



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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CENWS-PM-PL-ER

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS  
STEVENSVILLE, RAVALLI COUNTY, MONTANA

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**1. Action.** The town of Stevensville, Montana requested that the Corps of Engineers, Seattle District (Corps) provide assistance for water system improvements. The water system has not been substantially or significantly improved since 1977, yet the population of Stevensville increased by 27.2% from 1990 to 2000.

The preferred alternative would address the immediate and future needs of the town regarding supply, transmission, and storage. This project proposes to rehabilitate well No. 1 by installing a new pump (rated at the same capacity as the current pump), associated piping, and a new telemetry control system. Identified leaks in a transmission line will be repaired. Investigative studies regarding future improvements of the water system would also be performed. These studies include drilling a test well at the site of a proposed well field, performing aquifer studies at this site, and examining new sites for a storage tank.

**2. Summary of Impacts.** Construction actions will result in a temporary, localized, and minor increase in noise and disruption of vegetation and traffic flow in the construction area. The Corps is coordinating with State agencies to assure careful consideration of natural and cultural resources. No adverse impacts to threatened or endangered species, fish and wildlife habitat, air quality, noise, aesthetics, historical resources, or cultural resources will occur as a result of the project.

**3. Finding.** Based on the analysis described above, and provided in more detail in the environmental assessment, this project is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human or natural environment, and therefore does not require preparation of an environmental impact statement.

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