

The National Park Service's  
State, Tribal, and Local Plans & Grants  
Environmental Screening Worksheet

This worksheet should be attached to all NEPA documentation and sent to Megan J. Brown, Chief, of State, Tribal, and Local Plans & Grants for final review. This worksheet shall be completed and signed by the Grantee. The Categorical Exclusion Form (if applicable) will be reviewed and signed by Megan J. Brown.

**A. PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project Name: Officer's Amusement Hall at Fort Assinniboine

Grant Number: P19AP00429-09

Program Area:

- Development (Pre-Construction / Construction)
- Survey - Archeological
- Testing - Archeological or Pre-Construction

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Project Address: 3848 Fort Circle, Havre, MT 59501

Project Originator/Coordinator: Fort Assinniboine Preservation Association (FAPA)

Owner: Montana State University

National Register Status: Listed

**B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION** [To begin the statutory compliance file, attach to this form, maps, site visit notes, agency consultation, data, reports, categorical exclusion form (if applicable), or other relevant materials.]

The Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is initiating NEPA review with the National Park Service (NPS) for proposed work on the National Register listed Officer's Amusement Hall at 3848 Fort Circle Havre, MT 59501. The building contributes to the Fort Assinniboine Historic District. Montana State University (MSU) in cooperation with the Fort Assinniboine Preservation Association applied for HRSP funds through SHPO, and we selected this project for possible funding. SHPO's HRSP two-part grant application is partly based on the Federal Rehab Tax Credit format. We've enclosed Parts 1 and 2. You may wish to focus on the Part 1's Property Significance and Architectural Description sections (page 6); and Part 2's Rehabilitation/Preservation Description section (page 7-8). See also, photos and drawings. The Officer's Amusement Hall is situated at the southern corner within the Fort Assiniboine Historic District near Havre. The building was constructed ca. 1886 and remained in use until the fort's military closure in 1911. The building is listed as a contributing building to the Fort Assinniboine Historic District. Attached materials outline a project that includes the following work:

- Sistering or in-kind replacement of rotten rafters, and in-kind replacement of rotten roof deck boards;
- Replacement of the existing damaged roof with in-kind cedar shingles;
- Replacement of missing or damaged brick on the chimney with original brick on site that will be an exact match;
- Tuck pointing the chimney with a mortar based on analysis of adjacent historic mortar;
- New step flashing in existing reglets around the base of the chimney when roof is replaced;
- Replacement of the roof fascia with in-kind materials of matching profile and dimension, where fascia is rotten, broken or missing.
- Prep and paint fascia.
- Reconstruction of original stage located in front of historic mural using original dimensions. Historic materials of the stage are unknown. New

**E. MANDATORY CRITERIA: If implemented, would the proposal?**

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1. Have material adverse effects on public health or safety?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
2. Have adverse effects on such unique characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the National Register or Natural Landmarks?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially negative environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
10. Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act). Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of non- native invasive species or actions that may promote the introduction, growth or expansion of the range of nonnative invasive species (EO 13112)?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed

**\*\*\*If you check "YES" to any of the above listed criteria you cannot claim a Categorical Exclusion and must complete either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement for your project to proceed. Please notify your grant manager at the National Park Service to determine your next steps.**

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. Are the personnel preparing this form familiar with the site, and/or has a site visit been conducted? (Attach additional pages noting when site visit took place, staff attending, etc.)  
Though MT SHPO has not visited the site in relation to this project, we are familiar with the property and have engaged in long-term discussions with the local historic preservation officer (HPO) about the property. The HPO has offered thorough photo documentation, mapping, and project oversight.
  
2. Has consultation with all affected agencies or tribes been completed? (Attach additional pages detailing the consultation, including the name, date, and summary of comments from other agency or tribal contacts.)  
Letters notifying the Blackfeet, Rocky Boys and Littleshell Tribes have been sent to corresponding contacts.

**GRANTEE SIGNATORY**

Based on the environmental impact information contained in the statutory compliance file and in this environmental screening form, environmental documentation for the subject project is complete.

Recommended Action: Fund Project

Approved:

Grantee



Date 12/17/2020

Type Name: Pete Brown