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

LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE

Subject: Statewide Programmatic Categorical Exclusion for Railroad Crossing Projects
RR Xing – MT-23 – Sidney S 2 Mi
Control Number: 8676

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

Sincerely,

Heidi 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
Heidi 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
Suzy Price, Contract Plans Bureau Chief
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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: March 12, 2014

Subject: Glendive District – RR Xing Circuitry Upgrade (add gates)
 RR Xing – MT-23-Sidney S 2 Mi
 CN 8676
 US DOT# 060 901L

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

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Environmental Services					
Ad	Info	Chgno	Date	Action	Initial
			3/28	Routing	
				Bureau Chief	
				Engineering Supervisor	
				Operations Supervisor	
				Highway Safety Unit	
				Public Affairs	
✓				Tom A	TA 3/17
✓				Larry	L 3/17
✓				Jon	J 3/17
✓				Aaron	A 3/17

(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: 8676 Designation: RR Xing – MT-23 – Sidney S 2 Mi

Proposed Date of Activity: Spring 2015

Railroad Crossing # DOT 060901L

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

Type of Proposed Activity: Circuitry Upgrade (add gates)

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

Impact Questions	[Y/N] There are Potential Impacts; or Item Requires Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measures, and/or (a) Permit(s).		Comment or List Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measure, and/or (a) Permit(s) Required for Items 1 through 7.(Use attachments if necessary)
	Yes	No	
1. Does the proposed action require work in, across, and/or adjacent to a river which is a component of, or proposed for inclusion in Montana's Wild and/or Scenic Rivers system. (See listing on page 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Are there any recorded occurrences, and/or critical habitat for Federally-listed Threatened and Endangered Species in the vicinity of the proposed activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Yes There is. But this project will not effect any f. s. 3/17</i>
3. Does the proposed action have an impact on water quality? If answer is NO go to question 4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3a. If the answer to number 3 is yes, is a Clean Water Act ' Section 402 permit required? (MPDES issued by MDEQ)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Does the proposed project have impacts to wetlands or waters of the U.S.? If answer is NO go to question 5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4a. If the answer to number 4 is yes, is a Clean Water Act ' 404 permit authorization required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
4b. If the answer to number 3 or 4 is yes, is a Stream Protection Act ' 124SPA permit required? (Issued by MDFWP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Does the proposed project involve hazardous waste site[s]? (Superfund, spills, underground storage tanks, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>see attached maps</i>
6. Is the proposed activity on and/or within approximately 1.6 Km (1 mile) of an Indian Reservation? If answer is NO go to question 7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6a. Are any Tribal water permits required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Is the proposed project in a "Class I Air Shed" (Some Indian Reservations)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

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

Checklist prepared by: John Alt Highway/Rail Safety Manager Title March 12, 2014 Date

Applicant

Approved by: Wendy Bruner Title 3/15/14 Date

Environmental Services Title Date

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

- 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)

