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

Reference: Federal-aid Project Number: STPE 39(41)
Federal-aid Project Name: Courthouse Walks - Deer Lodge
MDT Uniform Project Number: 8073

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 & 7. 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).

Signature of Environmental Certifying Official or Chief Elected Official

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Concur:

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5/29/13
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