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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CHECKLIST

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File 016.3

PROPOSED ACTION Foys Canyon Road Improvement

County Flathead Township 28N Range 22W Section 36

*(Yes)	(No)	(NA)		
X			1.	Significant use of area by important wildlife & fish species.
X			2.	Important vegetation communities present which may influence or be influenced by proposed project.
	X		3.	Significant historical, archaeological, or paleontological resource present.
X			4.	Significant topographic features, terrain or aesthetic values are present.
X			5.	Reconstruction of existing roads or trails, or new road are proposed.
	X		6.	Important surface or groundwater resources present.
	X		7.	Fragile, compactible, or unstable soils present.
X			8.	Buildings, structures, pipelines, powerlines or other utilities located nearby.
	X		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)_.
	X		10.	Previously permitted or leased activities on this tract resulted in special protective stipulations.
X			11.	Present tract management is influenced significantly by adjacent state, federal or private land management practices.
	X		12.	Tract is near designated Class I air area, or non-attainment area.
	X		13.	Tract contains areas with unique or special reclamation considerations (past mining, erosion, saline seep, etc.)
X			14.	Public Interest.

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

X ___ ___ 15. Additional comments (If so, explain in attached narrative).

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Based on my review of the above action I have concluded that an EA is/is not required because:

Area Manager/Bureau Chief For James F. Gragg Date 11 March, 1992
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1. Area is in a whitetail winter range. This action will have no impact on the deer population.

2. Area has a typical forest coverage of mostly Douglas-fir and Western Larch. There is very little underbrush. This action will remove about 6.06 MBdFt of timber, but not have any significant impact on the vegetative community.

4. Road is constructed in a canyon that weaves through the base of several small hills near the Flathead Valley. There are not any significant topographic features, terrain or aesthetic values present within the expanded road right-of-way.

5. The present Foys Canyon Road will be widened and realigned.

8. Next to private land that is part of the Orchard Ridge Subdivision.

11. Being next to Orchard Ridge Subdivision, people do have a concern about the management of the tract of State Land which could influence the management of the land.

14. There is some public interest as it will improve the main road that the local landowners use daily to go to and from their home to work or town.

15. The Department of Transportation is responsible for obtaining all permits pertaining to this construction project. They are also responsible for complying with all stipulations in said permits.