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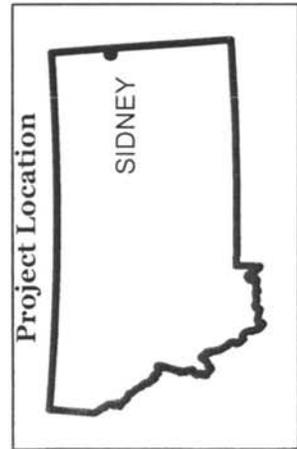
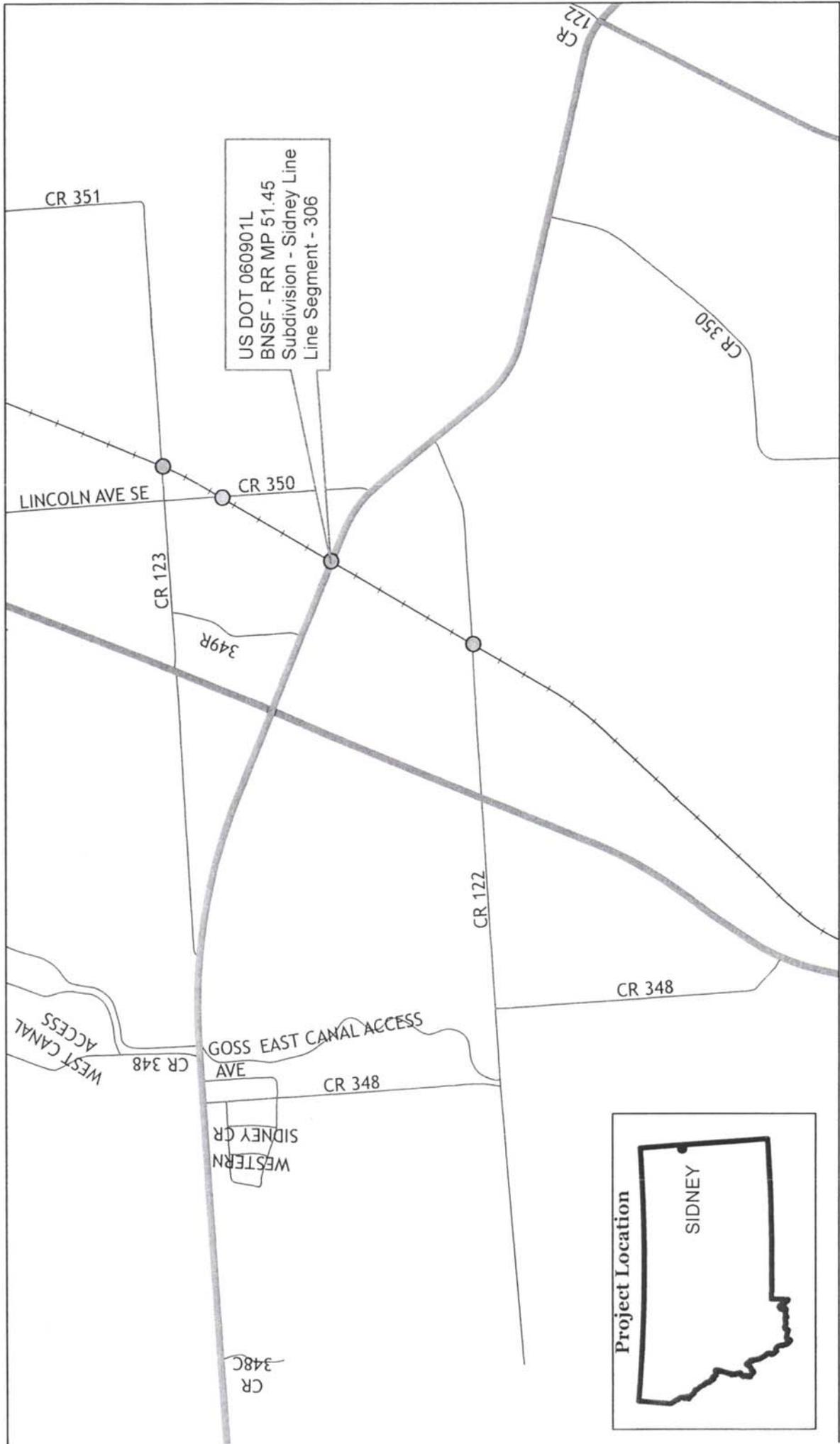
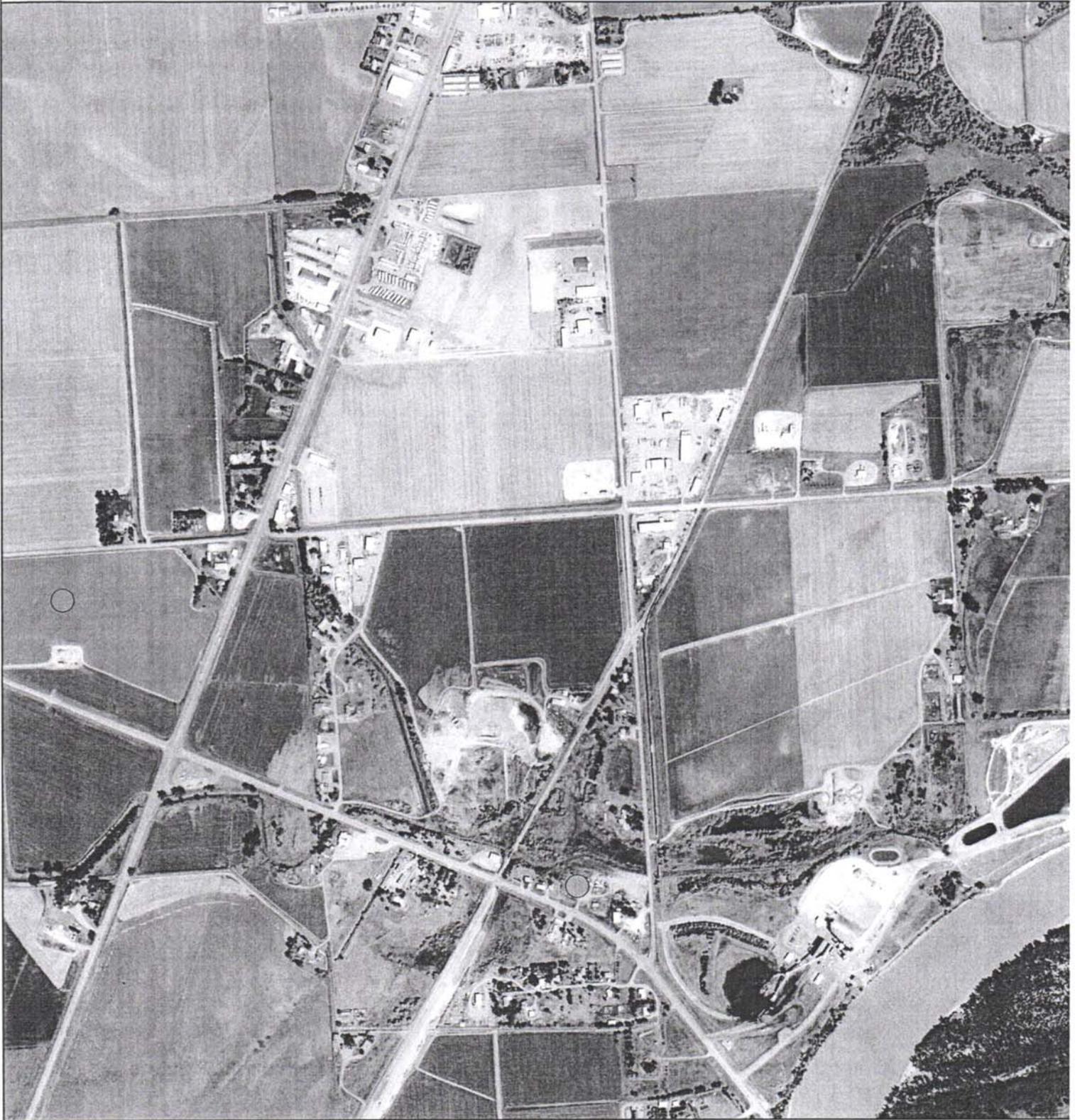


EXHIBIT "A"

RR XING MT-23



Map Location

Legend

- Abandoned Mines
- Leaking underground storage tanks
- County Boundary



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