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Subject: Continued Validity of Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for
Pavement Preservation Projects
STPP 60-2(84)37
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Control Number: 6964000

Dear Alan Woodmansey:

As the design phase of the subject project has progressed, some new information has become available. A frontage road that begins at approximate Reference Post (RP) 49.0 and extends 3400 feet will also be included in this seal and cover project. In addition, a section of centerline trench mill/fill between RP 38.0 and RP 44.0 will also be included in the project. Please see the attached Addendum to the Scope of Work Report for additional details.

The original Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Pavement Preservation Projects was submitted to your agency on October 23, 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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Attachment: Addendum to the Scope of Work Report dated February 16, 2010

copies without attachment unless otherwise noted:

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