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Karin Hilding, PE
City of Whitefish
Public Works Department
PO Box 158
Whitefish, MT 59937

Subject: E 2nd Street Reconstruction; WCA 13-09

Dear Ms. Hilding:

This office is in receipt of your *Critical Areas Checklist* and supporting information for the above-described city project. The City of Whitefish Planning & Building Department hereby **approves** your application for critical area compliance on the above referenced property. This approval is based on the following findings of fact:

1. The subject property is located inside the Whitefish city limits.
2. The E 2nd Street corridor has several zoning designations: WR-1 (One-Family Residential District), WA (Agriculture), WLR (Limited Residential District), and WSR (Suburban Residential District).
3. Along the corridor is Cow Creek and associated wetlands near the west end of the project and wetland areas near the east end of the project near the Armory Park and train tracks.
4. The improvements include replacement of a culvert at Cow Creek and widening the road.
5. Four wetlands have been identified that will be impacted along with this project.
6. This project is categorized as 'exempt' under the Whitefish Water Quality Protection Regulations §11-3-29B(b) and is also including a mitigation plan for the areas being impacts.
7. All areas disturbed due to construction will be immediately seeded.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

This approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The improvements shall be constructed in compliance with the plans submitted with this application on August 29, 2013, except as amended by these conditions. Any deviations from the plan shall require approval of supplemental plans.
2. An erosion control plan shall be submitted to the City of Whitefish for review and approval prior to any grading on-site. Once the erosion control is in place, prior to construction, contact the Planning Department for an inspection.
3. The construction limits shall be clearly delineated in the field prior to construction in order to protect the native vegetation, slope and pond. Grading and vegetation removal shall be the minimum necessary to install the improvements.

Please call our office, if you have any questions at 863-2410.

Sincerely,



Wendy Compton-Ring, AICP
Senior Planner