

CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Name:	Wheatland County Road Department Aggregate Test
Proposed Implementation Date:	July 2018
Proponent:	Wheatland County Road Department
Location:	T6N R18E S16
County:	Wheatland
Trust:	Common Schools

I. TYPE AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

Test permit to test for road building aggregates with a backhoe on state trust lands.

II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED:

Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
Northeastern Land Office (NELO)
Proponent: Wheatland County Road Department
Surface Lessees: Kevin Sedgwick

2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:

The DNRC, and NELO have jurisdiction over this proposed project.

The proponent is responsible for acquiring all required permits for the proposed project. The proponent is responsible for settling all surface damages with the surface lessees.

DNRC is not aware of any other agencies with jurisdiction or other permits needed to complete this project

3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative A (No Action) – Under this alternative, the Department does not grant the test permit to search for road building aggregates.

Alternative B (the Proposed Action) – Under this alternative, the Department does grant the test permit to search for road building aggregates.

III. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- *RESOURCES potentially impacted are listed on the form, followed by common issues that would be considered.*
- *Explain POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS following each resource heading.*
- *Enter "NONE" if no impacts are identified or the resource is not present.*

4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE:

Consider the presence of fragile, compactable or unstable soils. Identify unusual geologic features. Specify any special reclamation considerations. Identify any cumulative impacts to soils.

Tables - Erosion Hazard (Road, Trail) - Summary By Map Unit

Summary by Map Unit - Wheatland County Area, Montana (MT624)							
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Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Component name (percent)	Rating reasons (numeric values)	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI	
39D	Delpoint, calcareous-Cabbart-Yamacall loams, 4 to 15 percent slopes	Severe	Delpoint (40%) Cabbart (30%) Yamacall (20%) Megonot (4%) Yawdim (2%)	Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95)	1.9	1.1%	
86E	Cabbart-Rock outcrop complex, 4 to 35 percent slopes	Severe	Cabbart (60%) Yawdim (5%) Rentsac (5%) Delpoint (5%)	Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95)	0.2	0.1%	
110E	Cabbart loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes				0.3	0.2%	
112C	Cabbart-Delpoint, calcareous, loams, 2 to 8 percent slopes				41.3	24.9%	
112D	Cabbart-Delpoint, calcareous, loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes				41.0	24.7%	
157F	Cabbart, moist-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 60 percent slopes	Severe	Cabbart (65%) Twilight (10%) Blacksheep (3%) Delpoint (2%)	Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95) Slope/erodibility (0.95)	35.9	21.7%	
298B	Varney gravelly loam, 0 to 4 percent slopes	Slight	Varney (85%) Eapa (5%) Sieben (5%) Verson (5%)		45.4	27.3%	
Totals for Area of Interest					166.0	100.0%	

All of the soils that will be affected by this test will be either not rated or in the slight category for the off-road erosion classification, those being Map units 112D and 298B. As all the soils will be put back into the test holes immediately and compacted there should be no problems with erosion.

No cumulative effects to geology and soil quality, stability and moisture are anticipated.

5. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION:

Identify important surface or groundwater resources. Consider the potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality. Identify cumulative effects to water resources.

