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TO: Barb Hamburg, Mineral Lease Section Supervisor
FROM: Garry Williams, Acting Area Manager, CLO
DATE: February 5, 1992
SUBJECT: Gravel Permit #G-1234-92 ✓

Garry

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Attached is the EA Checklist for the proposed gravel pit on Section 16, T7S, R10W - located in Beaverhead County. This permit application is associated with widening project for Highway 278. Stan Vlahovich has conducted an on-site review. He did not discover any archaeological interests. The only concern is associated with an intermitted stream in the vicinity. As long as we indicate in the permit that no activity or sidcasting of material will be allowed within 50 feet of the drainage, the permit should be approved. I recommend a price of .40/cu.yd. with a minimum of no less than .35/cu.yd.

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Attach.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CHECKLIST

PROPOSED ACTION: Gravel Permit

COUNTY: Beaverhead TOWNSHIP 07S RANGE 10W SECTION 16

*(Yes) (No) (NA)

- 1. Significant use of area by important wildlife and fish species.
- 2. Important vegetation communities present which may influence or be influenced by proposed project.
- 3. Significant historical, archaeological, or paleontological resource present.
- 4. Significant topographic features, terrain or aesthetic values are present.
- 5. Reconstruction of existing roads or trails or new roads are proposed.
- 6. Important surface or groundwater resources present.
- 7. Fragile, compactable, or unstable soils present.
- 8. Buildings, structures, pipelines, powerlines or other utilities located nearby.
- 9. Land has been included as a part of a baseline study or other type of report, for any purpose. (e.g. Natural Area Program, Resource Development Bureau projects, rights-of-way, easements, or other leasing actions)
- 10. Previously permitted or leased activities on this tract resulted in special protective stipulations.
- 11. Present tract management is influenced significantly by adjacent state, federal, or private land management practices.
- 12. Tract is near designated Class I air area, or non-attainment area.
- 13. Tract contains areas with unique or special reclamation considerations (past mining, erosion, saline seep, etc.).

*Explain all "yes" answers in narrative form and attach to checklist.

*(Yes) (No) (NA)

 X 14. Public interest.

 X 15. Additional Comments: (If so, explain in attached narrative).

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Prepared by: Stanley Vlahovich Title: Dillon Unit Manager

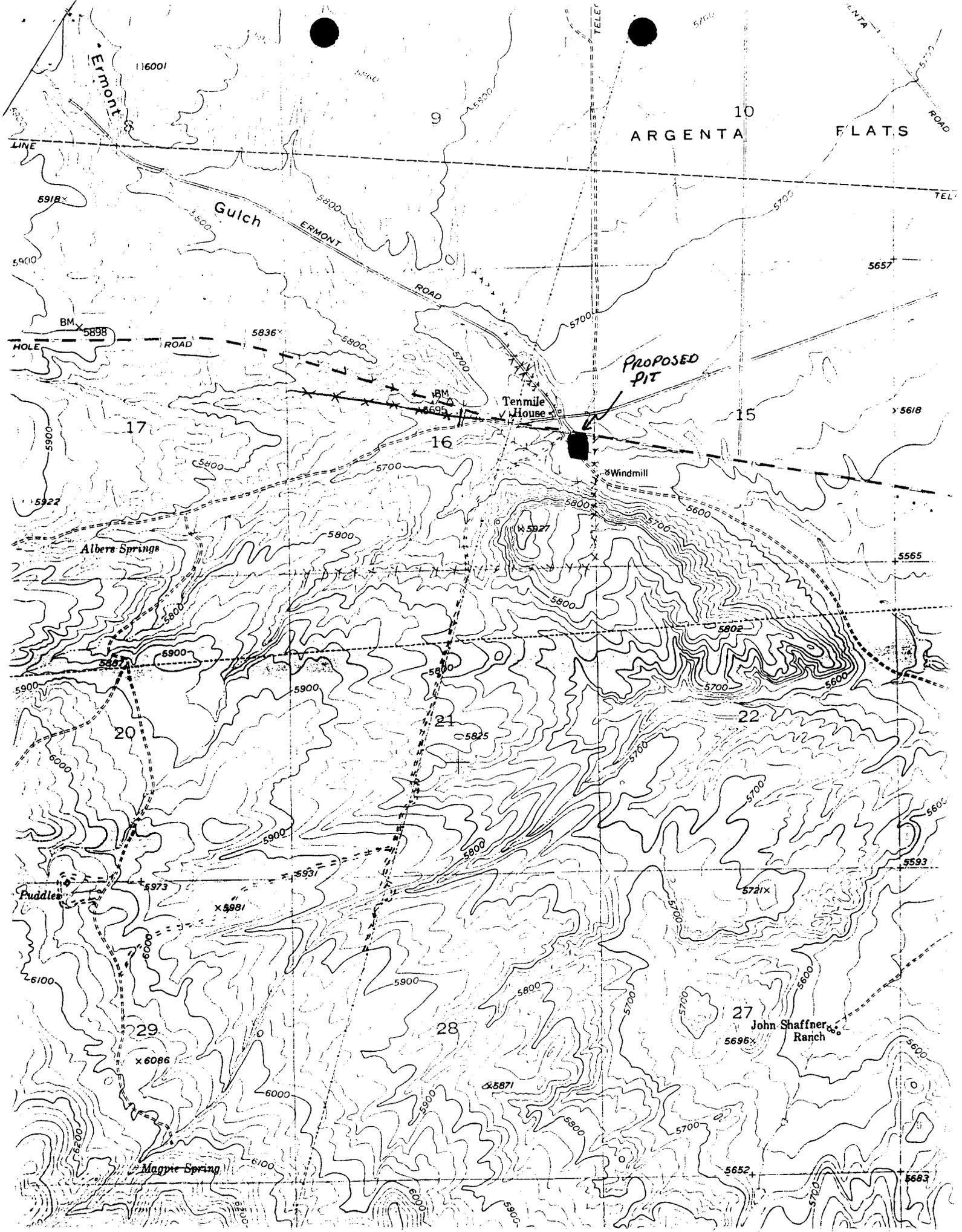
Based on my review of the above action I have included that an EA is/is not required because: *No significant impacts expected. Favorable terrain and directly adjacent to widening project.*
(Circle appropriate response.)

