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DATE: December 18, 2009
TO: Environmental Quality Council Members
FR: EQC Staff
RE: The January 7-8, 2010 EQC Meeting

Happy holidays! Below is a list of prep materials for our January 7-8 meeting. On the agenda, please note that there's a spot for "committee action, if any" after each item. Though the 2011 session may seem far away, it's time for the EQC to start making preliminary decisions about what legislative proposals it would like to develop. In order to effectively discuss how the EQC might proceed, it's important that you review these meeting materials in advance. **Also, please bring your packet to the meeting.**

Enclosed:

- draft agenda
- the minutes from the September 10-11 EQC meeting
- agency rule review status report
- water adjudication reports from the DNRC and Judge Loble
- background papers for the biomass and recycling studies
- biomass discussion paper from DNRC
- draft study summary for HJR 15, providing monetary incentives to private landowners for tourism/recreational access
- LFD analysis of DNRC's proposed alternative for the cabinsite lease rentals
- 2009 fire season cost analysis
- draft of the proposed EQC publication *Permitting in Montana*
- memo on proposed rulemaking by DEQ on the Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act (CECRA)
- navigable rivers memo from Todd Everts

AND ...

- The EQC Broadcast! This CD is to be played on your computer. Your host, Hope Stockwell, discusses the contents of your packet. (Listening will help you sort through and digest the info!) If for some reason the CD doesn't work, the audio file is posted on the EQC web site with all of the other meeting materials. <http://leg.mt.gov/eqc>

Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or comments. And don't forget to bring your packet to the meeting! Thanks!

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