

COMBINED NOTICE  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and  
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS  
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about August 6, 2005 the above-named Town will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Town of Cascade Water System Improvements Project  
CDBG Project Title or Name

Construction of a new core water transmission main into Town, a new 273,000 gallon buried concrete storage reservoir, installation of new telemetry controls for the wells and water storage reservoirs and a portable generator for emergency operation of the existing water wells.

Purpose or Nature of the CDBG Project

Cascade, Cascade County, Montana  
Location - City, County, State - of CDBG Project

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named Town has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The Environmental Assessments prepared for this project identified no adverse impacts to the environment. Beneficial environmental impacts include a safer drinking water system and added fire protection capacity. All applicable permits will be obtained prior to initiating construction. All construction work and any necessary mitigation measures will be completed in accordance with the provisions of the permits.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named Town. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m Monday through Friday.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.

#### Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Town to the Town Hall on or before August 6, 2005. All such comments so received will be considered and the Town will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

#### Release of Funds

The Town of Cascade will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Town of Cascade is certifying to DOC that The Town of Cascade and Victoria Marquis in her official capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, the Town of Cascade may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

#### Objections to State Release of Funds

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;

(b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;

(c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or

(d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after August 25 will be considered by DOC.

Victoria Marquis  
Name of Environmental Certifying  
Officer or Chief Elected Official

July 21, 2005  
Date

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