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# Montana Department of Transportation

## Environmental Checklist

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**Location**

Highway or Route:	Milepost(s):	
Physical Address:	City:	
Legal Description:	County:	
Township:	Range:	Section(s):

**Applicant Information:**

Name:	Title		
Company/Utility:			
Mailing Address:	Phone:		
City:	State:	Zip:	Business Phone:

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Guide

**Impact Questions**

Actions that qualify for Categorical Exclusion under MEPA and/or NEPA (See ARM 18.2.261 and 23 CFR 771.117)  
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Comment, Expl, and/or  
Information Source (Attach  
supporting information, as  
necessary.)

- 1 Will the proposed action impact any known historical or archaeological site(s)?  Yes  No
- 2 Will the proposed action impact any publicly owned parkland(s), recreation area(s), wildlife or waterfowl refuge(s)?  Yes  No
- 3 Will the proposed action impact prime farmlands? (If yes, attach a completed Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Ad-1006.)  Yes  No
- 4 a. Will the proposed action have an impact on the human environment that may result from relocations of persons or businesses, changes in traffic patterns, changes in grade, or other types of changes?  Yes  No  
b. Has the proposed action received any preliminary or final approval from the local land use authority?  Yes  No
- 5 For the proposed action, is there documented controversy on environmental grounds? (For example, has the applicant received a letter of petition from an environmental organization?)  Yes  No
- 6 Will the proposed action require work in, across or adjacent to a listed or proposed Wild or Scenic River?  Yes  No
- 7 Will the proposed action require work in a Class I Air Shed or nonattainment area?  Yes  No
- 8 Will the proposed action impact air quality or increase noise, even temporarily?  Yes  No
- 9 a. Is the proposed action located within an MS4 Area?  Yes  No  
b. Will the proposed action have potential to affect water quality, wetlands, streams or other water bodies? If YES, an environment-related permit or authorization may be required.  Yes  No
- 10 Are solid or hazardous wastes or petroleum products likely to be encountered? (For example, project occurs in or adjacent to Superfund sites, known spill areas, understorage tanks, or abandoned mines.)  Yes  No
- 11 a. Are there any listed or candidate threatened or endangered species, or critical habitat in the vicinity of the proposed action?  Yes  No  
b. Will the proposed action adversely affect listed or candidate threatened or endangered species, or adversely modify critical habitat?  Yes  No
- 12 Will the proposed action require an environmental-related permit or authorization?  Yes  No  
If the answer is "yes," please list the specific permits or authorizations.
- 13 Is the proposed action within designated sage grouse habitat (<https://sagegrouse.mt.gov/projects>). (If yes, a consultation letter issued from the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program is required.)  Yes  No
- 14 a. Is the proposed action on or within approximately 1 mile of an Indian Reservation?  Yes  No  
b. If "Yes", will a Tribal Water Permit be required?  Yes  No  N/A
- 15 Will the proposed action result in increased traffic volumes, increased wait or delays on state highways, or have adverse impacts on other forms of transportation (rail, transit or air movements)?  Yes  No



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Is the proposed action part of a project that may require other governmental permits, licenses or 16 easements? If "Yes", describe the full extent of the project and any other permits, licenses or easements that may be necessary for the applicant to acquire.

Yes  No

17 Attach a brief description of the work to be performed, including any subsurface work.  Description Attached

18 Attach representative photos of the site(s) where the proposed action would be implemented. Photos are to include any structures, streams, irrigation canals, and/or potential wetlands in the project area.  Photos Attached

19 Attach map(s) showing the location(s) of the proposed action(s); Section, Township, Range; highway or route number and approximate route post(s).  Maps Attached

Checklist preparer:

Title:

Date

Reviewed for completeness by:

MDT District Representative

Title

Date

Checklist Approved by:

Environmental Services Bureau

(When any of the items 1 through 16 are checked "Yes")

Title

Date

Transportation Planning

(When any of the items 15 or 16 are checked "Yes")

Title

Date

### Checklist Conditions and Required Approvals

A. The applicant is not authorized to proceed with the proposed work until the checklist has been reviewed and approved, as necessary, and any requested conditions of approval have been incorporated.

B. Complete the checklist items 1 through 16, indicating "Yes" or "No" for each item. Include comments, explanations, information sources, and a description of the magnitude/importance of potential impacts in the right hand column. Attach additional and supporting information as needed. Ensure that information required for items 17, 18, and 19, is attached. The checklist preparer, by signing, certifies the accuracy of the information provided.

C. If "Yes" is indicated on any of the items, the Applicant must explain the impacts as applicable. Appropriate mitigation measures that will be taken to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate adverse impacts must also be described. **Any proposed mitigation measures will become a condition of approval.** Use attachments if necessary. If the applicant checks "No" and the District concludes there may in fact be potential impacts, the Environmental Checklist must be forwarded to Transportation Planning for review and approval.

D. If "Yes" is indicated in item 11 a. (threatened or endangered species), the Applicant should provide information naming the particular species and the expected location, distribution and habitat use in the proposed action area, i.e. within the immediate area of the proposed action; or, in the general area on occasion (seasonally passes through) but does not nest, den or occupy the area for more than a few days.

E. If the applicant checks "Yes" for any item, the approach permit, occupancy agreement or permit, along with the checklist and supporting information, including the Applicant's mitigation proposal, documentation, evaluation and/or permits must be submitted to Transportation Planning. Electronic format is preferred.

F. When the applicant checks "Yes" to any item, the Applicant cannot be authorized to proceed with the proposed work until the MDT Environmental Services Bureau and/or Transportation Planning, as appropriate, reviews the information and signs the checklist.

G. Applicant must obtain all necessary permits or authorizations from other entities with jurisdiction prior to beginning the proposed action or activity. The Applicant is solely responsible for any environmental impacts incurred as a result of the project; obtaining any necessary environmental permits, notifications, and/or clearances; and ensuring compliance with environmental laws and regulations.