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Subject: Continued Validity of Programmatic Categorical Exclusion  
STPP 9-2(13)52  
N of Augusta-Choteau  
Control Number: 7360000

Dear Alan Woodmansey:

As the design phase of the subject project has progressed, some new information has become available. The East Division road, through the town of Fairfield, will receive a plant mix surface overlay. The overlay will be placed beginning at mid-block between 6<sup>th</sup> Street South and 7<sup>th</sup> Street South in Fairfield and ending at the intersection of Secondary 431. The formal street coding for East Division road is L-50-188 from the beginning of the project until 7<sup>th</sup> Street South (approximately 390 feet). The formal street coding for East Division road is L-50-680 from 7<sup>th</sup> Street South until its intersection with Secondary 431 (approximately 13,200 feet).

The original Programmatic Categorical Exclusion was approved by your agency on February 3, 2011.

The Montana Department of Transportation has reviewed this new information in regard to NEPA/MEPA applicability and concludes that the original Programmatic Categorical Exclusion 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,

Heidy Bruner, P.E.  
Environmental Services Bureau Engineering Section Supervisor

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