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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Cooperating Agency Environmental Documentation

As a Cooperating Agency under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.111 the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is providing you a copy of this project's environmental documentation.

This environmental documentation complies with the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(a) and (d) for categorically excluding this proposed project from further National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.) documentation requirements. The attached also complies with the provisions of 75-1-103 and 75-1-201, MCA (see ARM 18.2.237 and 18.2.261, MEPA "Actions that qualify for a Categorical Exclusion" as applicable to the MDT).

If you have any questions concerning the attached environmental documentation please call the MDT Environmental Services Division at (406) 444-7228.

Sincerely,


Jean A. Riley, P.E.
Engineering Bureau Chief
Environmental Services Division

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Attachment



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Jim Lynch, Director
Brian Schweitzer, Governor

April 8 2005

Ted Burch, Program Development Engineer
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59602

Subject: STPS 236-1(8)44
Clagget Hill
Control No. 3176

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Environmental Services has reviewed the above proposed project's impacts and has determined that this proposed project still qualifies as a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.129(c). The original categorical exclusion was approved by the FHWA on April 29, 1999. This proposed action also continues to qualify as a categorical exclusion under the provisions of ARM 18.2.261 (Sections **75-1-103** and **75-1-201, M.C.A.**). This determination is based on the following:

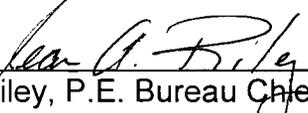
The Scope-of-Work for the proposed project has been reviewed and has changed. The changes involve extending length of project by approximately 0.8 miles (see attached Location Plans). The Department has agreed to assume the responsibility for the design and construction of the connection-in segment of this roadway that previously had been identified as being the responsibility of Fergus County (see attached location plan). As a result of these changes, we have updated the biological/cultural/hazardous waste etc. reports and found that in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a), this action will neither individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts. The approximate 0.8 mile extension in length to the overall project and associated alignment modifications and/or adjustments in the typical section result in only minor impacts that will be handled through our permitting process with the regulatory agencies.

In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) concurrence letter of April 15, 1999, this notification documents that this proposed action is still properly classified as a CE under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(d) and in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(a), this pending action would not

cause any significant individual, secondary, or cumulative environmental impacts. Therefore, the FHWA's concurrence is requested that this proposed project continues to be properly classified as a Categorical Exclusion.



Date: 4/08/05
Thomas L. Hansen, P.E.
Engineering Section Supervisor
Environmental Services

Concur 
_____, Date: 4/8/05
Jean A. Riley, P.E. Bureau Chief
MDT Environmental Services

Concur 
_____, Date: 8 APR 05
Federal Highway Administration

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Attachments

"ALTERNATIVE ACCESSIBLE FORMATS OF THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST."

cc: Bruce Barrett - Billings District Administrator
Paul Ferry, P.E. - Highway Engineer
Kent Barnes, P.E. - Bridge Engineer
John Horton, Right-of-Way Bureau Chief
David W. Jensen, Supervisor - Fiscal Programming Section
Suzy Althof, Supervisor - Contract Plans Section
Jean Riley, P.E. - Environmental Engineer
File

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. MT 236-1(10)44

GRADE & GRAVEL CLAGGETT HILL FERGUS COUNTY

LENGTH 6.0 kilometers

SCALES

VERTICAL: 1 : 100

HORIZONTAL: 1 : 1000

CROSS SECTION - HORIZONTAL & VERTICAL: 1 : 200

REDUCED PRINTS ONE-HALF ORIGINAL SCALE

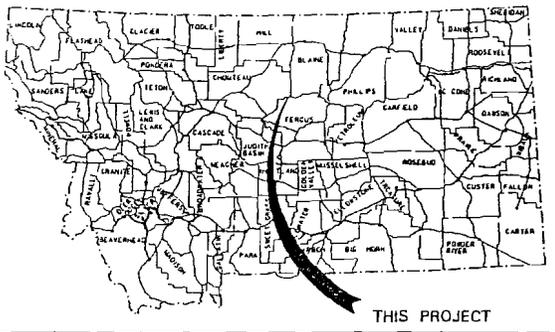
ALL SCALES ARE APPROXIMATE

DESIGN DATA

A.D.I. = 196 - 80
A.D.T. = 2019 - 100
D.H.V. = 20
D. = 55-45%
T. = 13.0%
V. = 70 km/hr
GROWTH RATE = 1% (ANNUAL)
80 KM ESALS = 4.82 (DAILY)

