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Subject: Recertify environmental documentation
STPP 45-2(5)28
Wheatland County Line – North
Control No. 4074

Dear Alan,

Environmental Services has reviewed the above proposed project's impacts and has determined that this proposed project still qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.129(c). The original Categorical Exclusion was approved and sent to FHWA on September 15, 2005, with a modification made on November 2, 2005, both are attached. This proposed action also continues to qualify as a categorical exclusion under the provisions of ARM 18.2.261 (Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201, M.C.A.). This determination is based on the following information.

The only change to the project is that it has been split into two separate projects for construction.

Segment A	Segment B
STPP 45-2(6)28	STPP 45-2(9)33
Wheatland County Line – North	Lebo Creek – N & S
UPN 4074	UPN 4074001

*Note: These are the construction names and numbers for the two segments. The PE number remains as STPP 45-2(5)28 for both segments

The Scope-of-Work for the individual segments described in the project split report have been evaluated and it has been determined that when combined, the scope of work for the whole project evaluated under the original categorical exclusion has not changed. As a result of the project split we have reviewed the biological, cultural, hazardous waste etc. reports and found that in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a), this action will still neither individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts.

In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) concurrence letter of April 15, 1999, this notification documents that this proposed action is still properly classified as a CE under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(d).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Cat Ex (9/15/05)
Notification of Change in CE Documentation (11/2/05)
Project Split Report (11/8/10)

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