

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION**

Project Name: City of Kalispell/Kidsports Easement

Proposed Implementation Date: Fall, 2012

Proponent: City of Kalispell

Type and Purpose of Action: **To Transition a portion of the acreage of a long-term concentrated recreational use lease for a children’s and handicapped City athletic complex/Park to a permanent easement securing the same use on that acreage.** MEPA has been done numerous times for the current use of this property, including an EA in 1997 for the initiation of the referenced lease (*Checklist Environmental Assessment for the Kalispell Community Youth Athletic Complex, 1997*); a DEIS, FEIS, and ROD for the entire Section encompassing this property in 2001 (*Section 36 Neighborhood Plan, 2001*); as well as the related City of Kalispell process required for the DNRC Neighborhood Plan (1999). The use of the acreage in question would remain consistent with its current state, with the proposed change (economic) being limited to how the trust is compensated for the use (easement instead of lease).

Location: Section 36, T29N, R22W

County: Flathead

**Category:**

- 1) Temporary Uses of Land with Negligible Effects
- 2) Plans and Policies
- 3) Leases and Licenses
- 4) Acquisition of Land or Interest in Land
- 5) Road Maintenance and Repair
- 6) Bridges and Culverts
- 7) Crossing Class 3 Streams
- 8) Temporary Road Use Permits
- 9) Road Closure
- 10) Material Stockpiles
- 11) Backfilling
- 12) Gathering Forest Products for Personal Use
- 13) Regeneration
- 14) Nursery Operations
- 15) Water Wells
- 16) Herbicides and Pesticides
- 17) Other Hazardous Materials
- 18) Fences
- 19) Waterlines
- 20) Removal of Small Trees
- 21) Removal of Hazardous Trees
- 22) Cone Collection
- 23) Timber Harvest
- 24) Social or Economic Impacts only (included per ARM 36.2.523.(5)(f))**

Pursuant to ARM 36.2.523(5)(a), the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Trust Land Management Division, has identified the above categorical exclusions for activities conducted on state trust lands. “Categorical Exclusion” refers to a type of action that does not individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS unless extraordinary circumstances occur (ARM 36.2.522(5)).

