COMBINED NOTICE
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
(FONSI/NOI/RROF)

December 08, 2011

The Town of Hot Springs
P.O. Box 669
Hot Springs, MT 59845
(406) 741-2353

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or before January 02, 2012 the above-named town will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Reconstruction of the Hot Springs Medical Clinic
CDBG Project Title or Name

Rebuild and expand the Hot Springs Medical Clinic Facility
Purpose or Nature of the CDBG Project

209 Main Street Hot Springs, MT 59845 (406) 741-2353
Location *Telephone*

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named Town of Hot Springs, MT has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The clinic is being reconstructed at its current location and expanded to vacant land adjacent to the location. An environmental assessment indicates that no significant impact is anticipated.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the Town of Hot Springs. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Hot Springs Town Hall and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm, Monday through Thursday.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Town of Hot Springs to the Hot Springs Town Hall P.O. Box 669 Hot Springs, MT 59845 on or before December 26, 2011. All such comments so received will be considered and the town will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The Town of Hot Springs will undertake the project described in this publication with CDBG funds provided by DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Town of Hot Springs is certifying to the DOC that the Town of Hot Springs, Mayor Randal Woods and James A. Rexhouse in his official capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, the Town of Hot Springs may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

(a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;

(b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;

(c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or

(d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after January 20, 2012 will be considered by DOC.

James A. Rexhouse

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