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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 – BIA Rte 1 – Wolf Point SW 2 Mi  
Control Number: 8677

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,

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  
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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 – BIA Rte 1-Wolf Point SW 2 Mi  
 CN 8677  
 US DOT# 059 579R

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					
Act	Info	Criteria	Date	Copy	Initial
			3/28		
		Routing			
		Highway Chief			
		Engineering Supervisor			
		Regulatory Supervisor			
		Highway Safety Officer			
		Project Manager			
✓		Tom	3/17		
✓		Laney	3/17		
✓		Jon			
✓		Aaron			

(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: 8677 Designation: RRXING - BIA RTE 1 - WOLF POINT

Proposed Date of Activity: SPRING 2015

Railroad Crossing # DOT 059 579R

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).		
	Yes	No	Comment or List Documentation, Evaluation, Mitigation Measure, and/or (a) Permit(s) Required for Items 1 through 7.(Use attachments if necessary)
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>J.D. 3/1/17</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 map</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6a. Are any Tribal water permits required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Is the proposed project in a "Class I Air Shed" (Some Indian Reservations)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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

Approved by: *Windy Buss* Title 3/12/14 Date

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

- 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 - BIA RTE-1 ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA T27N R47E S20

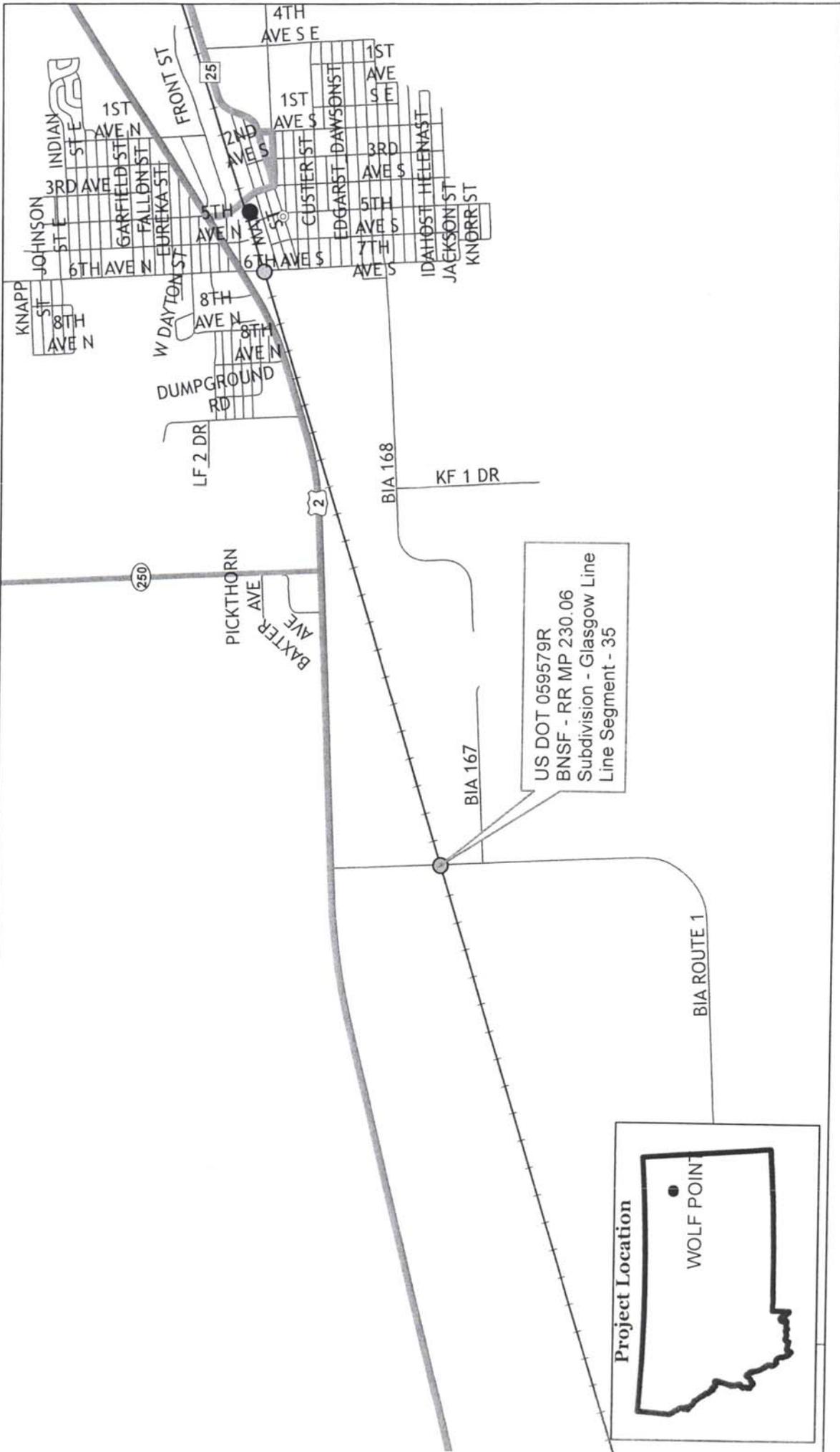


EXHIBIT "A"



# RR XING BIA RTE-1



Map Location

## Legend

- Abandoned Mines
- Leaking underground storage tanks
- ▭ County Boundary



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