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Subject: **Categorical Exclusion Group (d) Action Letter**

Reference: Federal-aid Project Number: NA  
Federal-aid Project Name: LANDSCAPING - ROBERTS  
MDT Uniform Project Number: 7501

This is a request for FHWA concurrence that the proposed project meets the criteria for classification as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 *CFR* 771.117(d). This proposed action also qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of *ARM* 18.2.261 (*MCA* Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201). A project location map is attached.

This proposed project is a façade restoration for the Roberts Fire Hall which currently serves as a community center. The building will also be made ADA accessible.

The location of the proposed project is in Roberts, Montana.

The intent of the proposed project is to preserve the historic nature of the Roberts Fire Hall and make the building ADA accessible.

The proposed project has been evaluated for, and does not have any adverse effect on the following environmental areas of concern:

- Stormwater Runoff
- Prime and Unique Farmlands
- Floodplains (EO 11988/FEMA)
- Hazardous Waste
- Historical/Cultural Resources
- Noise
- Section 404 – *Clean Water Act*
- Social/Economic
- Stream Preservation/Water Quality
- Threatened/Endangered Species

Changes in Land Use

Wetlands (EO 11990)

USDOT – 4(f)/NL&WCF – 6(f) Acts

## PROJECT IMPACTS

The proposed project will have a minor effect on the following environmental area(s):

**Historic/Cultural Resources** – The Roberts Fire Hall has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in Roberts, Montana. A Section 106 Determination of Effect has resulted in a finding of “No Adverse Effect,” which has been reviewed and concurred with by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on April 3, 2012. A copy of their concurrence letter is attached.

**Section 4(f)** – It has been determined that Section 4(f) does not apply to restoration, rehabilitation or maintenance of historic facilities when there is a “No Adverse Effect” determination, and when SHPO and the advisory council have been consulted and have not objected to this finding.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

**Public Involvement** – The County advertised for CTEP project submission on February 18, 2010. Projects were brought forth and give approval for further development on February 18, 2010. The Roberts Community Council discussed the project scope with the Carbon County Commission on April 7, 2010 and May 26, 2010. The project was submitted from the County to CTEP on September 22, 2010.

## CONCLUSION

The project will not induce significant land use changes or promote unplanned growth. There will be no significant affects on access to adjacent properties or present traffic patterns. The project will not create disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations (EO 12898) and complies with Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964* (42 USC 2000d). In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a), this action will neither individually nor cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, we are requesting FHWA's concurrence that the proposed project is properly classified as Categorical Exclusion.

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Linda Mann, Project Environmental Certifying Official

Concur: Heidy Bruner 5/17/12  
Heidy Bruner - Environmental Engineering Section Supervisor Date

Concur: Alan Woodmansey 23 May 2012  
Alan Woodmansey - Federal Highway Administration Date

Attachment: Project Location Map

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