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Subject: Continued Validity of Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for
Pavement Preservation Projects
NH 1-3(61)199
Marias Pass-East
Control Number: 6952000

Dear Alan Woodmansey:

As the design phase of the subject project has progressed, some new information has become available. Guardrail will be replaced up until Reference Post (RP) 204.149. Initially, the project ended at RP 204.0.

The original Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Pavement Preservation Projects was submitted to your agency on October 19, 2009.

The Montana Department of Transportation has reviewed this new information in regard to NEPA/MEPA applicability and concludes that the Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Pavement Preservation Projects still applies to the subject project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Eric Thunstrom at 444-7648. He will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

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