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ENVIRONMENTAL

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

Reference: Federal-aid Project Number: NA
Federal-aid Project Name: Community Center Pres - Cameron
MDT Uniform Project Number: 7847

This is a request for FHWA concurrence that the proposed project meets the criteria for classification as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 *CFR* 771.117(d). This 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). A project location map is attached.

This proposed project is a Community Center/Historic One Room School.

The location of the proposed project is southeast of Cameron.

The intent of the proposed project is to complete roof repairs and erect signage.

The proposed project has been evaluated for, and does not have any adverse effect on the following environmental areas of concern:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Runoff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime and Unique Farmlands | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 404 – <i>Clean Water Act</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Floodplains (EO 11988/FEMA) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Economic |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stream Preservation/Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical/Cultural Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Threatened/Endangered Species |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in Land Use | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands (EO 11990) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USDOT – 4(f)/NL&WCF – 6(f) Acts | |

PROJECT IMPACTS

The proposed project will have a minor effect on the following environmental area(s):

Historic/Cultural Resources – The Bear Creek School, southeast of Cameron, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). A Section 106 Determination of Effect has resulted in a finding of "No Adverse Effect," which has been reviewed and concurred with by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on January 26, 2012. A copy of their email is attached.

Section 4(f) – It has been determined that Section 4(f) does not apply to restoration, rehabilitation or maintenance of historic facilities when there is a "No Adverse Effect" determination, and when SHPO and the advisory council have been consulted and have not objected to this finding.

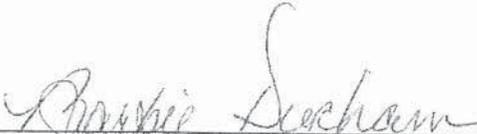
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public Involvement: The Cameron Community Club (CCC), owner of the Bear Creek School, meets 4-6 times per year. The Bear Creek School Roof Repair and Interpretive Signage project has been an item on the meeting agenda for the past four years. The CTEP roof/sign project has been an item on the agenda for the last year. The meetings are open and the public is invited to attend. There have been no negative comments regarding the project. As a fundraiser the Cameron Community Club holds pinochle parties every Saturday night during the month of March. During these parties there are many CCC members available to discuss the roof/sign project. In July of 2011 a cowboy poetry night fundraiser was held at the Bear Creek School. Matching funds were raised specifically for the roof/sign project. Over 150 people attended the event and the project was the topic of conversation and announcements. Again, there has been much support and no negative comments.

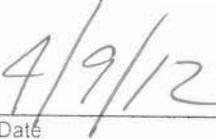
CONCLUSION

The project will not induce significant land use changes or promote unplanned growth. There will be no significant affects on access to adjacent properties or present traffic patterns. The project will not create disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations (EO 12898) and complies with Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964* (42 USC 2000d). In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a), this action will neither individually nor cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, we are requesting FHWA's concurrence that the proposed project is properly classified as Categorical Exclusion.

"ALTERNATIVE ACCESSIBLE FORMATS OF THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST"


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Attachment: Project Location Map

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