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Subject: Continued Validity of CE Designation
Milk River – East of Harlem
BR 9003(30)
Control Number: 2790

Dear Alan Woodmansey:

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has reviewed the subject project and concluded that the previously issued Categorical Exclusion (CE) designation remains valid under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.129(c). The original CE was signed by your agency on December 3, 2001 and re-evaluated on December 15, 2005.

Since three (3) years has lapsed since the CE was re-evaluated, MDT has reviewed the project for potential changes in NEPA/MEPA applicability and concludes that the proposed action will still not have a significant environmental impact, will still qualify as a CE under 23 CFR 771.117(d), and will still qualify as a CE under ARM 18.2.261.

In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration concurrence letter of April 15, 1999, this notification documents that this proposed action is still properly classified as a CE. If you have questions, please contact Eric Thunstrom at 406-444-7648.

Sincerely,

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