



Water Policy Interim Committee

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TO: Water Policy Interim Committee
RE: Sept. 9-10 meeting

Greetings WPIC members,

The Sept. 9 meeting starts at 10 a.m. in room 172 of the capitol. Enclosed are the meeting materials. The materials are also online at www.leg.mt.gov/water.

Enclosures include:

- A draft agenda for the Sept. meeting.
- Draft minutes from the June 2013 WPIC meeting.
- An updated work plan based on decisions made in June.
- A presentation overview by the Montana State Water Center.
- Water rights adjudication updates from the DNRC and Water Court.
- DNRC rule notice for proposed definition of combined appropriation. Also a "frequently asked questions" document from the agency on this subject, and a legislative history of "combined appropriation" from WPIC staff.
- Jan. 2013 court order, *DNRC v. Neal Bouma and Harold Poulsen*. This document is the basis of a DNRC presentation on water right enforcement actions.
- Four documents related to the Brady water supply. Two are related to the system contamination; two others are related to uncertainty about water rights used for a proposed water supply project.
- Adjudication update from DNRC, Water Court.
- DNRC Form 650 (HB37). This form will be used by those seeking to temporarily lease their water right.
- Senate Natural Resources letter to WPIC asking the committee to consider the issue of appeals of DNRC permitting and change decisions to the Water Court.
- Copy of questions submitted to RWRCC related to the CSKT compact. Answers to these questions will be available before the meeting, which you will receive by email. The compact commission has also provided a memo to the committee.
- HJ26 study background paper on ditch easement disputes.
- USFS Schedule of Proposed Actions for projects in the Helena and Gallatin national forests, which are the subjects of our discussion. These documents for the other seven national forests in Montana will be posted on the committee website.
- FWP description of "wetted perimeter" method.

Please let me know if you have questions. I will contact you prior to the Sept. 9 meeting.

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