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# City Of Laurel

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Office of the Chief  
Administrative Officer

March 16, 2015

CTEP Supervisor, CTEP Section  
Montana Department of Transportation  
2701 Prospect Avenue  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001

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

Reference: Federal-aid Project Number: [STPE 6999\(10\)](#)  
Federal-aid Project Name: [SIDEWALKS II - LAUREL](#)  
MDT Uniform Project Number: [8818](#)

This is a request for the Montana Department of Transportation concurrence that the proposed project study will not involve unusual circumstances as described in 23 *CFR* 771.117(b). It therefore qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 *CFR* 771.117(c), part 3. The 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).

In accordance with FHWA's letter (3/29/99) 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

Heidi Jensen, Chief Administrative Officer

Type Name and Title

Concur:

  
Environmental Engineering Section Supervisor

3/30/15  
Date

cc: Stefan Streeter, MDT, District Administrator – [Billings](#)  
[Ryan Dahlke](#), MDT, Consultant Design Engineer

[Tom Martin](#), MDT, Bureau Chief – Environmental Services Bureau

[Lisa Hurley](#), MDT, Fiscal Planning Administrator

[Mike Wherley](#), MDT, CTEP Section Supervisor

Legislature, EQC

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[Heidy Bruner](#), MDT, [Environmental Engineering Section Supervisor](#)

[Tom Gocksch](#), MDT, [Billings District Environmental Engineer](#)

[Tom Erving](#), MDT, [Fiscal Planning](#)

1. Activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and technical studies; grants for training and research programs; research activities as defined in 23 USC 307; approval of a unified work program and any findings required in the planning process pursuant to 23 USC 134; approval of statewide programs under 23 CFR 630; approval of project concepts under 23 CFR 476; engineering to define the elements of a proposed action or alternatives so that social, economic and environmental effects can be assessed; and federal-aid system revisions which establish classes of highways on the federal-aid highway system.
2. Approval of utility installations along or across a transportation facility.
3. Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths and facilities.
4. Activities included in the State's highway safety plan under 23 USC 402 (*section 402 funds are no longer available*).
5. Transfer of Federal lands pursuant to 23 USC 317 when the subsequent action is not an FHWA action.
6. The installation of noise barriers or alterations to existing publicly owned buildings to provide for noise reduction.
7. Landscaping.
8. Installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, small passenger shelters, traffic signals, and railroad warning devices where no substantial land acquisition or traffic disruption will occur.
9. Emergency repairs under Title 23 USC 125.
10. Acquisition of scenic easements.
11. Determination of payback under 23 CFR 480 for property previously acquired with federal-aid participation.
12. Improvements to existing rest areas and truck weigh stations.
13. Ride share activities.
14. Bus and rail rehabilitation.
15. Alterations to facilities or vehicles in order to make them accessible for elderly and handicapped persons.
16. Program administration, technical assistance activities and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine changes in demand.
17. The purchase of vehicles by the applicant where the use of these vehicles can be accommodated by existing facilities or by new facilities which themselves are within a CE.
18. Track and rail bed maintenance and improvements when carried out within the existing right-of-way.
19. Purchase and installation of operating or maintenance equipment to be located within the transit facility and with no significant impacts off the site.
20. Promulgation of rules, regulations and directives.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Project Name and Project Number: [SIDEWALKS II - LAUREL, STPE 6999\(10\)](#)

UPN: [8818](#)

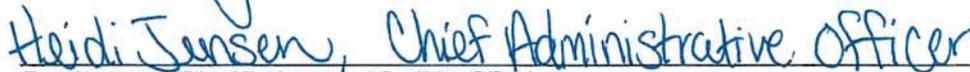
Area of Statutory-Regulatory Compliance (Provide precise citations for applicable statutes and regulations at the end of this Checklist.)		N/A	Review Required*	Permits Required*	Conditions and/or Mitigation Actions Required*	Note and Attach Documentation
1.	Historic Properties (SHPO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Floodplain Management (County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Wetlands Protection (COE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Noise (DEQ)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Air Quality (DEQ)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Manmade Hazards					
	Abandoned Underground Storage Tanks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Possible Hazardous Waste Sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Airport Clear Zones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Water Quality (DEQ or EPA for reservation projects)					
	Surface Water/Water Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Groundwater & Aquifers <sup>1</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Farmlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Environmental Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Threatened or Endangered Species, Fish & Wildlife (USF&WS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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11.	Biological Resources - Habitat containing sensitive species; either nesting, foraging, or inhabiting (MDFW&P/MSL)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Is there substantial, local, regional or other controversy on environmental grounds?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	Section 4(f) - Would project change use of park, recreation area, wildlife refuge, or waterfowl refuge (23 CFR 771.135)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	Section 6(f) - Would project change use of protected properties acquired or developed with Land and Water Conservation Funds administered by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	List other agencies contacted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Attach evidence that required actions have been taken.						
<sup>1</sup> Including the Missoula Sole Source Aquifer; contact the CTEP Section for further information regarding Missoula area projects.						

