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February 8, 2012

To: Natural Resource Stakeholders

Fr: Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Select Committee on Efficiency in Government

Re: Input on changes to state processes

The Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Select Committee on Efficiency in Government is requesting suggestions for efficiencies related to state processes for natural resource development.

The subcommittee formed in January and began seeking recommendations to reduce unnecessary or overly burdensome processes. Members will discuss suggested changes in March.

In February, members agreed to ask stakeholders for information that identifies a specific state process that should be changed. The subcommittee established a list of stakeholders and also is sending this request out on its listservs and Newslinks. Please feel free to share this request for comment with others who can assist the committee in its work.

The subcommittee is seeking feedback on the following:

- ways to use electronic forms and authorizations to streamline permitting;
- new technologies that can help advance development of innovative natural resource industries and sectors needs;
- requirements to facilitate investment and financing of natural resource development projects in Montana;
- improvements to project and program coordination, both between state programs, and between state and other government programs;
- improvements to public notice and opportunities for public participation;
- ways to further prevent or eliminate duplication and waste, in general;

Suggested changes can be submitted in the following ways:

- by email to jmohr2@mt.gov
- by filling out the online public input tool found on the Committee's website (leg.mt.gov/sceg); or

- by mailing the recommendation to: Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division, P.O. Box 201706, Helena, MT 59602

Please provide a specific process and identify the change that is needed. In order to compile information for the March 1-2 committee meeting, comments must be received by February 24.

If you have questions, feel free to email or call 444-1640.

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