

August 25, 2014

Bailey Minnich, Floodplain Administrator
City of Whitefish
PO Box 158
Whitefish, MT 59937

Dear Bailey,

I am in receipt of the Notice for Public Comment Request for Floodplain Development Permit associated with the proposed Skye Park Bridge located in Section 25, Township 31 North, Range 22 West. The proposed project crosses a waterway considered to be navigable and is currently under the management authority of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

The DNRC recently received a formal easement application for the proposed bridge structure as it crosses the navigable waterway. This application was submitted by TD&H, on behalf of the City of Whitefish. The pending administrative process has just been initiated. The DNRC will begin analyzing the proposed project pursuant to our statutory requirements, which may take a minimum of 3-4 months. Until such time as this proposal has been thoroughly reviewed, presented to and approved by the State Board of Land Commissioners and an official easement document executed by the appropriate State officials, legal access for such a proposal is not permitted.

Feel free to contact me on my direct line at 406-751-2253 (or by the e-mail noted below) with any additional questions you may have regarding this matter. I look forward to assisting you in any manner that I can.

Truly,

Christie Hollenbeck
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cc: File, Karin Hilding - Sr. Engineer City of Whitefish, TD&H Engineering,
Dave Poukish - DNRC Kalispell Unit Manager, Anne S. Moran – DNRC Kalispell Unit Planner