### Certification

I certify that the findings on the proceeding Environmental Checklist accurately reflect the status of compliance with applicable laws and regulations for the proposed transportation project.

  
Signature

  
Type Name and Title of Environmental Certifying Official

Date

Release ID	Facility ID	SITE_NAME	CITY	Federal Regulated	Active	Confirmed Date	Resolved Date	Transferred Date	Transf Agency Lead	Federal Government Lead	DLat	DLong	Collection Method
138	5605083	KWIK WAY 15 #138	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	02-Aug-89					45.671707	-108.761174	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
377	5609644	MONTANA RAIL LINK LAUREL #377	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	19-Jul-90		28-Jun-07	MDEQ Site Response Section CECRA (17172)		45.673323	-108.740395	Address Matching, Near Match
463	5604497	LAUREL COOP ASSOCIATION #463	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	18-May-89					45.671707	-108.761174	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
638	5610270	DEANS SINCLAIR SERVICE #638	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	26-Feb-91					45.66824	-108.777638	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
883	5612482	FARMERS UNION CENTRAL EXCHANGE #883	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	29-Aug-91					45.6598422	-108.7661461	Address Match, Exact E5RI ARC
2274	5611224	MONTANA RAIL LINK LAUREL #2274	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	29-Jul-94		28-Jun-07	MDEQ Site Response Section CECRA (17172)		45.673323	-108.740395	Address Matching, Near Match
2574	5608161	CENEX CONVENIENCE STORE LAUREL #2574	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	26-Apr-95					45.665502	-108.771322	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
2774	5606965	CONOMART SUPERSTORE 3 #2774	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	03-Oct-95					45.66824	-108.777638	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
2884	5611224	MONTANA RAIL LINK LAUREL #2884	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	20-Mar-96		28-Jun-07	MDEQ Site Response Section CECRA (17172)		45.673323	-108.740395	Address Matching, Near Match
2918	5613590	THOMAS LUMBER SALES #2918	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	13-Jun-96					45.670681	-108.765934	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
3228	5601068	INTERSTATE EXON #3228	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	21-Aug-97					45.665502	-108.771322	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
3371	5608776	LAUREL DIAL EXCHANGE BUILDING #3371	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	23-Jun-93					45.669677	-108.77001	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
3502	5600626	PELICAN TRUCK PLAZA INC #3502	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	18-Aug-98					45.682301	-108.705445	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
3903	5600626	PELICAN TRUCK PLAZA INC #3903	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	29-Jan-99					45.682301	-108.705445	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
4053	5608710	TOWIN PUMP INC LAUREL #4053	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	12-Apr-01					45.6695442	-108.7748662	Address Match, Exact E5RI ARC
4087	5601069	LAUREL SERVICE CENTER INC #4087	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	11-Feb-02					45.668581	-108.774183	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
4480	5600134	JOHNSON FORD #4480	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	27-Mar-06					45.669996	-108.768641	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
4511	6015045	BIG SKY WOOD CRAFTERS #4511	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	19-Sep-06					45.6762	-108.7707	Navigation - Quality GPS
4553	5600626	PELICAN TRUCK PLAZA INC #4553	LAUREL	Yes	Yes	09-Jan-07					45.682301	-108.705445	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS
4756	6015143	Mabel's Kitchen #4756	Laurel	Yes	Yes	28-Sep-09					45.6716	-108.75966	Map Interpolation High Quality
2338	5613437	FRANCIS MACKAY RANCH ESTATE #2338	LAUREL	No	Yes	07-Sep-94					45.667843	-108.768988	Address Matching, Near Match
2418	5611224	MONTANA RAIL LINK LAUREL #2418	LAUREL	No	Yes	12-Oct-94		28-Jun-07	MDEQ Site Response Section CECRA (17172)		45.673323	-108.740395	Address Matching, Near Match
3773	5607986	LAUREL CONOCO BULK PLANT #3773	LAUREL	No	Yes	02-Aug-99					45.668195	-108.763371	Address Match, Exact Z4 USPS

RECEIVED  
MAR 17 2014  
GREAT WEST

March 14, 2014

Crystal Bennett  
Great West Engineering  
115 N. Broadway, Suite 500  
Billings MT 59101

RE: 2014 LAUREL WATER SYSTEM PER. SHPO Project #: 2014031406

Dear Crystal:

I have conducted a cultural resource file search for the above-cited project. According to our records there have been several previously recorded sites within the designated search locales. In addition to the sites there have been a few previously conducted cultural resource inventories done in the areas. I've attached a list of these sites and reports. If you would like any further information regarding these sites or reports you may contact me at the number listed below.

