

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CHECKLIST

DS-252

PROPOSED ACTION Permanent Easement - Powerline - Montana Power

COUNTY Lewis & Clark TOWNSHIP 14N RANGE 8W SECTION 16

*(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> X </u> | <u> </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> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | 8. Buildings, structures, pipelines, powerlines or other utilities located nearby. |
| <u> X </u> | <u> </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> X </u> | <u> </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.

(Yes) (No) (NA)

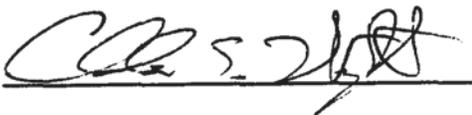
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15. Additional Comments: (If so, explain in attached narrative.)

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Based on my review of the above action, I have included that a EA is is not required (Circle appropriate response.)

because:

Area Manager/Bureau Chief  Date Feb. 4, 1992

2. The easement is proposed on State Forest Land. Some high value merchantable timber would be cut under this proposal. Approximately \$850 per acre value in timber. (See Timber Valuation.)
8. The proposal is immediately adjacent to Hwy. 200 and is very close to Lot #30 on the Lincoln Flats Cabinsite Development. Other cabinsites are sufficiently distant as to receive no impacts. Lot #30 is licensed to Mr. Wallace Ohman, 521 3rd St., Apt. 201, Farmington, MN 55024. I recommend we get lessee consent from Mr. Ohman on this proposal. (P.S. Herb Atkinson said he now has a signed lessee consent form and will be forwarding it to us.)
9. Other roadway easements and cabinsite licenses have been issued on this area. See comments in #8 above.
10. We currently have a Land Use License with Montana Dept. of Highways on this area. I recommend a Land Use License for the construction of the powerline should the easement be approved.
15. I recommend approval of the easement contingent upon receipt of lessee consent (Lot #30) and payment of adequate compensation. Regarding adequate compensation, the value estimate for merchantable timber is \$850.00 per acre. Although, at first glance, the land may be valued as rural residential, I feel the timber value may be higher. Please let me know if you need additional timber volume information.

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