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Work Group for Senate Joint Resolution 15
Public Land Management Study

December 5, 2013

Room 152, Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

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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
HELEN THIGPEN, Staff Attorney
NADINE SPENCER, Secretary

AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

- Finalized the panelists and report for the January 8-9, 2014 EQC meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:01 Sen. Fielder called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. The secretary called the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

AGENDA

Discussion on the guest speakers and informational witnesses for the January 8-9, 2014 Environmental Council Meeting

00:00:26 Sen. Fielder
00:01:48 Sen. Hamlett
00:02:04 Rep. Lieser
00:04:20 Sen. Fielder
00:06:44 Sen. Hamlett
00:07:07 Rep. Lieser
00:07:17 Sen. Hamlett
00:08:05 Sen. Fielder
00:08:11 Rep. Lieser
00:09:41 Sen. Fielder
00:10:46 Sen. Hamlett
00:12:03 Rep. Lieser
00:12:56 Sen. Hamlett
00:13:54 Sen. Fielder
00:14:30 Mr. Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:14:35 Sen. Fielder
00:16:56 Rep. Lieser
00:17:40 Sen. Fielder
00:17:55 Mr. Kolman
00:18:00 Sen. Fielder
00:18:33 Sen. Hamlett
00:19:49 Sen. Fielder
00:19:57 Rep. White
00:21:50 Sen. Fielder
00:21:55 Rep. White
00:22:05 Sen. Fielder
00:22:24 Sen. Hamlett
00:23:28 Sen. Fielder

00:23:34 Mr. Kolman
00:23:42 Sen. Fielder
00:23:58 Sen. Hamlett
00:24:30 Rep. Lieser
00:25:10 Sen. Fielder
00:25:35 Sen. Hamlett

Discussion on the content of the report from the SJ 15 work group for the January 8-9, 2014 Environmental Quality Council Meeting

00:25:56 Sen. Fielder said that the report from the work group will include a cover letter summarizing the work completed to date, bios for the guest speakers, county survey results and the updated study matrix.

00:27:11 Rep. White
00:29:07 Sen. Fielder
00:29:33 Rep. White
00:30:07 Sen. Fielder
00:30:15 Rep. White
00:30:41 Sen. Fielder
00:30:51 Sen. Hamlett
00:31:37 Sen. Fielder
00:33:09 Mr. Kolman
00:33:32 Sen. Fielder
00:33:38 Sen. Hamlett
00:33:52 Sen. Fielder
00:34:10 Rep. White asked about follow up with counties that did not respond to the survey.
00:35:09 Mr. Kolman
00:35:52 Sen. Fielder
00:35:56 Mr. Kolman indicated that 27 of the 36 counties have responded to the survey.
00:36:08 Rep. White
00:36:16 Sen. Fielder
00:36:28 Sen. Hamlett asked if maps could be provided at the EQC meeting showing where different entities have holdings in Montana, where mineral deposits are located in the state, and a map from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) showing where recreational areas are located in the state.

00:37:46 Sen. Fielder
00:38:35 Sen. Hamlett
00:38:53 Sen. Fielder
00:39:29 Mr. Kolman
00:40:15 Sen. Fielder
00:41:04 Rep. White
00:42:01 Sen. Fielder
00:42:21 Rep. White
00:42:41 Sen. Fielder

Work Group discussion on the study matrix

00:43:30 Sen. Fielder continued discussion on the study matrix, [Exhibit 1](#).

00:47:14 Rep. Lieser
00:47:31 Sen. Fielder
00:47:38 Mr. Kolman
00:47:44 Sen. Fielder
00:48:16 Rep. Lieser
00:48:20 Sen. Fielder
00:48:26 Rep. Lieser
00:48:55 Mr. John Hagengruber, USFS, Northern Region
00:50:24 Sen. Fielder
00:50:48 Mr. Hagengruber
00:51:06 Sen. Fielder
00:51:22 Mr. Hagengruber
00:52:21 Sen. Fielder
00:52:27 Rep. Lieser
00:52:58 Mr. Hagengruber
00:53:07 Sen. Fielder
00:56:00 Rep. Lieser
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01:08:37 Sen. Fielder
01:09:07 Rep. White
01:10:09 Sen. Fielder
01:10:23 Sen. Hamlett left the meeting.
01:10:43 Mr. Kolman
01:10:57 Sen. Fielder
01:11:31 Mr. Hagengruber
01:12:09 Sen. Fielder
01:12:15 Mr. David Abrams, Western Montana District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
01:13:00 Sen. Fielder
01:14:16 Mr. Kolman
01:14:26 Sen. Fielder

Public Comment

01:15:02 Mr. Hagengruber gave an update on the cost of litigation for the USFS.
01:16:54 Sen. Fielder

Questions and further discussion

01:17:12 Rep. White
01:18:03 Mr. Hagengruber
01:18:31 Rep. White
01:19:13 Mr. Hagengruber
01:19:20 Sen. Fielder
01:20:32 Mr. Hagengruber
01:21:37 Sen. Fielder
01:21:42 Mr. Hagengruber
01:21:58 Sen. Fielder said the next work group meeting is scheduled for December 19.

01:23:35 Sen. Fielder adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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