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Subject: Project No.: STPE 8199(61)  
Project Name: South Hills Trail - Missoula  
Control No.: 4989

Attached is one (1) copy of the Categorical Exclusion group (c) environmental document for this proposed project for your files.

This document complies with the provisions of **75-1-103** and **75-1-201 M.C.A.** (see ARM 18.2.261, MEPA "Actions that qualify for a Categorical Exclusion" as applicable to the Montana Department of Transportation).

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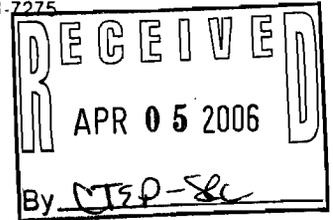
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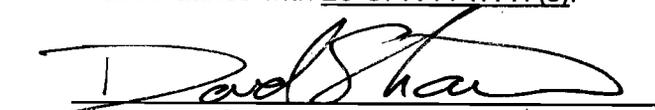
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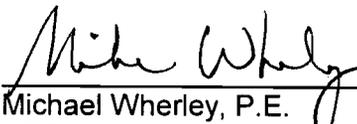
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City of Missoula Parks & Recreation has determined that this proposed project study will not involve unusual circumstances as described under 23 CFR 771.117(b). It therefore qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(c), parts 3 and 8. This proposed action also qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of ARM 18.2.261 (Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201, MCA).

In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) letter of March 29, 1999 to MDT's Environmental Services, please notify FHWA that the proposed action is being processed in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(c).

  
Signature of Environmental Certifying Official  
or Chief Elected Official

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