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Jeff Patten
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
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Subject: Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Pavement Preservation Projects
North of Colstrip-North
STPP 39-1(44)35
Control Number: 7352 000

Dear Jeff Patten:

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. Environmental-related Special Provisions will be included in the contract plans.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Moriah Thunstrom at 444-0456 or me at 444.7203. We will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

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

Attachments: PFR/SOW Report, Environmental Checklist

Enclosure

e-copies:

Ray Mengel, Glendive District Administrator
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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.: 7352000 ID: STPP 39-1(44)35 Project Name: North of Colstrip-North

Reference Post (Station) 35.0 to Reference Post (Station) 45.3

Applicants Name: MT DOT Address: 2701 Prospect Ave. Helena, MT 59620

Type of Proposed Pavement Preservation Activity: Thin Lift Overlay, Seal & Cover, Guardrail, Pavement Markings

Table with 2 main columns: Impact Questions and [Y/N] There are Potential Impacts; or Item Requires Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measures, and/or (a) Permit(s). The table contains 7 rows of questions regarding environmental impacts like rivers, species, water quality, wetlands, hazardous waste, and Indian Reservations.

8. Magnitude and significance of potential impacts: To be completed by applicant. The proposed project does not have any potential impacts, and the Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Pavement Preservation projects is the appropriate Environmental Document for the proposed work.

Checklist prepared by:

Kevin Gilbert Glendive District Project Design Engineer 10/12/10

Applicant (Design Project Manager) Title Date

Approved by: [Signature] ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SECTION SUPERVISOR 10/19/10

Environmental Services Title Date

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