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December 10, 2012

Brian Hasselbach
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Subject: Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Railroad Crossing Projects
Glendive District – Railroad Signal
RR Xing- CR128 – Sidney N 3mi
US DOT # 060 670F
Control Number: 8013

Dear Brian Hasselbach:

The MDT Environmental Services Bureau has reviewed the subject project. Based on the completed Environmental Checklist for Railroad Crossing 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 location map and the signed Environmental Checklist. Environmental-related Special Provisions are not anticipated at this time.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tom Atkins 444.7202

Sincerely,

Heidy Bruner

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

Attachments: Environmental Checklist

Enclosure

e-copies w/checklist encl.:
Shane Mintz, Glendive District Administrator
Tom Martin, P.E., Environmental Service Bureau Chief
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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 RAILROAD CROSSING PROJECTS
(Railroad Signal Installations, Circuitry Upgrades, Closures, and Improved Crossing Surfaces)

Project No.: _____ ID: 8013 Designation: RR XING – CR128 – SIDNEY N 3 MI

Proposed Date of Activity: FALL 2013

Railroad Crossing # DOT 060 670F

Applicants Name: Montana Dept. of Transportation Address: 2701 Prospect Ave., Helena, MT 59620-1001

Type of Proposed Activity: INSTALLATION OF HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING SIGNALS

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)				
	Impact Questions	[Y/N] There are Potential Impacts; or Item Requires Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measures, and/or (a) Permit(s).		
		Yes	No	Comment or List Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measure, and/or (a) Permit(s) Required for Items 1 through 7.(Use attachments if necessary)
1.	Does the proposed action require work in, across, and/or adjacent to a river which is a component of, or proposed for inclusion in Montana's Wild and/or Scenic Rivers system. (See listing on page 3)	☐	☒	
2.	Are there any recorded occurrences, and/or critical habitat for Federally-listed Threatened and Endangered Species in the vicinity of the proposed activity?	☐	☒	L.S.
3.	Does the proposed action have an impact on water quality? If answer is NO go to question 4.	☐	☒	
3a.	If the answer to number 3 is yes, is a Clean Water Act ' Section 402 permit required? (MPDES issued by MDEQ)	☐	☐	☒ N/A
4.	Does the proposed project have impacts to wetlands or waters of the U.S.? If answer is NO go to question 5.	☐	☒	
4a.	If the answer to number 4 is yes, is a Clean Water Act ' 404 permit authorization required?	☐	☐	☒ N/A
4b.	If the answer to number 3 or 4 is yes, is a Stream Protection Act ' 124SPA permit required? (Issued by MDFWP)	☐	☐	☒ N/A
5.	Does the proposed project involve hazardous waste site[s]? (Superfund, spills, underground storage tanks, etc.)	☐	☒	BG
6.	Is the proposed activity on and/or within approximately 1.6 Km (1 mile) of an Indian Reservation? If answer is NO go to question 7.	☐	☒	
6a.	Are any Tribal water permits required?	☐	☐	☒ N/A
7.	Is the proposed project in a "Class I Air Shed" (Some Indian Reservations)?	☐	☐	☒ N/A

8. Magnitude and significance of potential impacts: To be completed by applicant.

Checklist prepared by: [signature] Highway-Rail Safety Manager November 30, 2012

Applicant Title Date

Approved by: [signature] ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SECTION SUPERVISOR 12/10/12

Environmental Services Title Date

(when items 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 6a, or 7 are checked "Yes")

A. The applicant shall complete the checklist indicating a "Yes" or "No" for each item, except number 8 which may require a narrative response.

B. When a "Yes" is indicated on any number of items 1 through 7, the applicant 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.

C. If the applicant checks "Yes" for any one item, the checklist and the applicant's mitigation proposal, documentation, evaluation and/or permit shall be submitted to MDT Environmental Services. Contact Number 444-7228.

D. When the applicant checks a "Yes" item, the applicant cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until Environmental Services reviews the information and signs the checklist.

E. Applicant will obtain all necessary permits or authorizations from other entities with jurisdiction prior to beginning the Railroad Crossing Projects.

Montana's Wild and/or Scenic Rivers system as published by the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), or the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (USDoI)

1. Middle Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to South Fork of the Flathead River confluence)
2. North Fork of the Flathead River (Canadian Border to Middle Fork of the Flathead River confluence)
3. South Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to Hungry Horse Reservoir)
4. Missouri River (Fort Benton to Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge)