

Table 1-4 Authorizations, Permits, Reviews, and Approvals

Action Requiring Permit, Approval or Review	Permit/Approval	Accepting Authority/Approving Agency	Statutory Reference
STATE OF IDAHO (cont.)			
Obstructions to air flight	Notice of proposed construction	ITD, Division of Aeronautics	IC 21-513 through 21-520 and ITD Rule No.39.04.02

1.8 PREEXISTING STUDIES

Preexisting studies applicable to the MSTI project include the DOE and BLM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Design of Energy Corridors on Federal Land in the 11 Western States (2007) and Sage Grouse and Sharp-tailed Grouse Surveys of Northwestern Energy Proposed Power Line Corridors from Toston to Montana/Idaho Border, Final Report (2007). A brief summary of these two reports is included below.

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Design of Energy Corridors on Federal Land in the 11 Western States: *The Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58 (H.R. 6), enacted August 8, 2005, directs the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, and the Interior to designate under their respective authorities corridors on federal land in 11 Western States for oil, gas and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission and distribution facilities. The PEIS includes an assessment of any positive and negative environmental, social, and economic impacts of the alternatives. The Agencies examined the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of corridor designation on the natural environment, social systems, and the economy. A programmatic evaluation, such as this PEIS, does not evaluate site-specific issues associated with potential individual energy transport projects. Therefore the MSTI project will be subjected to the NEPA process. Within the MSTI project area there are 102 miles of proposed corridor in Montana. This includes corridors: 50-51, 50-203, 50-260, and 51-205.*

Sharp-tailed Grouse Surveys of Northwestern Energy Proposed Power Line Corridors from Toston to Montana/Idaho Border, Final Report: *Surveys were conducted from April 10 through April 24, 2007 which included both aerial and ground surveys. Habitat and known lek occurrences were reconfirmed during survey efforts. New sage grouse leks were discovered at: Ermont Gulch (N45.26368, W112.8780), Hans Peterson Flats West (N45 02.408, W 113 01.262), Cabin Creek (N44 36.719; W 112 55.097), Meadow Creek (N 44 31.754; W 112 55.540), and Alkali Creek (N 44 34.819; W 112 55.677). Additional survey efforts may be warranted to document habitat conditions and capture route adjustments encountered during project planning and design phases of the project.*