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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Kenneth L. Holmlund, on February 2, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317C Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Alex Colafrance, Remote Meeting Coordinator

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Presentation Continued

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Public Comment:

08:34:05 Chair Holmlund
08:34:33 Rep. Schillinger joined the meeting.
08:35:18 Mark Suta, Glacier County Conservation District (GCCD)
08:36:54 Gayla Wortman, Cascade Conservation District (CCD)

EXHIBIT(jnh22a01)

EXHIBIT(jnh22a02)

08:38:52 Jeff Pattison, Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA); Valley County
Conservation District (VCCD)
08:42:08 Liv Holt, Missouri River Conservation District Council (MRCDC)
08:45:28 Dan Rostad, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)
08:51:12 David Pratt, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)
08:55:27 Aaron Kolb, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)
08:58:06 Don Youngbauer, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)
08:59:24 Jeff Ryan, Lewis and Clark Conservation District (LCDC)
09:03:59 Mike Ames, Ydoc Land & Livestock LLC
09:09:10 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SrWRC); Association of
Gallatin Agriculture Irrigation (AGAI)
09:13:59 Clayton Elliott, Trout Unlimited (TU)
09:17:20 Jane Holzer, Pondera County Conservation District (PCCD)
09:19:16 Commissioner Keith Holmlund, Custer County
09:22:56 Scott Brown, Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA)
09:24:42 Sarah Hitchcock, Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA)
09:26:45 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Associators (MWPA)
09:31:07 Sen. Welborn
09:32:08 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)
09:33:29 Sen. Welborn
09:34:08 Jeff Pattison, MRWA; VCCD
09:36:30 John C Anderson, Ruby Valley Conservation District (RVCD)
09:40:58 Chair Holmlund
09:41:20 Rep. Keane
09:42:49 Mark Suta, GCCD
09:43:40 Rep. Keane
09:44:15 Mark Suta, GCCD
09:45:10 Rep. Keane
09:46:10 Mike Ames, Ydoc Land & Livestock LLC
09:49:08 Rep. Keane
09:50:50 Mike Ames, Ydoc Land & Livestock LLC
09:55:04 Vice Chair Ankney
09:55:42 Mike Ames, Ydoc Land & Livestock LLC
09:58:19 Vice Chair Ankney

EXHIBIT(jnh22a03)

09:58:51 Mike Ames, Ydoc Land & Livestock LLC
10:00:20 Vice Chair Ankney
10:00:58 Rep. Keane
10:01:37 Rep. Read
10:02:38 Mark Suta, GCCD

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10:04:58 Vice Chair Ankney
10:05:53 Rep. Keane
10:06:38 Mark Suta, GCCD

10:07:05 Recess
10:19:35 Reconvened

10:20:32 Rep. Keane
10:22:11 Clayton Elliot, TU
10:22:54 Jim Simpson, Montana Association of Conservation District (MACD)
10:27:01 Rebecca Boslough, Montana Association of Conservation District (MACD)
10:29:11 Jim Simpson, MACD
10:30:53 Rep. Keane
10:31:34 Jim Simpson, MACD
10:33:02 Dan Rostad, YRCDC
10:34:45 Rep. Keane
10:35:10 Chair Holmlund
10:35:58 Amanda Kaster, Director of the Department of Natural Resources &
Conservation (DNRC)

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Water Resources Division:

10:36:29 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
(DNRC)
10:47:17 Chair Holmlund
10:47:32 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, DNRC
10:52:50 Rep. Keane
10:54:34 Anna
10:54:59 Meaghan Bjerke, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)
10:55:11 Rep. Keane
10:55:37 Meaghan Bjerke, DNRC
10:56:07 Brian Holling, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)
10:58:49 Rep. Keane
10:59:15 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, DNRC
10:59:34 Rep. Keane
10:59:55 Chair Holmlund
11:00:27 Rep. Keane
11:02:24 Rep. Read
11:02:36 Rep. Keane
11:03:18 Rep. Read

Forestry & Trust Land Management Division:

11:04:39 Sonya Germann, Administrator of the Forestry Division (FD)
11:08:05 Shawn Thomas, Administrator of the Trust Land Management Division (TLMD)
11:13:12 Sonya Germann, FD
11:19:06 Shawn Thomas, TLMD

[EXHIBIT\(jnh22a04\)](#)

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11:25:34 Sonya Germann, FD
11:26:44 Shown Thomas, TLMD
11:29:14 Sonya German, FD
11:33:44 Rep. Keane
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11:36:12 Rep. Keane
11:36:48 Sonya Germann, FD
11:37:38 Rep. Keane
11:39:18 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)
11:44:16 Jason Rittal, Montan Association of Counties (MACo)
11:47:57 Rep. Keane
11:48:33 Rep. Schillinger
11:49:16 Chair Holmlund
11:51:09 Rep. Keane
11:51:29 Chair Holmlund

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:52:15

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jnh22aad.pdf](#))