



March 2, 2011

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Attention: Jeff Patten

Subject: Request for Concurrence of Continued Validity of EA/FONSI  
Jct S-374-West  
STPP 22-2(20)24  
Control Number: 2024 001

Dear Kevin McLaury:

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Environmental Services Bureau has reviewed the subject project and concluded that the previously approved Environmental Assessment (EA) and Section 4(f) Evaluation and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Redstone – East & West project remains valid for the subject project under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.129(c). The EA was signed by your agency on October 3, 2006 and the FONSI was signed by your agency on November 28, 2006.

As discussed in the EA, the Redstone – East & West project has been split into two projects identified as:

- Redstone – East & West, STPP 22-1(5)15, CN: 2024 000
- Junction S-374-West, STPP 22-2(20)24, CN: 2024 001

This re-evaluation applies only to the second project split: Junction S-374-West (CN: 2024 001). The re-evaluation focused on the changes to the design, the potential for new impacts, and new project-related issues that have arisen since approval of the EA/FONSI.

Design changes that have occurred since approval of the EA/FONSI include a horizontal alignment shift closer to the existing roadway. This alignment shift results in lessened impacts, including a reduction in wetland impacts from 6.45 acres to 3.57 acres.

Based on the re-evaluation, MDT determined that no substantial changes have occurred in the social, economic, or environmental setting of the project area. The project, as described in the original EA/FONSI, is not substantially different or changed. The proposed project is an action that would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. Therefore, MDT requests FWHA's concurrence that the proposed subject project is still covered under the EA/FONSI.

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