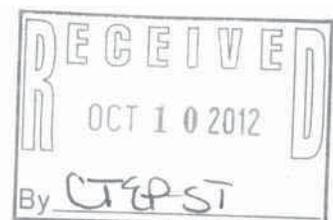


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Subject: **Categorical Exclusion Group (c) Action Letter**

Reference: Federal-aid Project Number: STPE 11(94)  
Federal-aid Project Name: Makoshika Path - Glendive  
MDT Uniform Project Number: 7757

This is a request for the Montana Department of Transportation concurrence that the proposed project study will not involve unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). It therefore qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(c), part 3. The 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).

In accordance with FHWA's letter (3/29/99) to MDT's Environmental Services, please notify FHWA that the proposed action is being processed in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(c).

Jerry Jimison  
Signature of Environmental Certifying Official or Chief Elected Official  
Jerry Jimison, Mayor  
Type Name and Title

Concur: Widely Bruner Date: 10/4/12  
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