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## MINUTES LOG

Work Group for Senate Joint Resolution 15  
Public Land Management Study

May 29, 2014

Room 335, State Capitol Building  
Helena, Montana

Please note: These minutes provide abbreviated information about committee discussion, public testimony, action taken, and other activities. To the left of each section in these minutes is a time designation indicating the approximate amount of time in hours, minutes, and seconds that has elapsed since the start of the meeting. This time designation may be used to locate the referenced discussion on the audio or video recording of this meeting.

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE CONFERENCE**

SEN. JENNIFER FIELDER  
SEN. BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT

REP. ED LIESER  
REP. KERRY WHITE

### **STAFF PRESENT IN HELENA**

JOE KOLMAN, Legislative Environmental Analyst  
NADINE SPENCER, Secretary

## **AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST**

Agenda, [Attachment 1](#).  
Visitors' list, [Attachment 2](#).

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

- The work group recommended that a bill be drafted to form a statutory subcommittee, of the Environmental Quality Council (EQC), on federal land management.

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

00:00:10 Sen. Fielder called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. The secretary called the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

## **AGENDA**

### **OPTIONS FOR CONTINUED STUDY OF FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT**

00:00:42 Sen. Fielder opened the discussion on options available to continue the study on federal land management.

00:02:22 Rep. White

00:06:49 Rep. Leiser

00:08:11 Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD), discussed options available to continue the study, [Exhibit 1](#).

00:14:35 Rep. Lieser

00:15:32 Mr. Kolman

00:18:16 Rep. Lieser

00:18:50 Mr. Kolman

00:20:18 Rep. Lieser

00:20:55 Mr. Kolman

00:21:33 Sen. Fielder

00:23:55 Sen. Hamlett

00:28:16 Mr. Kolman

00:28:26 Sen. Hamlett

00:29:39 Sen. Fielder

00:29:54 Sen. Hamlett

00:31:18 Sen. Fielder

00:33:21 Rep. White

00:35:30 Sen. Hamlett

00:36:59 Sen. Fielder

00:38:16 Rep. Lieser

00:40:05 Mr. Kolman

00:42:58 Rep. Lieser

00:43:58 Sen. Fielder

00:44:23 Mr. Kolman

00:46:36 Sen. Fielder

00:46:55 Mr. Kolman  
00:47:39 Rep. White  
00:48:50 Mr. Kolman  
00:50:17 Rep. Lieser  
00:52:42 Sen. Fielder  
00:53:21 Mr. Kolman  
00:54:47 Sen. Fielder  
00:56:07 Sen. Hamlett  
00:56:23 Rep. White  
00:56:37 Mr. Kolman provided the link to information on how the Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) was formed, [Exhibit 2](#).  
00:58:35 Sen. Fielder  
01:00:39 Rep. Lieser suggested having a bill draft available for the next work group meeting.  
01:01:16 Sen. Fielder  
01:01:22 Mr. Kolman  
01:01:47 Sen. Fielder  
01:02:09 Mr. Kolman  
01:02:26 Sen. Fielder  
01:03:48 Rep. Lieser  
01:04:03 Sen. Fielder  
01:05:05 Sen. Hamlett  
01:05:38 Sen. Fielder  
01:05:48 Sen. Hamlett  
01:06:43 Rep. White  
01:07:30 Sen. Hamlett  
01:09:04 Sen. Fielder  
01:09:46 Rep. White  
01:09:55 Mr. Kolman  
01:10:43 Sen. Fielder  
01:10:52 Mr. Kolman  
01:11:14 Sen. Fielder  
01:11:25 Rep. White  
01:12:26 Sen. Hamlett  
01:13:47 Sen. Fielder  
01:14:26 Rep. Lieser  
01:14:56 Rep. White  
01:16:00 Sen. Hamlett  
01:16:18 Sen. Fielder  
01:16:59 Rep. White  
01:17:39 Sen. Fielder  
01:18:36 Rep. Lieser  
01:18:56 Sen. Fielder  
01:19:08 Mr. Kolman  
01:19:39 Sen. Fielder  
01:20:09 Rep. Lieser  
01:20:31 Mr. Kolman  
01:22:26 Sen. Fielder  
01:22:49 Rep. White

01:22:52 Rep. Lieser  
01:23:04 Sen. Fielder  
01:23:54 Rep. Lieser  
01:23:58 Sen. Fielder  
01:24:34 Rep. Lieser  
01:24:43 Sen. Fielder  
01:24:50 Mr. Kolman  
01:25:50 Sen. Fielder  
01:26:29 Rep. Lieser  
01:26:42 Sen. Fielder  
01:26:56 Rep. Lieser  
01:26:59 Sen. Fielder  
01:27:49 Mr. Kolman

### **DEVELOPMENT OF FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND DRAFT REPORT**

01:27:53 Sen. Fielder opened discussion on the draft report for the EQC meeting in July.  
01:30:00 Rep. White  
01:32:52 Sen. Fielder  
01:34:16 Rep. White  
01:35:12 Sen. Fielder  
01:37:23 Rep. Lieser  
01:41:10 Sen. Fielder  
01:42:28 Rep. White  
01:43:04 Rep. Lieser  
01:44:01 Sen. Fielder  
01:44:10 Rep. Lieser  
01:44:34 Sen. Fielder discussed the agenda for the next work group meeting.  
01:46:18 Rep. Lieser  
01:46:22 Mr. Kolman  
01:47:17 Sen. Fielder  
01:47:37 Mr. Kolman  
01:47:54 Sen. Fielder

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

01:48:47 Sen. Fielder said the next work group meetings are scheduled for June 12 and June 26.

01:50:05 Sen. Fielder adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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