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August 28, 2023

Mr. Michael Schurke, MA  
Western Lands Highway Division  
610 E. Fifth Street  
Vancouver, WA 98661

Re: Sun River Bridge Replacement Project, MT FLAP BOR 2980(1)

Dear Mr. Schurke,

Thank you for your letter and associated materials (received August 10, 2023) regarding the proposed Sun River Bridge Replacement Project. We concur with the following eligibility determinations:

24LC0806 – Eligible (A)

24LC0808/24TT0134 – Eligible (A)

24LC2147 – Eligible (A)

24LC2695 – Eligible (A)

However, we feel that the loss of integrity is not significant enough to justify a Not Eligible determination for cultural resource 24TT0199 per the multiple property document for Montana Historic Steel Truss Bridges. More information would be needed before we could concur with the proposed determination.

Because we do not concur with the eligibility determination for cultural resource 24TT0199, we cannot concur with the effect determination. We look forward to working with you to resolve eligibility and ultimately the effect determination for this undertaking.

Please note that our concurrence does not substitute for a good faith effort to consult with interested parties, local government authorities, and American Indian tribes. If you receive a comment that substantially relates to a historic property located within or adjacent to the Area of Potential Effect, please submit it to our office for review. Include documentation of how the comment was addressed. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 444-6485 or [Samantha.Gilk@MT.gov](mailto:Samantha.Gilk@MT.gov). Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,

Samantha Gilk, M.S.  
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