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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CHECKLIST

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QUALITY BOARD

PROPOSED ACTION Highway 93 Reconstruction

County Flathead

Township 29N Range 22W Section 36

*(Yes) (No) (NA)

- 1. Significant use of area by important wildlife & 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 road are proposed.
- 6. Important surface or groundwater resources present.
- 7. Fragile, compactible, 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.)
- 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 not required because the taking for parcel number 1 is flat ground and consists of cultivated farm land. Parcel number 2 consists of grassed-in farm land on a gentle slope. No anticipated impacts due to action.

Area Manager/Bureau Chief *William F. Wright* Date 3/19/92
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

5. This is a reconstruction and enlargement of existing Highway 93 along the east boundary of Section 36, T29N, R22W.

8. The project passes through State and private property. The Northwest Land Office complex, NuPac Construction Company, and Ole's Country Store are adjacent to the right-of-way. There are also overhead powerlines, buried telephone cables and a natural gas supply line within the existing right-of-way. Care must be exercised not to damage these facilities.

9. The present Highway 93 and utilities rights-of-way are located within the reconstruction area.

12. There are special Air Quality restrictions within Flathead County. All operations will conform to State and County Air Quality regulations.

14. There is public interest about the improvement of the highway.