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Subject: Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Pavement Preservation Projects
NH 103-1(12)0
Central Ave West (GTF)
Control Number: 6957000

Dear Alan Woodmansey:

The MDT Environmental Services Bureau has reviewed the Preliminary Field Review/Scope of Work Report (PFR/SOW) for the subject project. Based on the completed Environmental Checklist for Pavement Preservation Projects (Checklist), we conclude that the Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for these types of projects would cover this project. For your information, I have attached a copy of the PFR/SOW (including the location map) and the signed Environmental Checklist.

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

Sincerely,

Heidi Bruner, P.E.
Environmental Services Bureau Engineering Section Supervisor

Attachments: Environmental Checklist, PFR/SOW Report

e-copies with attachment (Checklist only, unless noted):

Michael P. Johnson	Great Falls District Administrator
Tom Martin, P.E.	Environmental Services Bureau Chief
Heidi Bruner, P.E.	Environmental Services Bureau Engineering Section Supervisor
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File	Environmental Services Bureau

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(FOR PROJECTS WITH NO RIGHT-OF-WAY INVOLVEMENT)

Applicant cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until ALL of the conditions of the checklist have been satisfied.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECTS
(CRACK SEALING, SEAL & COVER, THIN OVERLAYS, MILL & FILL, PLANT MIX LEVELING, MILL OGFC, MICRO SURFACING, FOG SEAL)**

Project No.: NH 103-1(12)0 ID: UPN 6957000 Project Name: Central Ave West (GTF)

Reference Post (Station) RP 0.2 to Reference Post (Station) RP 0.8

Applicants Name: Montana Department of Transportation Address: PO Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620-1001

Type of Proposed Pavement Preservation Activity: Work Type 180: Resurfacing – Asphalt (thin lift ≤ 0.20' including Safety Impvt.

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)		
Impact Questions	[Y/N] There are Potential Impacts; or Item Requires Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measures, and/or (a) Permit(s).	
	Yes	No
1. Does the proposed action require work in, across, and/or adjacent to a river which is a component of, or proposed for inclusion in Montana's Wild and/or Scenic Rivers system. (See listing on page 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Are there any recorded occurrences, and/or critical habitat for Federally-listed Threatened and Endangered Species in the vicinity of the proposed activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Does the proposed action have an impact on water quality? If answer is NO go to question 4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3a. If the answer to number 3 is yes, is a Clean Water Act ' Section 402 permit required? (MPDES issued by MDEQ)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Does the proposed project have impacts to wetlands or waters of the U.S.? If answer is NO go to question 5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4a. If the answer to number 4 is yes, is a Clean Water Act ' 404 permit authorization required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
4b. If the answer to number 3 or 4 is yes, is a Stream Protection Act ' 124SPA permit required? (Issued by MDFWP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Does the proposed project involve hazardous waste site[s]? (Superfund, spills, underground storage tanks, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed activity on and/or within approximately 1.6 Km (1 mile) of an Indian Reservation? If answer is NO go to question 7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6a. Are any Tribal water permits required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Is the proposed project in a "Class I Air Shed" (Some Indian Reservations)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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8. Magnitude and significance of potential impacts: To be completed by applicant.

Checklist prepared by: Christie McOmber District Project Engineer September 2, 2010
Applicant Title Date

Approved by: *Christie Bruner*

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
SECTION SUPERVISOR

SEP 2 0 2010

Environmental Services Title Date
(when items 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 6a, or 7 are checked "Yes")

Project Number: UPN 6957000 ID: NH 103-1(12)0 Designation: Central Ave West (GTF)

- A.** The applicant shall complete the checklist indicating a "Yes" or "No" for each item, except number 8 which may require a narrative response.
- B.** When a "Yes" is indicated on any number of items 1 through 7, MDT must explain why and provide the appropriate documentation, evaluation, permit, and/or mitigation measures required to satisfy environmental concerns for the project. Use attachments if necessary.
- C.** If the applicant checks "Yes" for any one item, the checklist and MDT's mitigation proposal, documentation, evaluation and/or permit shall be submitted to MDT Environmental Services. Contact Number 444-7228.
- D.** When the applicant checks a "Yes" item, MDT cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until Environmental Services reviews the information and signs the checklist.
- E.** MDT will obtain all necessary permits or authorizations from other entities with jurisdiction prior to beginning the Pavement Preservation Activity.

Montana's Wild and/or Scenic Rivers system as published by the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), or the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (USDol)

1. Middle Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to South Fork of the Flathead River confluence)
2. North Fork of the Flathead River (Canadian Border to Middle Fork of the Flathead River confluence)
3. South Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to Hungry Horse Reservoir)
4. Missouri River (Fort Benton to Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge)