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Subject: Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Pavement Preservation Projects  
NH 102-1(5)3  
River Dr-9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> (GTF)  
Control Number: 7632000

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. For your information, I have attached a copy of the PFR/SOW (including the location map) and the signed Environmental Checklist. Environmental-related Special Provisions will be included in the contract plans.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Eric Thunstrom at 444-7648. He will be pleased to assist you.

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Heidi Bruner, P.E.  
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Attachments: Environmental Checklist, PFR/SOW Report

electronic copies with attachment (Checklist only, unless noted):

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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)

River Dr - 9th to 15th

Project Number: NH 102-1(5)3 Control No 7632000 Project Name: (GTF)

Reference Post (Station): RP 2.9 To Reference Post (Station): RP 3.4

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

Type of Proposed Pavement Preservation Activity: Work Type 170: Restoration & Rehab - PCCP

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)		[Y/N] There are Potential Impacts; or Item Requires Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measures, and/or (a) Permit(s).	
Impact Questions		Yes	No
1.	Does the proposed action require work in, across, and/or adjacent to a listed or proposed Wild or Scenic River? (See <a href="http://www.rivers.gov/wildrivers/list.html">http://www.rivers.gov/wildrivers/list.html</a> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2a.	Are there any listed or candidate threatened or endangered species in the vicinity of the proposed activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
2b.	Will the proposed action adversely affect listed or candidate threatened or endangered species, or adversely modify critical habitat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3.	Will the proposed action have potential to affect water quality? If 'Yes', an environment-related permit or authorization may be required. If 'No', go to question 4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3a.	If the answer to question 3 is yes, is a Clean Water Act Section 402 permit (i.e., MPDES or NPDES permit) required? (Need for an MPDES or NPDES is generally triggered by a disturbance area equal to or greater than one acre.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
3b.	Is the proposed project within an MS4 Permit Area? (See <a href="http://deg.mt.gov/winfo/MPDES/StormWater/ms4.mcox">http://deg.mt.gov/winfo/MPDES/StormWater/ms4.mcox</a> ). (Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula Urbanized areas, and Butte, Bozeman, and Helena)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Does the proposed project have impacts to wetlands, streams, or other water bodies? If 'No', go to question 5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4a.	If the answer to question 4 is 'Yes', is a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit authorization required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
4b.	If the answer to question 3 or 4 is 'Yes', is a Stream Protection Act 124SPA consultation required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
5.	Are solid wastes, hazardous materials or petroleum products likely to be encountered? (For example, project occurs in or adjacent to Superfund sites, known spill areas, underground storage tanks, or abandoned mines.) (See <a href="http://hnts.mt.gov/dec/remis/lequery/portal.aspx">http://hnts.mt.gov/dec/remis/lequery/portal.aspx</a> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6.	Is the proposed activity on and/or within approximately 1 mile of an Indian Reservation? If answer is 'No', go to question 7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6a.	Are any Tribal water permits required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
7.	Is the proposed project in a "Class I Air Shed" or a nonattainment area? (See <a href="http://deg.mt.gov/AirQuality/Planning/AirNonattainment.mcxp">http://deg.mt.gov/AirQuality/Planning/AirNonattainment.mcxp</a> ) (Class I Air Sheds include the Northern Cheyenne, Flathead, and Fort Peck Reservations; Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks; Anaconda-Printer, Bob Marshall, Cabinet Mountains, Gates of the Mountains, Medicine Lake, Mission Mountain, Red Rock Lakes, Scapegoat, Selway-Bitterroot, and U.L. Bend Wilderness Areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Checklist prepared by:

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Project Design Engineer

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

SECTION SUPERVISOR

7/10/2012

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Approved by: *Christie McOmber*

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(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.