



December 20, 2011

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Helena, MT 59601-9785

Subject: Statewide Pavement Preservation Project  
NH 57-2(27)34  
Stanford – East and West  
Control Number: 7597 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,

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

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| Stefan Streeter, P.E. | Billings District Administrator                        |
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Hard copy (w/ checklist):

Montana Legislative Branch Environmental Quality Council (EQC)  
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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)

Project Number: NH 57-2(27)34 Control No 7597000 Project Name: Stanford - East & West

Reference Post (Station): 34.4 To Reference Post (Station): 47.3

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 13 rows of questions regarding environmental impacts like water quality, wetlands, and air quality.

Checklist prepared by:

Ryan Dahlke

Applicant

Project Design Engineer

Title

12/1/2011

Date

Approved by: [Signature] Environmental Services

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SECTION SUPERVISOR

Title

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## PROTECTION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES

Aquatic resources include, but are not limited to, wetlands, springs, streams (perennial, ephemeral, and intermittent drainages), rivers, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, irrigation systems, and associated riparian areas.

Impacts to aquatic resources are not anticipated in association with this project. MDT has NOT acquired any water quality permits or authorizations, including a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit (COE), a Stream Protection Act 124 (MFWP), or a 318 Authorization (DEQ). Therefore, impacts to any and all aquatic resources located adjacent to the project are not permitted. Avoid all equipment traffic, fill material, staging activities and other disturbances to aquatic resources.

In areas adjacent to any water body including streams, irrigation ditches, and wetland areas; conduct operations in a manner to avoid placement of materials in these areas. Any impacts to these areas and associated consequences, without the proper permitting, are the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor must secure the appropriate permits or authorizations prior to working in these areas. If complete avoidance of these areas is not possible, contact the Project Manager immediately and coordinate the permitting effort with the District Biologist at 444-7227 or the District Environmental Engineering Specialist at 657-0273.