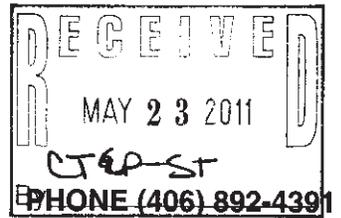




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Subject: **Categorical Exclusion Group (c) Action Letter**

Reference: Federal-aid Project Number: STPE 15(97)
Federal-aid Project Name: 3rd Avenue East Path - Columbia Falls
MDT Uniform Project Number: CN 7262

Our consulting engineer, Robert Peccia & Associates, Inc., has determined that the proposed project study will not involve unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). It therefore qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(c), part (3). The proposed action also qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of ARM 18.2.261 (MCA Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201).

In accordance with FHWA's letter (3/29/99) to MDT's Environmental Services, please notify FHWA that the proposed action is being processed in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(c).

Signature of Environmental Certifying Official or Chief Elected Official

William Shaw City Manager / Environmental Officer
Type Name and Title

Concur: Mike Why
CTEP Engineer

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- cc: Doug Moeller – MDT Missoula District Administrator
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- Tom Martin, PE – MDT Environmental Bureau Chief
- Susan Kilcrease – MDT Environmental Project Engineer
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