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Alan Woodmansey, P.E.
Great Falls and Billings Districts Operations Engineer
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Subject: Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Concurrence Request
STPS 228-1(8)15
S-228-S of Highwood/MT11-2
Control Number: 7817000

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Dear Alan Woodmansey:

The Montana Department of Transportation has reviewed the subject project and concluded that the previously issued Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (CE) remains valid in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(d) for the proposed subject project. The original CE was signed by your agency on January 6, 2012. A slide occurred in the spring 2013 in an area where slope work was recently completed. MDT will need to acquire additional easement in order to accomplish the proposed slope work. MDT previously purchased an easement but the recent slide will require additional easement from the same landowner. The scope of work will include grading, placing topsoil and seeding with coconut mat to promote growth. The intent is to re-contour and shape the new slide area to avoid trapping water in the failed sections which could lead to additional failures. Fencing of the new easement will be included. There will be right-of-way involvement to accomplish this work. The location of the work will be from approximate Station 359+10 LT to approximate Station 365+00 LT and is shown on the attached right-of-way plan sheet.

Due to the scope of work changes, the Environmental Services Bureau has analyzed the changes in regard to MEPA/NEPA applicability and concludes that the proposed action will still not have a significant environmental impact, will still qualify as a CE under 23 CFR 771.117(d), and will still qualify as a CE under ARM 18.2.261.

Therefore, the FHWA's concurrence is requested that this proposed project is properly classified as a Categorical Exclusion. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Thunstrom at 406-444-7648.

Eric Thunstrom, Date: 7/9/13

Eric Thunstrom
Great Falls District Project Development Engineer
MDT Environmental Services Bureau

Concur Heidy Bruner, Date: 7/10/13

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

Concur Alan Woodmansey, Date: 11 July 2013
Federal Highway Administration

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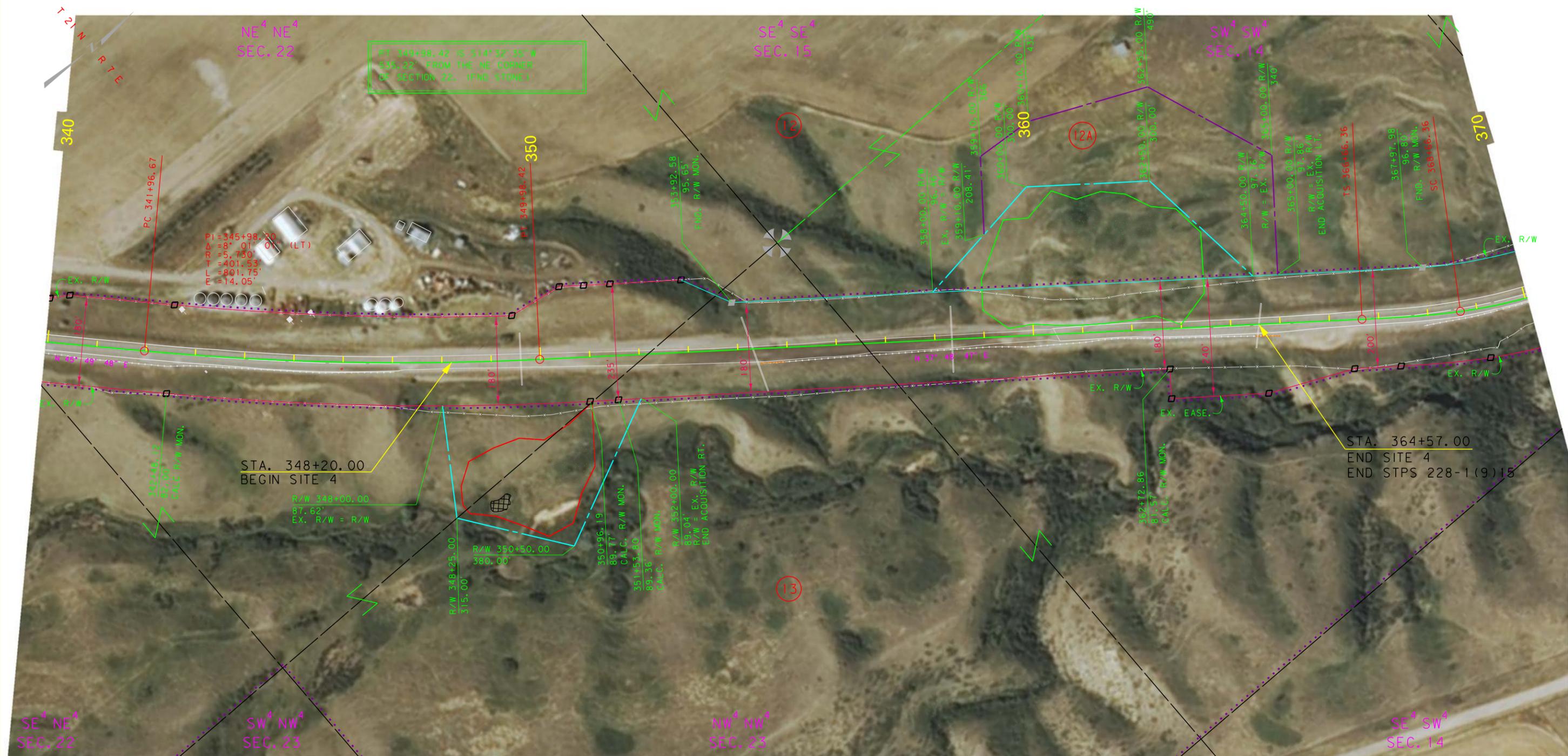
Dave Hand	Great Falls District Administrator
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STATE	RIGHT OF WAY	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
MONTANA		8	8
R/W ID.	STPS 228-1(10)15		
PROJECT NO.	7817-010-000		

SEE SHEET NO. 2 FOR OWNERSHIP NAMES, ADDRESSES, AREAS, ETC.

S-228 - S OF HIGHWOOD/MT11-1



CONSTRUCTION LIMITS	MAP REVISED	1-30-12	2-28-12	7-8-13
CUT SECTION				
TRANSITION				
TOE OF FILL				
BACKSLOPE LIMITS INCLUDE ROUNDING	FHWA/MDT APPROVAL 1-17-12			
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NOTES:
 1. THE PROPOSED R/W LINE WHERE A SPIRAL CURVE TRANSITION IS USED IS A CHORD RATHER THAN A CONCENTRIC CURVE.
 2. ALL STATIONS AND OFFSETS FOR R/W BREAKS ARE IN REFERENCE TO THE R/W BASELINE.

FOR EXISTING R/W RETRACEMENT, SEE CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY S-0004765 (CASCADE COUNTY), 151E AND 151D (CHOUTEAU COUNTY)
 GRID STATE PLANE COORDINATES
 THIS IS A STATE PLANE COORDINATE PROJECT. ALL DIMENSIONS, DISTANCES AND AREAS ON THIS PROJECT ARE GRID, EXCEPT FOR THE EXISTING R/W WIDTH DIMENSION, WHICH IS RECORD.
 THE COMBINATION SCALE FACTOR IS 0.999276025

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 RIGHT OF WAY PLAN
 CHOUTEAU COUNTY
 SCALE 1"=100'
 0 50' 100' 200' 300'