It is SHPO's position that any structure over fifty years of age is considered historic and is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. If any structures are to be altered and are over fifty years old we would recommend that they be recorded and a determination of their eligibility be made.

We feel that the majority of improvements to the distribution systems are located within previously disturbed areas, and that there is a low likelihood cultural properties will be impacted. However, in two of the locations there seems to have been little disturbance, or there are sites within the areas. These are the areas of the new water tank location, its new transmission line, as well as the potential water treatment plant expansion area.

There are two historic irrigation ditches which are located within preferred transmission main location from the new water tank. 24YL0276 is the historic Cove Ditch, and 24YL0662 is the historic High Ditch. Also, between the existing Water Treatment plant and the potential expansion area is site 24YL0171, the historic Canyon Creek Ditch. All three of these ditches are eligible for listing on the National Register. We would ask that our office be contacted if any disturbance or alteration is to occur on these ditches.

Based on the lack of previous inventory and the ground disturbance required by the new water tank and its transmission main we feel that they have the potential to impact cultural properties. We, therefore, recommend that a cultural resource inventory be conducted in these areas in order to determine whether or not sites exist and if they will be impacted.

We would also ask that you contact Lora Mattox at the Yellowstone Historic Preservation Program for any concerns that she may have regarding this project. She may be reached at 2825 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. North, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Billings, MT 59101.

If you have any further questions or comments you may contact me at (406) 444-7767 or by e-mail at [dmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:dmurdo@mt.gov). I have attached an invoice for the file search. Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,



Damon Murdo  
Cultural Records Manager  
State Historic Preservation Office

cc: Lora Mattox, Billings-Laurel-Yellowstone County Preservation Officer

File: DEQ/AIR&WATER WASTE MNG/2014

Site #	Twp	Rng	Sec	Qs	Site Type1	Site Type 2	Time Period	Owner	NR Status
24YL1616	2 S	24 E	10	NE		Historic Outbuildings	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL1616	2 S	24 E	10	NE		Historic Outbuildings	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL1618	2 S	24 E	10	SE	Historic Residence	Historic Outbuildings	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL1618	2 S	24 E	10	SE	Historic Residence	Historic Outbuildings	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL1613	2 S	24 E	10	SW	Historic Hotel/Motel	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL1617	2 S	24 E	10	SW	Historic Commercial Development	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL1617	2 S	24 E	10	SW	Historic Commercial Development	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL1613	2 S	24 E	10	SW	Historic Hotel/Motel	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL1614	2 S	24 E	10	SW	Historic Apartment House	Historic Outbuildings	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL1614	2 S	24 E	10	SW	Historic Apartment House	Historic Outbuildings	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL1615	2 S	24 E	10	SW	Historic Hotel/Motel	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL1615	2 S	24 E	10	SW	Historic Hotel/Motel	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	Ineligible
24YL0277	2 S	24 E	10	comb	Historic Railroad	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL0163	2 S	24 E	10	comb	Historic Irrigation System	Null	Historic Period	No Data	Unresolved
24YL0171	2 S	24 E	11	Comb	Historic Irrigation System	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL0163	2 S	24 E	11	comb	Historic Irrigation System	Null	Historic Period	No Data	Unresolved
24YL0277	2 S	24 E	11	comb	Historic Railroad	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL0171	2 S	24 E	15	Comb	Historic Irrigation System	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL0663	2 S	24 E	15	Comb	Historic Irrigation System	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL0175	2 S	24 E	15	SW	Historic Vehicular/Foot Bridge	Null	1920-1930	Private	undetermined
24YL0161	2 S	24 E	15	comb	Historic Irrigation System	Historic Agriculture	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL0172	2 S	24 E	15		Historic Agriculture	Historic Irrigation System	1890-1899	No Data	undetermined
24YL1933	2 S	24 E	16	Comb	Historic Railroad, Stage Route, Travel	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL0171	2 S	24 E	16	Comb	Historic Irrigation System	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL0663	2 S	24 E	16	Comb	Historic Irrigation System	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD
24YL1955	2 S	24 E	16	NW	Historic District	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Other	NR Listed
24YL1799	2 S	24 E	16	NW	Historic Gas Station	Historic Commercial Development	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	NR Listed
24YL1798	2 S	24 E	16	NW	Historic Hotel/Motel	Historic Architecture	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	NR Listed
24YL1796	2 S	24 E	16	NW	Historic Residence	Historic Architecture	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	NR Listed
24YL0990	2 S	24 E	16	NW	Historic Hotel/Motel	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	undetermined
24YL0164	2 S	24 E	16	SE	Historic Architecture	Historic Residence	1920-1930	Private	undetermined
24YL0165	2 S	24 E	16	SE	Historic Architecture	Historic Residence	1920-1930	Private	undetermined
24YL0166	2 S	24 E	16	SE	Historic Architecture	Historic Residence	1920-1930	Private	undetermined
24YL0173	2 S	24 E	16	SE	Historic Architecture	Historic Residence	Historic Period	Private	undetermined
24YL0174	2 S	24 E	16	SE	Historic Architecture	Historic Residence	1920-1930	Private	undetermined
24YL0167	2 S	24 E	16	SE	Historic Campsite	Historic Residence	1920-1930	Private	undetermined
24YL1775	2 S	24 E	16	SE	Historic Railroad Building/Structure	Historic Architecture	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	undetermined
24YL0277	2 S	24 E	16	comb	Historic Railroad	Null	Historic More Than One Decade	Private	CD

