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Issue Date: 12/12/2022
SPA No.: MDT-R1-61-2022
Flathead R-3M NW of Bigfork
Project No.: STPB-STPP 82-1(6) 5
Control No.: 6850000
Pre-Construction

Dear Mr. Weigand:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) has reviewed MDT's SPA 124 permit application for pre-construction activities related to the Flathead River-3 Miles NW of Bigfork Bridge Replacement project, on Highway 83, RP 5.73, over the Flathead River near Bigfork. The proposed work is authorized in accordance with the Montana Stream Protection Act (SPA) provided the following General and Special conditions listed below are met:

General Conditions:

- Adhere to the general provisions listed in Subsection 208.03.3 of the MDT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
- Comply with all additional agreed upon conditions established by stakeholders as well as the Special Conditions indicated below.

Special Conditions:

- Ensure any on site, displaced riprap is recycled and incorporated into the proposed design.
- Minimize the volume of riprap installed to the extent necessary to complete the project.
- Ensure all disturbed areas are top soiled and reseeded according to MDT's regional seed mix.
- Ensure FWP is updated as project designs and volumes change.

The authorization is valid for two years from the date of issuance.

The proposed work exceeds the scope of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for a FWP issued Water Quality Discharge Permit (318 Permit) therefore application to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality for 318 Permit is required.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 444-3175 and reference **SPA No.:** MDT-R1-61-2022.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ferree
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