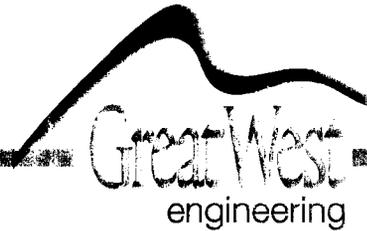


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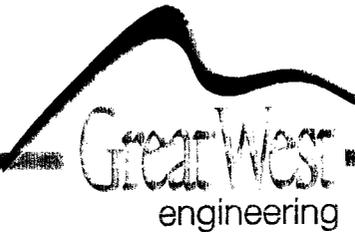
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Sub-office Coordinator  
2900 Fourth Ave. N, Room 301  
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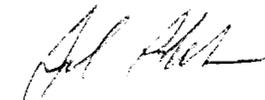
**RE: Town of Sheridan Water System Improvements**

Enclosed please find a Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds for the above referenced project.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Great West Engineering**



Joel Pilcher, PE  
Project Manager

Enclosure

**COMBINED NOTICE OF  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT and  
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS  
(FONSI/NOI/RROF)**

PUBLICATION DATE: September 14, 2007

Town of Sheridan  
PO Box 78  
Sheridan, Montana 59749                      Telephone: (406) 842-5431

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about October 1, 2007, the Town of Sheridan, 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 Sheridan Water System Improvements, CDBG Contract #MT-CDBG-06PF-07.

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 Town of Sheridan, 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:

- An environmental assessment, which is on file at the Sheridan Town Hall, itemizes the physical environment and human population of the project area.
- The potential environmental impacts have been assessed by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency determining that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.
- The proposed action is not located within a minimum required distance of any delineated 100-year flood plain.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the Town of Sheridan. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Sheridan Town Hall, PO Box 78, 103 East Hamilton, Sheridan, Montana, 59749, telephone (406) 842-5431, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 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 of Sheridan to the office of the undersigned, on or before October 19, 2007. All such comments so received will be considered and the Town of Sheridan will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

### State Release of Funds

The Town of Sheridan will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by the DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Town of Sheridan is certifying to DOC that Dean Derryberry, Mayor, Town of Sheridan, in his official capacity as, the 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 approval, The Town of Sheridan, 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

DOC will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of the applicant approved by DOC;
- (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 Ave., P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620-0523.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after October 19, 2007 will be considered by DOC.

Mr. Dean Derryberry, Mayor, Town of Sheridan  
Environmental Certifying Official

September 14, 2007  
Date

PO Box 78; 103 East Hamilton  
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