



**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development**

451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410
www.hud.gov

espanol.hud.gov

Broad-Level Tiered Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5 Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)

Project Information

Project Name: Elder homeowner rehab, 2023–2027

Responsible Entity (RE): White Rock Tribe of Montana

State/Local Identifier: N/A

RE Preparer: Janet Blue, Housing Director

Certifying Officer: Robert Black, Tribal Chairman

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): N/A

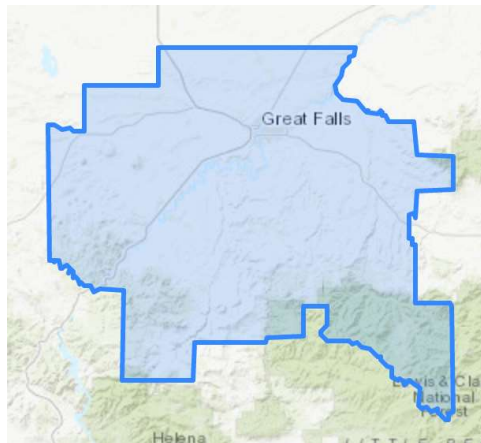
Point of Contact: N/A

Consultant (if applicable): N/A

Point of Contact: N/A

Project Location: Cascade, Montana; primarily Great Falls area

Additional Location Information: N/A



Direct Comments to: Janet Blue, Housing Director; office: 406-555-5500, fax: 406-555-5501,
email: j.blue@wrt-nsn.gov

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The White Rock Tribe is planning to run an elder housing rehab program to assist low-income elder homeowners with housing repairs. The type of rehab work is anticipated to include (but not be limited to) installation of a new furnace or HVAC system.

Maintenance activities (to be also covered by a separate CENST review): servicing and maintenance of furnaces, HVACs, and hot water heaters, changing air filters of furnaces, cleaning air ducts and replacing a malfunctioning part of a HVAC system or furnace.

Approximate size of the project area: 2696 m²

Length of time covered by this review: 5 years

Maximum number of dwelling units or lots addressed by this tiered review: 60

Level of Environmental Review Determination:

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: _____ 58.35(a)(3)(i) Rehab of single-family housing _____

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
19IT23786450020	ONAP	IHBG-CARES	2,000,000
MT239810948799	ONAP	IHBG	100,000 per year

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$2,500,000 over five years

BIA-HIP funds may also be used to fund the program.

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]:
\$2,500,000 over five years, \$1,000-\$10,000 per project

Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities and Written Strategies

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6	Was compliance achieved at the broad level of review?	If Yes: Describe compliance determinations made at the broad level. If No: Describe the policy, standard, or process to be followed in the site-specific review.
---	---	---

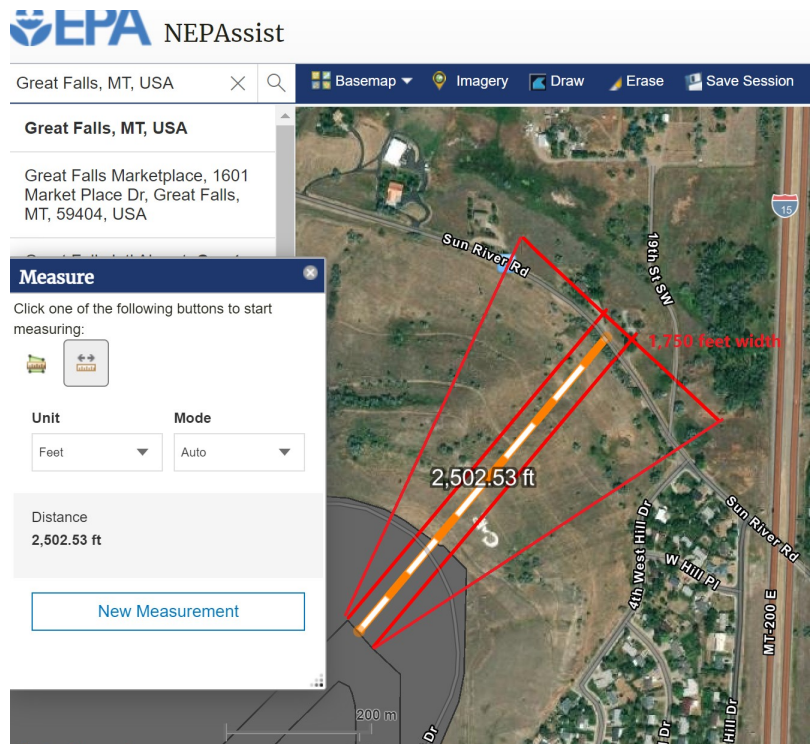
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.6

