter dated January 11, 2008; A Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks letter dated January 18, 2008. These references and the Environmental Assessment are available for review upon request by contacting:

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Comments on this finding or on the EA may be submitted to DEQ at the above address. Comments must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this FONSI in the newspaper. After evaluating substantive comments received, DEQ will revise the EA or determine if an EIS is necessary. Otherwise, this finding of no significant impact will stand if no substantive comments are received during the comment period or if substantive comments are received and evaluated and the environmental impacts are still determined to be non-significant.

Signed,

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