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STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

HELENA, MONTANA 59601

H. J. ANDERSON  
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

September 11, 1975

IN REPLY REFER TO:

OS 53 (1)  
Valley County  
Off System Road  
Program Priority No. 1

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Environmental Quality Council  
Capitol Station  
Helena, Montana 59601

Gentlemen:

Attached, for your information, are two (2) copies of the Agency Impact Determination for the above project, as approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

Very truly yours,

H. J. ANDERSON  
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

By Stephen C. Kologi  
Stephen C. Kologi, P.E., Chief  
Preconstruction Bureau

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Attachments

cc: K.F. Skoog

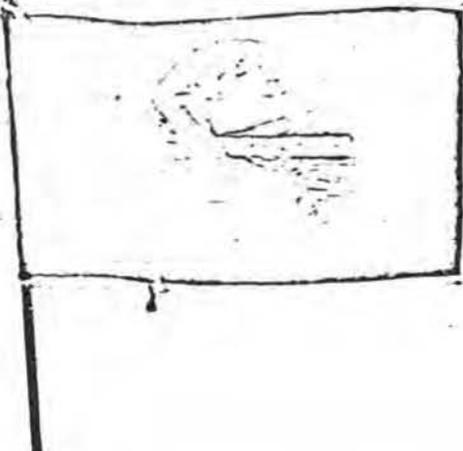
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

HELENA, MONTANA 59601

H. J. ANDERSON  
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

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08-30.22-B2 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
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OS 53(1)  
Valley County  
Off System Road  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration  
501 North Fee  
Helena, Montana 59601

Reply requested by: 9/10/75

Gentlemen:

This is to request your concurrence that neither an Environmental Impact Statement nor a Negative Declaration is required for the subject project and that this Agency Impact Determination is appropriate.

The attached county map print shows the project location. Priority No. 1 provides for replacement of the center 96 ft. span of a 156 ft., 3 span, 16 ft. wide bridge over the West Fork of Poplar Creek. The other 2 spans are 30 ft. long each. The bridge is located 6 miles north of Glentana. The site is near the section line common to Sec. 19 and 30, R42E., T37N.

A loaded cement truck caused the center span to fail. The span is damaged beyond repair.

Valley County plans to replace the 96 ft. span with new steel stringers and a wooden planking deck.

A variance in the width requirements of structure is necessary to allow the 96 ft. span to be rebuilt to 16 feet. The roadway to the bridge is a 28 ft. wide graveled road.

The work will be done by the county forces on a force account basis. The County will advertise for bids for the supply of a prefab steel bridge with a capacity of H20-44 complete with steel railing and all necessary hardware. Guardrail will also be installed on both bridge approaches as well as "narrow bridge" signs.

The project is not a major action and it is our opinion that the effects on the environment will be insignificant. Some traffic disruption will undoubtedly occur during the construction period however, it will last for only a short time. The major impact of the project will be to provide an improved roadway for local traffic. The project should not significantly affect the air, noise or water quality of the area.

GEORGE VUCANOVICH, CHAIRMAN  
HELENA

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No acquisition of new right-of-way is anticipated.  
We also at this time request location and design approval.

Very truly yours,

H.J. ANDERSON  
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

By Stephen C. Kologi  
Stephen C. Kologi, P..E, Chief -  
Location & Road Design Section

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Attachment

cc: J.R. Beckert w/Attch.  
R.E. Champion "  
V.D. Borden "  
D.D. Anderson "  
K.F. Skoog "

I Concur W. Stewart  
and approve the location & design. FHWA

AUG 28 1975

Date