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Brian Hasselbach  
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
585 Shepard Way, Suite 2  
Helena, Montana 59601

Subject: Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Pavement Preservation Project  
Flathead Area Pave Pres  
STPS STWD (229)  
Control Number: 8147000

Dear Brian Hasselbach:

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 are not anticipated at this time.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Susan Kilcrease at 523.5842 or me at 444.7203. We will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

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

FOR

Attachments: PFR/SOW Report, Environmental Checklist

- e-copies w/checklist encl.:
- Ed Toavs, Missoula District Administrator
- Tom Martin, P.E., Environmental Service Bureau Chief
- Heidi Bruner, P.E., ESB Engineering Section Supervisor
- Paul Ferry, P.E., Highways Engineer
- Kevin Christensen, P.E., Construction Engineer
- Suzy Price, Contract Plans Bureau Chief
- Lisa Hurley, Fiscal Programming Section Supervisor
- Tom Erving, Fiscal Programming Section
- Susan Kilcrease, Missoula District Project Development Engineer
- Bill Squires, P.E., Project Design Manager
- Montana Legislative Branch Environmental Quality Council

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**Memorandum**

To: Paul R. Ferry, P.E.  
Highways Engineer

From: Tom S. Martin, P.E.   
Environmental Services Bureau Chief

Date: November 26, 2013

Subject: Preliminary Field Review/Scope of Work Report Comments  
Flathead Area Pave Pres  
STPS STWD (229)  
Control Number: 8147 000

The November 18, 2013 Preliminary Field Review/Scope of Work Report (PFR/SOW) Report for the proposed subject project has been reviewed. Environmental Services has no comments concerning that report.

Environmental Services recommends approval of the PFR/SOW. If you have questions or concerns, please phone Susan Kilcrease at 523.5842 or me at 444.0879. We will be pleased to assist you.

copies: Tom Martin, P.E., Environmental Service Bureau Chief  
Bill Squires, P.E., Project Design Manager  
Heidy Bruner, P.E., ESB Engineering Section Supervisor  
Susan Kilcrease, Missoula District Project Development Engineer  
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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)

Project Number: STWD(229) Control No 8147000 Project Name: Flathead Area Pave Pres

Reference Post (Station): Various,-see PFR/SOW To Reference Post (Station): Various,-see PFR/SOW

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

Type of Proposed Pavement Preservation Activity: Seal and cover

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Table with 3 columns: Impact Questions, Yes, No, Comment. Contains 14 rows of questions regarding environmental impacts like Wild and Scenic Rivers, species, water quality, wetlands, and air quality.

Checklist prepared by: William Squires, PE Applicant

Project Design Engineer Title

11/13/2013 Date

Approved by: Environmental Services

Bureau Chief Title

11/20/2013 Date

(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.