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Subject: Statewide Pavement Preservation Project
NH 16-1(51)12
North of Billings - N
Control Number: 7593 000

Dear Alan Woodmansey,

The MDT Environmental Services Bureau has reviewed the Preliminary Field Review/Scope of Work Report (PFR/SOW) for the subject project. Based on the completed Environmental Checklist for Pavement Preservation Projects (Checklist), we conclude that the Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for these types of projects would cover this project.

The following special provision will be included in this project:

- PROTECTION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES

For your information, I have attached a copy of the PFR/SOW, the signed Environmental Checklist, and the special provision listed above. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tom Gocksch at 444-9412. He will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

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

e-copy (w/ all attach):

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| Stefan Streeter, P.E. | Billings District Administrator |
| Paul R. Ferry, P.E. | Highway Engineer |
| Tom S. Martin, P.E. | Chief, Environmental Services Bureau |
| Heidy Bruner, P.E. | Environmental Services Bureau Engr. Section Supervisor |
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Hard copy (w/ checklist):

- ✓ Montana Legislative Branch Environmental Quality Council (EQC)
- Environmental Services File

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(FOR PROJECTS WITH NO RIGHT-OF-WAY INVOLVEMENT)

Applicant cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until ALL of the conditions of the checklist have been satisfied.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECTS

(CRACK SEALING, SEAL & COVER, THIN OVERLAYS, MILL & FILL, PLANT MIX LEVELING, MILL OGFC, MICRO SURFACING, FOG SEAL)

UPN: 75930000 ID: NH 16-1(51)12 Project Name: North of Billings-N

Reference Post (Station) 11.85 to Reference Post (Station) 23.27

Applicant's Name: Montana Department of Transportation Address: PO Box 201001; Helena, MT 59620-1001

Type of Proposed Pavement Preservation Activity: Mill and Overlay

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Table with 3 columns: Impact Questions, Yes, No, Comment. Contains 14 rows of questions regarding environmental impacts like Wild or Scenic Rivers, species, water quality, wetlands, etc.

Checklist prepared by:

Rod Nelson Applicant

Project Design Engineer Title

12/1/2011 Date

Approved by: [Signature] ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER SECTION SUPERVISOR Environmental Services Title

12/12/11 Click here to enter a date. Date

(When any of the above questions are checked "Yes")

The Applicant is **not** authorized to proceed with the proposed work until the checklist has been reviewed and approved, as necessary, and any requested conditions of approval have been incorporated.

- A. Complete the checklist items 1 through 7, indicating "Yes" or "No" for each item. Include comments, explanations, information sources, and a description of the magnitude/importance of potential impacts in the right hand column. Attach additional and supporting information as needed. The checklist preparer, by signing, certifies the accuracy of the information provided.
- B. When "Yes" is indicated on any item, the checklist preparer must explain why and provide the appropriate documentation, evaluation, permit, and/or mitigation measures required to satisfy environmental concerns for the project. Use attachments if necessary. **Any proposed mitigation measures will become a condition of approval.**
- C. If the applicant checks "Yes" for any one item, the checklist and MDT's mitigation proposal, documentation, evaluation and/or permit shall be submitted to MDT Environmental Services Bureau. Electronic format is preferred. Contact Number 444-7228.
- D. When the applicant checks a "Yes" item, MDT cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until Environmental Services Bureau reviews the information and signs the checklist.
- E. MDT will obtain all necessary permits or authorizations from other entities with jurisdiction prior to beginning the Pavement Preservation Activity.
- F. The links above are provided as a starting point for potential sources of information for completing the checklist. The Applicant is encouraged to consult Environmental Services Bureau and/or other information sources.