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Subject: Request for Concurrence of Continued Validity of Statewide Pavement Preservation Project
North Montana
UPP 5809(28)
Control Number: 6269000

Dear Kevin McLaury:

The subject project is covered under the Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (CE). During construction, the project was modified to extend the paving approximately 1,100 feet to avoid leaving old roadway in between two other projects recently completed. The new project limits are Station 244+62 (BOP) to Station 285+65 (EOP) or Reference Post 4.087 to Reference Post 4.868. Please see the attached Change Order #002 for additional information.

The original CE was signed by MDT on October 9, 2007. MDT has reviewed this new information in regard to NEPA/MEPA applicability. MDT concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant environmental impact, will still qualify as a CE under 23 CFR 771.117(d), and will still qualify as a CE under ARM 18.2.261. At this time, we request the FHWA's concurrence that the proposed action is still properly classified as a CE under 23 CFR 771.117(d).

Eric Thunstrom Date: 7/22/2008
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Attachment: Change Order #002

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