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Montana Department of Transportation Environmental Checklist

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(↑For MDT Use Only↑)

Date _____ Choose type of 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.)

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| 1 | Will the proposed action impact any known historical or archaeological site(s)? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 2 | Will the proposed action impact any publicly owned parkland(s), recreation area(s), wildlife or waterfowl refuge(s)? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 3 | Will the proposed action impact prime farmlands? (If yes, attach a completed Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Ad-1006.) | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| | b. Has the proposed action received any preliminary or final approval from the local land use authority? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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?) | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 6 | Will the proposed action require work in, across or adjacent to a listed or proposed Wild or Scenic River? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 7 | Will the proposed action require work in a Class I Air Shed or nonattainment area? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 8 | Will the proposed action impact air quality or increase noise, even temporarily? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 9 | a. Is the proposed action located within an MS4 Area? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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. | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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.) | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 11 | a. Are there any listed or candidate threatened or endangered species, or critical habitat in the vicinity of the proposed action? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| | b. Will the proposed action adversely affect listed or candidate threatened or endangered species, or adversely modify critical habitat? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 12 | Will the proposed action require an environmental-related permit or authorization? If the answer is "yes," please list the specific permits or authorizations. | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 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.) | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| 14 | a. Is the proposed action on or within approximately 1 mile of an Indian Reservation? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |
| | b. If "Yes", will a Tribal Water Permit be required? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> 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)? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | |



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Is the proposed action part of a project that may require other governmental permits, licenses or 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

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|----|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 17 | Attach a brief description of the work to be performed, including any subsurface work. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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). | <input type="checkbox"/> | Maps Attached |

Checklist preparer:

Title:

Date

Signature

Reviewed for completeness by:

MDT District Representative

Title

Date

Checklist Approved by:

Environmental Services Bureau

Title

Date

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

Transportation Planning

Title

Date

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

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.