Airport Hazards

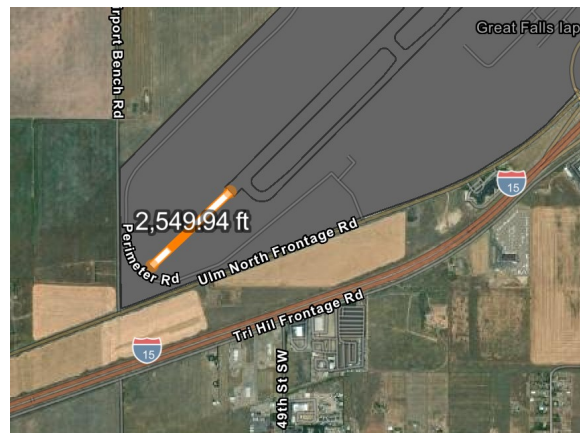
24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D

Yes No

Cascade County has only one FAA- or DOD-regulated airport, Great Falls International Airport. Assuming the most conservative runway protection zone (clear zone) length of 2,500 feet and width of 1,750 feet, no housing is located within the runway protection zone. Therefore, this project is in compliance with this section.



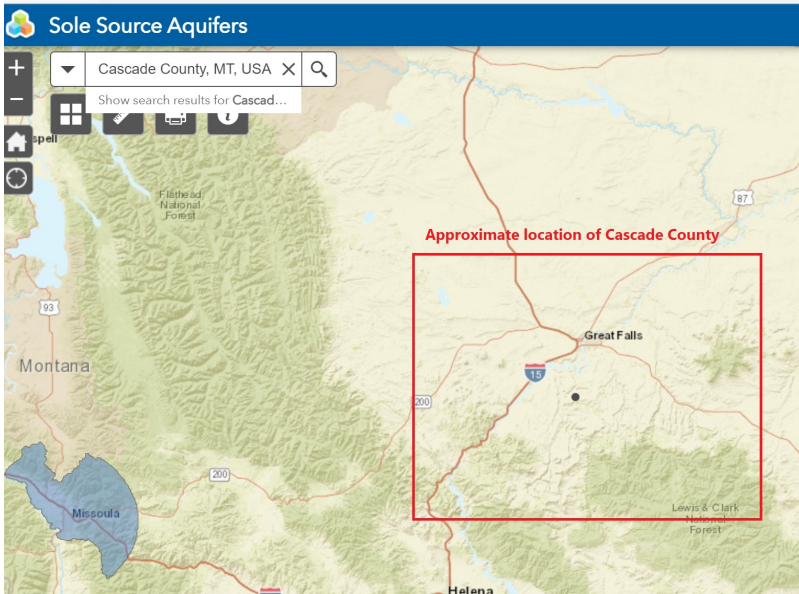
NE end of runway



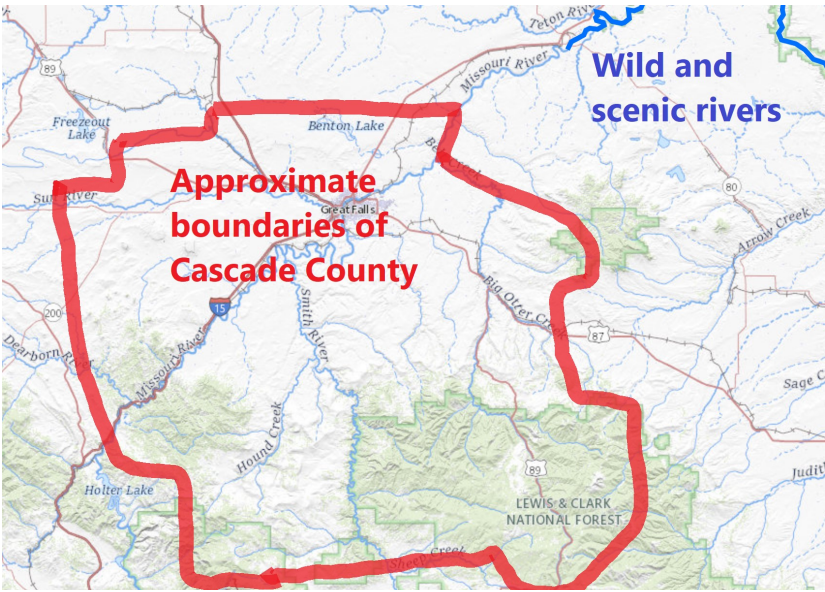
SW end of runway

<p>Coastal Barrier Resources</p> <p>Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Montana is a landlocked state with no coasts. There are no coastal barrier resources in Montana. Therefore, the project is in compliance with the CBRA.</p>
<p>Flood Insurance</p> <p>Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The maximum assistance to be provided is \$10,000, which is equal to the deductible for minor repairs. Therefore, flood insurance is not required even if a property is located within the floodplain. If the assistance to a project exceeds \$10,000, a FEMA flood map will be checked for the unit's location in relation to a special flood hazard area.</p>
<p>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §58.5</p>		
<p>Clean Air</p> <p>Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>This project does not include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units. Therefore, this project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.</p>
<p>Coastal Zone Management</p> <p>Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Montana is a landlocked state with no coasts, so there are no coastal zones in the state. Therefore, the project is in compliance with the CZMA.</p>
<p>Contamination and Toxic Substances</p> <p>24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>An inspection will be performed for every home, and it will include indoor hazards such as mold (and lead-based paint for homes older than 1978). A checklist will be used to document the presence or absence of contamination and other hazards on the property and on adjoining properties. In addition, two database searches will be conducted to search for EPA-regulated facilities and leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs) within 3,000 feet of the home. Further investigation, such as by following up with the EPA or the state, will be pursued for any facilities with violations or unresolved LUSTs within 3,000 feet of the unit.</p>

		If lead-based paint is found, HUD's policy on lead-based paint requirements at 24 CFR 35 will be followed.
Endangered Species Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Seven threatened or endangered species and one candidate species are listed for Cascade County. See official species list from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As the project is limited to interior rehab activities and the homes themselves are not suitable habitat for the listed species, this project will have No Effect on endangered species. Therefore, this project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	This project does not include the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion. Therefore, this project is in compliance with 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	This project does not include new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land, or conversion that could potentially convert one land use to another. Therefore, this project is compliant with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.
Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	The maximum assistance to be provided is \$10,000, so the work qualifies as 'minor improvements on a 1- to 4-unit dwelling'. The exception at 55.12(b)(2) applies, and the 8-step process is not required for projects that are located in a special flood hazard area. No assistance is going toward a floodway, as the project is for existing homes (which would not be in a floodway). Therefore, this project is in compliance with this section.
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Montana SHPO will be consulted for every unit. Tribal consultation is not necessary because no ground disturbance is expected.
Noise Abatement and Control	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Each unit will be checked for its distance away from common noise generators via NEPAssist. If the project is within 1,000 feet

<p>Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B</p>		<p>of a major road and/or 3,000 feet of a railroad, then further research will be conducted, and a noise analysis (DNL calculation using HUD’s DNL calculator) may be necessary. Great Falls International Airport is the only commercial airport in Cascade County, and its operations are too low to have noise extend beyond the airport boundaries. See the appendix.</p>
<p>Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149</p>	<p>Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Cascade County has no sole source aquifers. See EPA’s map of sole source aquifers below.</p>
		
<p>Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5</p>	<p>Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>This project does not involve new construction, the expansion of a footprint, or any other activity that could affect an onsite or offsite wetland. While minimal ground disturbance is possible for the installation of ramps, it will occur within existing, developed lots adjacent to existing houses, where the presence of wetlands is highly unlikely. Therefore, this project is in compliance with EO 11990.</p>
<p>Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)</p>	<p>Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Cascade County has no designated wild and scenic rivers. It has one river (Smith River) listed on the Nationwide Rivers Inventory. The designated segment of the Smith River is on the border of Lewis and Clark National</p>

		<p>Forest and is far from any human settlement. Furthermore, the project is limited to repairs on an existing structure. Therefore, this project will have no effect on designated wild and scenic rivers.</p>
--	--	--



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

<p>Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>If adverse environmental effects are identified by any other compliance topic within the Tier 2/site-specific review for a unit, then the project will be analyzed for its potential to cause disproportionate adverse environmental impacts to a low-income/minority community.</p>
---	---	---

Attach supporting documentation as necessary, including a site-specific checklist.

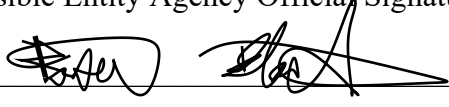
Determination:

- Extraordinary circumstances exist and this project may result in significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA); OR
- There are no extraordinary circumstances which would require completion of an EA, and this project may remain CEST.

Preparer Signature:  Date: 11/2/22

Name/Title/Organization: Janet Blue, Housing Director, Little Shell Tribe

Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:

 Date: 11/2/22

Name/Title: Robert Black, Tribal Chairman

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

This document represents the Tier 1 or Broad-Level review *only*. As individual sites are selected, this review must be supplemented by individual Tier 2 or Site-Specific reviews for each site. All laws and authorities requiring site-specific analysis will be addressed in these individual reviews.