Species of Concern														
8 Species														
Filtered by the following criteria:														
Breeding in Wetlands (Based on mapped Species Occurrences)														
MAMMALS (MAMMALIA)														
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	TAXA SORT	FAMILY (SCIENTIFIC)	FAMILY (COMMON)	GLOBAL RANK	STATE RANK	USFWS	USFS	BLM	FWP SWAP	% OF GLOBAL BREEDING RANGE IN MT	% OF MT THAT IS BREEDING RANGE	HABITAT	
<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	Black-tailed Prairie Dog		Sciuridae	Squirrels	G4	S3			Sensitive - Known on Forests (CO)	SENSITIVE	SGCN3	15%	71%	Grasslands
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone														
BIRDS (AVES)														
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Golden Eagle		Accipitridae	Hawks / Pitts / Eagles	G5	S3			Sensitive - Known on Forests (CO)	SENSITIVE	SGCN3	3%	100%	Grasslands
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Madison, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Rosebud, Rowley, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Treasure, Valley, Yellowstone														
<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	Greater Sage-Grouse		Phasianidae	Upland Game Birds	G3G4	S2			Sensitive - Known on Forests (BD)	Sensitive - Suspected on Forests (CO, ILCO)	SGCN2	17%	75%	Sagebrush
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Madison, McCone, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Treasure, Valley, Yellowstone														
<i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>	Playon Jay		Corvidae	Jays / Crows / Magpies	G5	S3			MBTA; BCC17		SGCN3	9%	55%	Open conifer forest
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<i>Numenius americanus</i>	Long-billed Curlew		Scolopacidae	Sandpipers	G5	S3B			MBTA; BCC10; BCC11; BCC17		SGCN3	19%	100%	Grasslands
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REPTILES (REPTILIA)														
<i>Apalone spinifer</i>	Spiny Softshell		Trionychidae	Softshell Turtles	G5	S3				SENSITIVE	SGCN3	2%	2%	Prairie rivers and larger streams
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Stillwater, Teton, Treasure, Valley, Yellowstone														
<i>Phrynosoma hernandesi</i>	Greater Short-horned Lizard		Phrynosomatidae	Sagebrush / Spiny Lizards	G5	S3			Sensitive - Known on Forests (CO)	Sensitive - Suspected on Forests (ILCO)	SENSITIVE	1%	66%	Sandy / gravelly soils
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FISH (ACTINOPTERYGII)														
<i>Chrosomus eos</i>	Northern Redbelly Dace		Cyprinidae	Minnons	G5	S3				SENSITIVE	SGCN3	4%	27%	Small prairie rivers
Species Occurrences verified in these Counties: Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Daniels, Dawson, Fergus, Golden Valley, Hill, Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Liberty, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Richland, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Yellowstone														
State Rank Reason: The Northern Redbelly Dace is currently listed as an "S3" species of concern in Montana because they are potentially at-risk because of limited and/or declining numbers, range and/or habitat, even though it may be abundant in some areas.														

No surface water within 1.5 miles and no water table expected because of the elevation above the floodplain

No cumulative effects to the water resources are anticipated.

6. AIR QUALITY:

What pollutants or particulate would be produced? Identify air quality regulations or zones (e.g. Class I air shed) the project would influence. Identify cumulative effects to air quality.

The air quality in the area will not be affected.

No cumulative effects to air quality are anticipated.

7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY:

What changes would the action cause to vegetative communities? Consider rare plants or cover types that would be affected. Identify cumulative effects to vegetation.

If re-seeding is necessary the proponent will acquire certified, weed free seed and refer to the Plant Materials Tech Note No. MT-46 (Rev. 4) dated September 2013 for seeding rates.

Noxious weeds have been recorded in the past on this tract and weed management will be necessary.

No rare plants or cover types are present.

No long term cumulative effects to vegetation are anticipated.

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mt/plantsanimals/?cid=nrcs144p2_05773

8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS:

Consider substantial habitat values and use of the area by wildlife, birds or fish. Identify cumulative effects to fish and wildlife.

The area is not considered critical wildlife habitat. Most of the work is done by adjacent public roads where wildlife habitat quality has already been reduced.

No wetlands or aquatic habitats will be affected in the scope of this project.

No cumulative effects are anticipated.

9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES:

Consider any federally listed threatened or endangered species or habitat identified in the project area. Determine effects to wetlands. Consider Sensitive Species or Species of special concern. Identify cumulative effects to these species and their habitat.

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B Species													
Filtered by the following criteria:													
Threshold = SENSITIVE (based on major Species Occurrences)													
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TOWNSHIP - 00041010 (based on major Species Occurrences)													
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<i>Amblosteoma opacum</i>	Spry Saddleback		Phrynosomatidae	Saddleback Lizards	G5	S3		Sensitive - Known on Forests (CO)	SENSITIVE	SGCN3	2%	25%	Prairie rivers and larger streams
<i>Phrynosoma hernandesi</i>	Greater Short-horned Lizard		Phrynosomatidae	Sagebrush / Spiny Lizards	G5	S3		Sensitive - Suspected on Forests (HLC)	SENSITIVE	SGCN3, SGIN	19%	66%	Sandy / gravelly soils
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State Rank Reasons: The Northern Redbelly Dace is currently listed as an "S3" species of concern in Montana because they are potentially at-risk because of limited and/or declining numbers, range and/or habitat, even though it may be abundant in some areas.													

Temporary displacement may occur No population effect is anticipated. The work will also be done near a wind farm which will have already decreased the likelihood of eagles and sage grouse.

