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TO: Jim Greene, Acting Area Manager, CLO
FROM: Richard Grady, Land Use Specialist, Helena Unit *R.G.*
SUBJECT: Non-Mechanized Prospecting - LUL 257-92, LUL 258-92
Marysville Gold Company
Meagher County
DATE: March 26, 1992

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STATE LANDS

LUL 257-92 Section 10 - T11N, R4E - All

This tract is all grazing, with very little impact by the proposed non-mechanized prospecting. Recommend approval with a \$500.00 reclamation bond.

LUL 258-92 Section 6 - T11N, R5E - Portion Lying East of County Road

This tract is all grazing, with some cross fences and stockwater developments the tract was under a Great Plains Contract with the Meagher County Soil Conservation Service.

Recommend approval with a \$500.00 Reclamation Bond.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CHECKLIST

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PROPOSED ACTION Non-Mechanized Prospecting - LUL - 257-92COUNTY Meagher TOWNSHIP 11 N RANGE 4 E SECTION 10

*(Yes) (No) (NA)

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| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 1. Significant use of area by important wildlife and fish species. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 2. Important vegetation communities present which may influence or be influenced by proposed project. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 3. Significant historical, archaeological, or paleontological resource present. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 4. Significant topographic features, terrain or aesthetic values are present. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 5. Reconstruction of existing roads or trails or new road are proposed. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 6. Important surface or groundwater resources present. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 7. Fragile, compactible, or unstable soils present. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 8. Buildings, structures, pipelines, powerlines or other utilities located nearby. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 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) |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 10. Previously permitted or leased activities on this tract resulted in special protective stipulations. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 11. Present tract management is influenced significantly by adjacent state, federal or private land management practices. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 12. Tract is near designated Class I air area, or non-attainment area. |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 13. Tract contains areas with unique or special reclamation considerations (past mining, erosion, saline seep, etc.). |
| <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | 14. Public Interest. |

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

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

Prepared by: Richard Brady Title Land Use Specialist 3/23/92

Based on my review of the above action I have included that a EA is is not required
because: Impacts should be minimal. (Circle appropriate response.)

Area Manager/Bureau Chief J. Moore Date 4/9/92
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