

EXCEPTION CHECKLIST FOR BIA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

Project: A10-Standing Rock Sioux Reservation Road Maintenance Activities Date: 04/20/2020

Nature of Proposed Action: Routine Road Maintenance Activities within the existing right-of-way, to include shaping/regrading surface areas, replacement of signs, graveling, culvert cleaning, ditch cleaning, culvert replacement, tree and brush removal, mowing ditches, asphalt crack sealing, asphalt patching, chip seal, striping of asphalt roads, asphalt milling, overlay, on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North and South Dakota. No change of land use would be associated with the action. These actions would not threaten or violate Federal, Tribal or local laws or requirements imposed for protection of the environment. There would be no potential to cause effects on historic properties or adversely affect federally-listed threatened or endangered species. These actions would not have adverse effects on public health or safety or on unique natural or geographic features. These proposed actions can therefore be categorically excluded from further requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act under 40 CFR 1508.4. This document is valid through May 22, 2021.

Exclusion category and number: 516 DM 10.5 A

Evaluation of Exceptions to use of Categorical Exclusion:

1. This action would have significant adverse effects on public health or safety. No X Yes
2. This action would have an adverse effect on unique geographical features, such as wetlands, wild or scenic rivers, refuges, floodplains, rivers placed on nationwide river inventory, or prime or unique farmlands. No X Yes
3. The action will have highly controversial environmental effects. No X Yes
4. The action will have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. No X Yes
5. This action will establish a precedent for future actions. No X Yes
6. This action is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects. No X Yes
7. This action will affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. No X Yes
8. This action will affect a species listed, or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened. No X Yes

- A “yes” to any of the above exceptions will require that an EA be prepared.

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Regional Archeologist Concurrence with Item 7_____

Concur: _____ Date: _____
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