LETTING DATE -

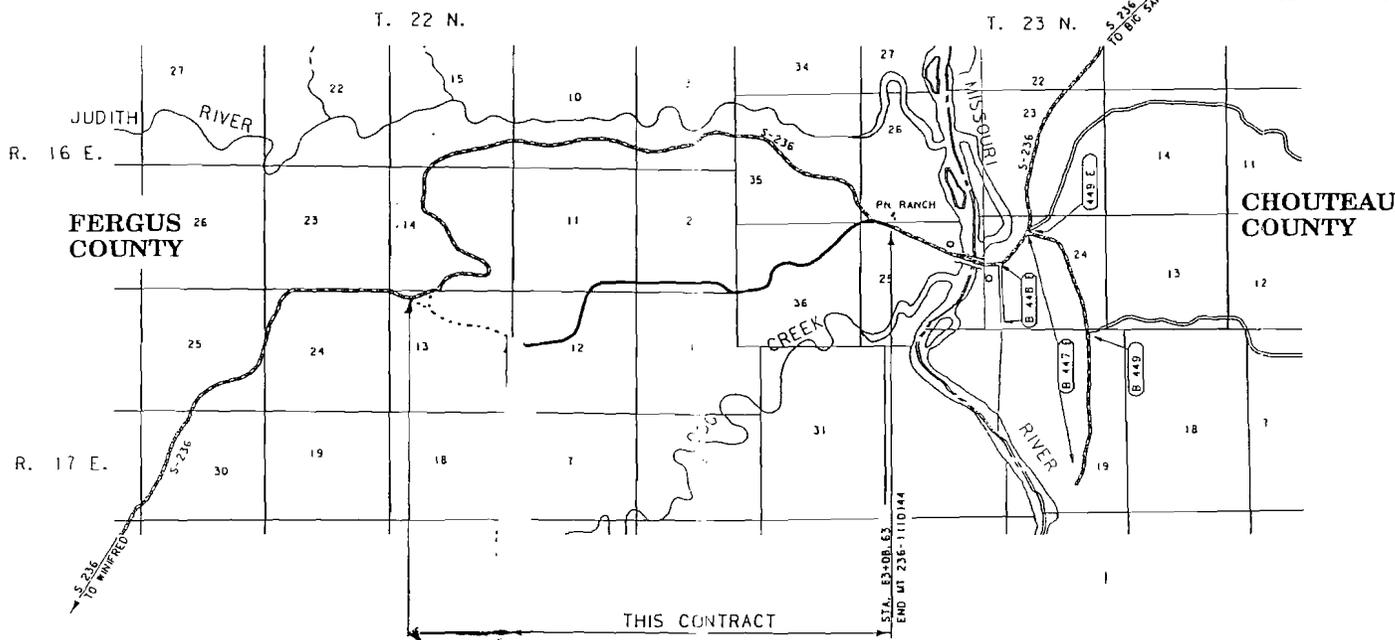
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THIS PROJECT



SURFACING SOURCES - CONTRACTOR FURNISHED



THIS CONTRACT

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RELATED PROJECTS

ASSOCIATED PROJECT AGREEMENT NUMBERS

R. 16 & 17 E.	STPS 236-1(10)44
P. C.	MT-STPS 236-1(10)44

CONTROL NUMBER 3178

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	
APPROVED <i>MARCH 1 20 05</i>	
BY THOMAS S. MAJETS DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION	
CONSULTANT DESIGN ENGINEER	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	
APPROVED :	DATE
DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	

FERGUS COUNTY ROAD PROJECT
REABILITATION AND UPGRADING OF COUNTY ROAD

