

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

### TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS

As required by state and federal rules for determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

Project	Flathead County – Bigfork Village Stormwater Improvements Project
Location	Bigfork, Montana
Project Number	WPCSRF Project # C307189
	Total Cost - \$1,562,000

Flathead County, through its April 2008 Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and December 2009 Facilities Assessment Report, prepared by Morrison Maierle and 48 North Civil Engineering respectively, has identified the need to make improvements along Bridge Street North and Bridge Street South to improve stormwater collection, conveyance and treatment prior to the discharge into the Swan River. The existing stormwater piping at these locations is undersized, does not allow for adequate stormwater capture and there is currently no treatment prior to discharge of stormwater runoff, leading to impacts to Swan River and Flathead Lake water quality standards.

The purpose of the project is to provide a new stormwater collection and conveyance system, treatment to remove silt, sediment, oil & grease, bacteria and nutrients that have been documented to be carried into the Swan River outfall locations by the Flathead Lake Biological Station based on past monitoring. This new collection and treatment system will allow the county to meet MPDES discharge permit limits associated with their MS4 Permit.

A portion of the proposed stormwater improvements project on Bridge Street South near the outfall to the Swan River is within the PacificCorp transformer yard, a state CERCRA (also known as a state superfund) site. Polychlorinated biphenols (PCB) contaminated soils and water may be encountered during excavation. Because the facility is being remediated pursuant to the CERCRA criteria, a person not subject to the planned cleanup order/plan may not conduct any remedial activities, including excavation of soil, on any part of the Facility without written permission from DEQ. Therefore, prior to beginning work, a work plan will be prepared and approved by the DEQ should contaminated soils be encountered during construction. The soils and groundwater if any will be handled and disposed of according to the DEQ-approved work plan.

The DEQ and DNRC are proposing to fund the project with State Revolving Fund low interest loan funds at the county's request. Environmentally sensitive characteristics such as wetlands, floodplains, historical sites, and threatened or endangered species are not expected to be adversely impacted as a result of the proposed project. No significant long-term environmental impacts were identified.

An environmental assessment (EA), which describes the project and analyzes the environmental impacts in more detail, is available for public scrutiny on the DEQ web site (<http://www.deq.mt.gov/ea.mcp>) and at the following locations:

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Comments on the EA may be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality at the above address. After evaluating substantive comments received, the department will revise the environmental assessment or determine if an environmental impact statement is necessary. If no substantive comments are received during the comment period, or if substantive comments are received and evaluated and the environmental impacts are still determined to be non-significant, the agency will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after the date of this notice of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2015.

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