

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Blackfeet Community Water Project has been proposed by the Blackfeet Tribe, Blackfeet Nation, Browning, Montana. The Project will construct an intake structure in the Lower Two Medicine Reservoir, a water treatment plant located approximately 1-1/2 miles north of East Glacier, and water pipelines to the communities of East Glacier and Browning. This project will solve the historic water problems of the two communities.

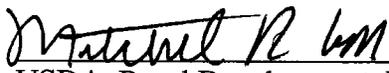
Based on the attached environmental assessment (EA) it has been determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an EIS is not required.

The reasons supporting this finding are as follows:

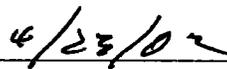
1. It has been determined that the project will not adversely affect the endangered species in the area.
2. It has been determined that the project will avoid the areas of cultural significance.
3. The effects of the construction are temporary and there will be no long term effects on the environment.

References:

1. Archaeological Testing and Evaluation within and in the Vicinity of Archaeological Site 24GL805 – Final Report Prepared by John H. Brumley, Ethos Consultants, Havre, MT
2. A Cultural Resource Inventory of the Proposed Blackfeet Community Water Project – CRIS Forms Prepared by John H. Brumley, Ethos Consultants, Havre, MT
3. Archaeological Testing and Evaluation within and in the Vicinity of Archaeological Site 24GL805 – Appendix Prepared by John H. Brumley, Ethos Consultants, Havre, MT
4. All other references are contained within the EA.



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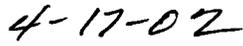
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The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as cooperating agency for the preparation of this document, identified the fact that it intended to adopt the completed EA document as analysis for National Environmental Policy Act compliance. This adoption would be for BIA decisions regarding leases, easements, rights-of-way and associated permits that the BIA may approve regarding Indian trust acreage.

It is my decision to adopt the Blackfeet Nation, Blackfeet Community Water Project, Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Environmental Assessment.



Bureau of Indian Affairs



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