There are no known unique, endangered, fragile or limited environmental resources on this site.

No cumulative effects to habitat are anticipated.

10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:

Identify and determine effects to historical, archaeological or paleontological resources.

A Class I (literature review) level review was conducted by the DNRC staff archaeologist for the area of potential effect (APE). This entailed inspection of project maps, DNRC's sites/site leads database, land use records, General Land Office Survey Plats, and control cards. The Class I search revealed that *Antiquities* have not been identified in the APE. No additional archaeological investigative work will be conducted in response to this proposed development. However, if previously unknown cultural or paleontological materials are identified during project related activities, all work will cease until a professional assessment of such resources can be made.

Recent inventories have been done of the area and isolated flakes and some charcoal have been found but not on the part of the tract that the test holes would be located.

No effects on historical, archaeological, or paleontological resources anticipated.

11. AESTHETICS:

Determine if the project is located on a prominent topographic feature, or may be visible from populated or scenic areas. What level of noise, light or visual change would be produced? Identify cumulative effects to aesthetics.

Some small areas will be disturbed with a backhoe but they will be one bucket wide. Because of the small disturbed area the disturbances will recover quickly. Disturbances will not be evident from any major roads.

No direct or cumulative effects to aesthetics are anticipated.

12. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY:

Determine the amount of limited resources the project would require. Identify other activities nearby that the project would affect. Identify cumulative effects to environmental resources.

No demands on limited resources are required for this project.

No direct or cumulative effects to environmental resources are anticipated.

13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA:

List other studies, plans or projects on this tract. Determine cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of current private, state or federal actions in the analysis area, and from future proposed state actions in the analysis area that are under MEPA review (scoped) or permitting review by any state agency.

There are no other projects or plans being considered on the tracts listed in this EA Checklist.

IV. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION

- *RESOURCES potentially impacted are listed on the form, followed by common issues that would be considered.*
- *Explain POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS following each resource heading.*
- *Enter "NONE" if no impacts are identified or the resource is not present.*

14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Identify any health and safety risks posed by the project.

Some hazards to safety in the operation of equipment but proper distances from operation will be maintained by all unauthorized personnel.

15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION:

Identify how the project would add to or alter these activities.

This project will not add to or deter from other industrial, agricultural, or commercial activities in this area.

16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT:

Estimate the number of jobs the project would create, move or eliminate. Identify cumulative effects to the employment market.

The project will not create any new jobs. These positions are already held by employees of the proponent. No cumulative effects to the employment market are anticipated.

17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES:

Estimate tax revenue the project would create or eliminate. Identify cumulative effects to taxes and revenue.

There are no direct or cumulative effects to taxes or revenue for the proposed project.

18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

Estimate increases in traffic and changes to traffic patterns. What changes would be needed to fire protection, police, schools, etc.? Identify cumulative effects of this and other projects on government services

There will not be any increases in traffic or traffic patterns if this project is approved.

There will be no direct or cumulative effects on government services.

19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS:

List State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, and other zoning or management plans, and identify how they would affect this project.

There are no zoning or other agency management plans affecting this project.

20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES:

Identify any wilderness or recreational areas nearby or access routes through this tract. Determine the effects of the project on recreational potential within the tract. Identify cumulative effects to recreational and wilderness activities.

There will be no direct or cumulative effects on recreation or wilderness activities.

21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING:

Estimate population changes and additional housing the project would require. Identify cumulative effects to population and housing

The proposed project does not include any changes to housing or developments. Population and housing will not be affected.

No direct or cumulative effects to population or housing are anticipated.

22. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES:

Identify potential disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities.

There are no native, unique or traditional lifestyles or communities in the vicinity that would be impacted by the proposal.

23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY:

How would the action affect any unique quality of the area?

The proposed project will have no effect on any unique quality of the area.

24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES:

Estimate the return to the trust. Include appropriate economic analysis. Identify potential future uses for the analysis area other than existing management. Identify cumulative economic and social effects likely to occur as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed project will not have any cumulative economic or social effect.

V. FINDING

25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:

Alternative B (the Proposed Action) – Under this alternative, the Department does grant an easement for an underground telecommunication cable.

26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:

I have evaluated the potential environment effects and have determined that no negative long-term environmental impacts will result from the proposed activity.

27. NEED FOR FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

EIS More Detailed EA No Further Analysis

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