Area Manager/Bureau Chief: *Henry S. Will* Date: 2/4/92
Route copies to: File (016.3)

Additional Comments
EA Checklist
T07S;R10W;Sec.16
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Gravel Permit

The proposed action is the removal of approximately 50,000 cubic yards of borrow material for use on a MDOT project widening highway 278, which passes through this tract. Approximately 2 acres would be disturbed.

3. No historical or cultural resource material was noted during an on site inspection.
8. There is a powerline, and a buried phone line on the North side of the highway, but neither would be affected by this project on the South side of the highway.
9. A lease renewal inspection was made on this section in 1985. EA Checklists were prepared for a powerline in 1983, a buried phone line in 1990, and 3 road easements in 1991.
15. No activity or sidecasting of material should be allowed within 50 feet of the intermittent stream South and West of the proposed project.



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PROPOSED PIT

Tenmile House

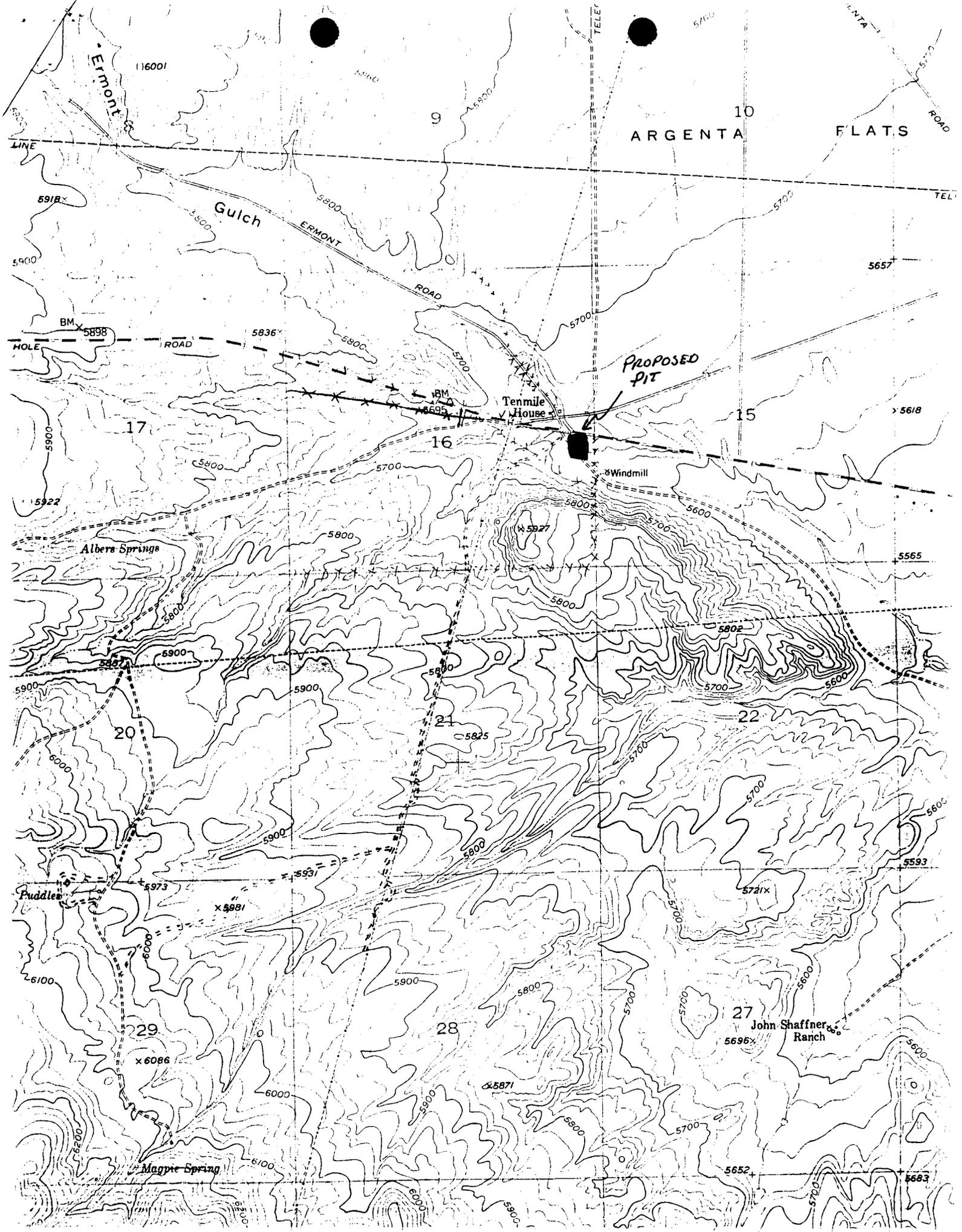
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