



December 23, 2011

Brian Hasselbach  
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
585 Shepard Way  
Helena MT 59602

Subject: Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Railroad Crossing Projects  
RR Xing – 5<sup>th</sup> St - Rosebud  
Control Number: 7811

Dear Brian Hasselbach:

The MDT Environmental Services Bureau has reviewed the subject project. Based on the completed Environmental Checklist for Railroad Crossing Projects (Checklist), we conclude that the Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for these types of projects would cover this project. For your information, I have attached a copy of the location map and the signed Environmental Checklist. Environmental-related Special Provisions are not anticipated at this time.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tom Atkins 444.7202 or me at 444.7203. We will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Heidy Bruner, P.E.  
Environmental Services Bureau Engineering Section Supervisor

Attachments: Environmental Checklist

Enclosure

e-copies w/checklist encl.:

Shane Mintz, Glendive District Administrator  
Tom Martin, P.E., Environmental Service Bureau Chief  
Heidy Bruner, P.E., ESB Engineering Section Supervisor  
Roy Peterson, P.E., Traffic & Safety Bureau Chief  
John W. Althof, Highway – Rail Safety Manager - Traffic & Safety Bureau  
Kevin Christensen, P.E., Construction Engineer  
Suzy Price, Contract Plans Bureau Chief  
Dawn Stratton, Fiscal Programming  
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Montana Legislative Branch Environmental Quality Council  
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**Memorandum**

To:  Tom S. Martin, P.E., Chief  
 Environmental Services Bureau

From: John W. Althof   
 Highway-Rail Safety Manager  
 Traffic & Safety Bureau

Date: December 15, 2011

Subject: Glendive District – Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Signal  
 RR Xing – 5<sup>th</sup> ST - Rosebud  
 CN 7811  
 US DOT# 092644E

Attached for your further handling is the environmental checklist and project location map for subject highway-rail grade crossing signal.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at 7247.  
 Thank You.

**Attachments**

copies: Roy A. Peterson, P.E., Traffic and Safety Engineer  
 Project File (attach./copy)

| Environmental Services |      |        |                        |        |         |
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| Ad                     | Info | Change | Date 1/3               | Attach | Initial |
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|                        |      |        | Engineering Supervisor |        |         |
|                        |      |        | Resources Supervisor   |        |         |
|                        |      |        | Haz. Waste Supervisor  |        |         |
|                        |      |        | ECCP Supervisor        |        |         |
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| /                      |      |        | LARRY L.S. 12/21       |        |         |
| /                      |      |        | JON Jm 12/21           |        |         |
| /                      |      |        | PAT PD 12/23           |        |         |

(FOR PROJECTS WITH NO RIGHT-OF-WAY INVOLVEMENT)

Applicant cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until ALL of the conditions of the checklist have been satisfied.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR RAILROAD CROSSING PROJECTS (Railroad Signal Installations, Circuitry Upgrades, Closures, and Improved Crossing Surfaces)

Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: 7811 \_\_\_\_\_ Designation: RR XING - 5TH ST - ROSEBUD \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Activity: FALL 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

Railroad Crossing # DOT 092644E \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Name: Montana Dept. of Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ Address: 2701 Prospect Ave., Helena, MT 59620-1001 \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Proposed Activity: HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING SIGNAL INSTALLATION \_\_\_\_\_

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Table with 2 main columns: Impact Questions and [Y/N] There are Potential Impacts; or Item Requires Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measures, and/or (a) Permit(s). Sub-headers include Yes, No, and Comment or List Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measure, and/or (a) Permit(s) Required for Items 1 through 7. Rows 1-7 contain specific questions about river impacts, wetlands, and Indian Reservations with checkboxes and handwritten notes like 'PD' and 'N/A'.

8. Magnitude and significance of potential impacts: To be completed by applicant.

Checklist prepared by: [Signature] Applicant Title Highway-Rail Safety Manager Date December 15, 2011

Approved by: [Signature] Environmental Services Title ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR Date 12/23/11

(when items 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 6a, or 7 are checked "Yes")

Project Number: \_\_\_ ID: 7811 Designation: RR XING – 5<sup>TH</sup> ST - ROSEBUD

- A.** The applicant shall complete the checklist indicating a "Yes" or "No" for each item, except number 8 which may require a narrative response.
- B.** When a "Yes" is indicated on any number of items 1 through 7, the applicant must explain why and provide the appropriate documentation, evaluation, permit, and/or mitigation measures required to satisfy environmental concerns for the project. Use attachments if necessary.
- C.** If the applicant checks "Yes" for any one item, the checklist and the applicant's mitigation proposal, documentation, evaluation and/or permit shall be submitted to MDT Environmental Services. Contact Number 444-7228.
- D.** When the applicant checks a "Yes" item, the applicant cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until Environmental Services reviews the information and signs the checklist.
- E.** Applicant will obtain all necessary permits or authorizations from other entities with jurisdiction prior to beginning the Railroad Crossing Projects.

**Montana's Wild and/or Scenic Rivers system as published by the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), or the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (USDol)**

1. Middle Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to South Fork of the Flathead River confluence)
2. North Fork of the Flathead River (Canadian Border to Middle Fork of the Flathead River confluence)
3. South Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to Hungry Horse Reservoir)
4. Missouri River (Fort Benton to Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge)

RR Xing - 5th St - Rosebud  
 CN 7811  
 T6N, R42E, S14  
 Rosebud County  
 US DOT# 092644E

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