

US 34 Big Thompson Permanent Repair Project Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park/Open Lands

Notice of Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Impact

Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) proposed improvements to US 34 are supported by federal funds through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and must follow environmental requirements pertaining to FHWA. One such consideration is Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 USC 303). Section 4(f) requires consideration of impacts to public parks and recreational lands, such as the Sleepy Hollow Park, in transportation project development. A Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact finding can be made by FHWA if a project does not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes of the recreational property.

As previously documented under the September 2015 *de minimis* impact finding for the park, within Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park/Open Lands conceptual design of the proposed project identified up to approximately 0.6 acre of grading along US 34, 3.5 acres of grading along the river channel, and 1.7 acres of temporary impacts beyond the grading limits. This includes widening the existing roadway and roadway shoulders, grading existing slopes on both sides of the roadway, and installing guardrail or retaining walls along the north side of the roadway.

As part of Construction Package 1, two staging areas are now proposed within the Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park/Open Lands. Both staging areas are located within the undeveloped, open space portions of the park. On the north side of US 34, a staging area would be located at the City of Loveland Old Borrow Pit and would consist of equipment storage within an approximately 3-acre temporary construction easement. In order to store equipment, grading and tree removal would be required within an approximately 0.9-acre area.

On the south side of US 34, an approximately 42-acre temporary construction easement would be obtained for the Round Mountain Material Processing and Staging Area. During construction, materials would be processed, crushed, and sorted on the site and portions of these materials would be incorporated into the roadway construction project along the US 34 corridor. Construction equipment and construction supplies would also be stored on the site during construction. Ground disturbance within the site would account for approximately 18.5 acres.

Both sites are anticipated to be active for approximately three years. Following construction, the areas of disturbance will be re-graded to match natural contours, topsoil will be placed, and the areas will be re-seeded with native grass seed and shrub mix as approved by the City of Loveland. In consultation with the City of Loveland, trees will be incorporated into the reclamation of each site to compensate for the removal of trees.

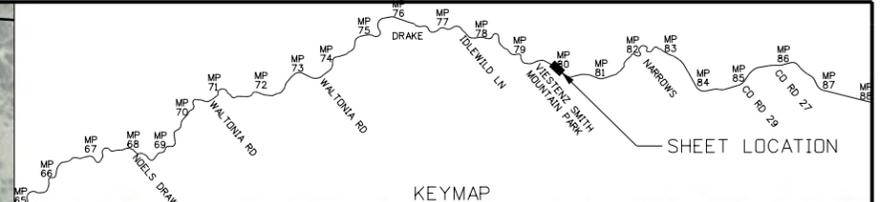
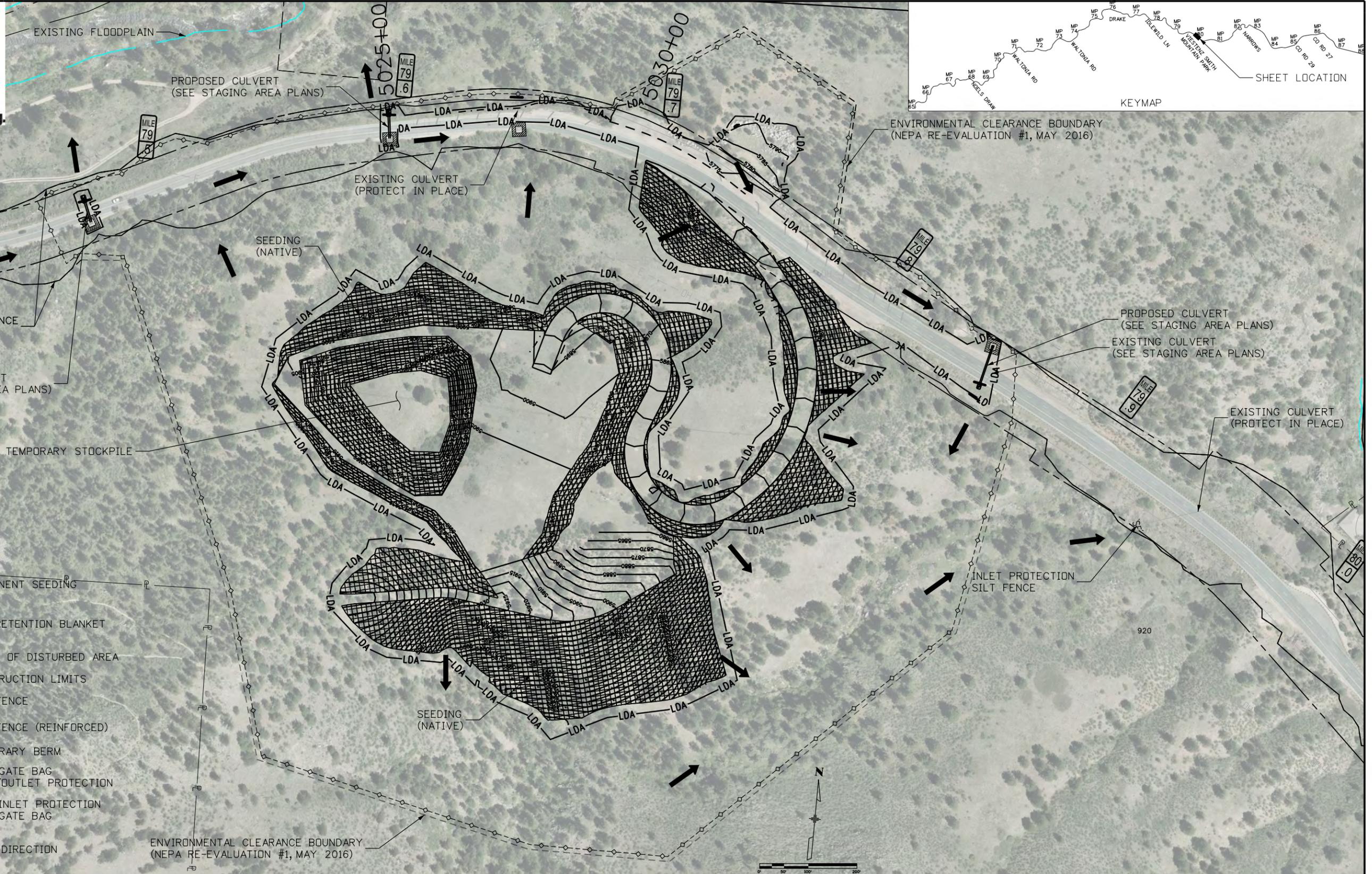
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FHWA intends on making a Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact finding based on the assessment that the activities, features, and attributes of Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park/Open Lands will not be adversely affected by the proposed project. The proposed *de minimis* impact finding requires coordination with the City of Loveland, since they own and administer the property. Should the City concur that the proposed project will not adversely affect the Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park/Open Space following public review and comment, FHWA will issue a finding of *de minimis* impact. Public comments regarding US 34 impacts on the park/open lands and the proposed Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact finding must be submitted in writing by May 9, 2016 to be taken into consideration.

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