Township: 2 S Range: 24E Section: 9  
AXLINE JON A.  
2 /10/1997 LAUREL MUSEUM & POLICE HEADQUARTERS

CRABS Document Number: YL 4 18744 Agency Document Number: STPE 69999 (3)

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Township: 2 S Range: 24E Section: 9  
FANDRICH BLAIN ET AL.  
7 /4/2000 LAUREL MONTANA; CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY ALONG EIGHTH AVENUE WEST BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND WEST EIGHTH STREET, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

CRABS Document Number: YL 4 23065 Agency Document Number:

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Township: 2 S Range: 24E Section: 10  
DEAVER KEN  
10 /1/1995 PROPOSED EXPRESS PIPELINE PROJECT - WITH ADDENDUM 6/95 AND PALEONTOLOGICAL LOCATIONS (\*\*SEE ALSO REPORT# 16123 FOR ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES AND LEGAL LOCATIONS)

CRABS Document Number: ZZ 2 17350 Agency Document Number:

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Township: 2 S Range: 24E Section: 10  
FANDRICH BLAIN  
9 /15/2005 LAUREL TURN LANE: A CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY ALONG EAST MAIN STREET FROM ALDER AVENUE TO MILWAUKEE ROAD TO LAUREL, MONTANA

CRABS Document Number: YL 4 28154 Agency Document Number: STPHS 4-2(22)55

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Township: 2 S Range: 24E Section: 10  
CAYWOOD JANENE M., ET AL.  
1 /6/1984 CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY BRIDGER TO LAUREL TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

CRABS Document Number: CB 6 1609 Agency Document Number:

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Township: 2 S Range: 24E Section: 11  
FREDLUND LYNN B.  
12 /18/1985 CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT: LAUREL EAST - MOSSMAIN

CRABS Document Number: YL 4 10686 Agency Document Number: F4-2()55

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Township: 2 S Range: 24E Section: 11  
FANDRICH BLAIN  
9 /15/2005 LAUREL TURN LANE: A CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY ALONG EAST MAIN STREET FROM ALDER AVENUE TO MILWAUKEE ROAD TO LAUREL, MONTANA

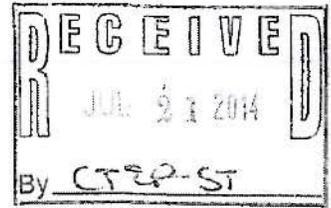
CRABS Document Number: YL 4 28154 Agency Document Number: STPHS 4-2(22)55

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Township: 2 S Range: 24E Section: 15  
LIGHT TIMOTHY  
12 /19/1990 CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY, LAUREL-BRIDGER 100 KV TRANSMISSION LINE (LBTL), YELLOWSTONE AND CARBON COUNTIES, MONTANA

CRABS Document Number: YL 6 11928 Agency Document Number:

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**Memorandum**

To: Ross Tervo, CTEP Coordinator  
Consultant Design Bureau

From: Jon Axline, Historian   
Environmental Services

Date: July 18, 2014

Subject: **STPE**  
**Sidewalks II – Laurel**  
**UPN 8818**

Yellowstone County and the City of Laurel have proposed a CTEP project to design and construct ADA compliant sidewalks, ADA crossings, a retaining wall, and curb and gutter at six locations in Laurel. There are historic properties at nearly all those locations, but as long as the work is confined to the existing Right-of-Way, **no Section 106 compliance is necessary for this CTEP project.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at 6258.

Copies: Bill Semmens, Resources Section Supervisor