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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee members
From: Jason Mohr, LEPO
Re: Stakeholder suggestions to subcommittee

Please find attached a summary of further research regarding six suggestions to the Natural Resources Subcommittee related to efficiency in government. The six suggestions were selected by the subcommittee March 1.

The six suggestions are contained in a summary grid, which includes possible next steps for the subcommittee. This grid is a decision-making tool for the subcommittee, as staff seeks your input on how best to proceed.

Please also find attached some documents related to the suggestions, which may help you determine the subcommittee's next steps:

Related to suggestion that septic permits and wells be posted online

- A screenshot of a sample **septic permit record search** from the Gallatin County Health Department. This online tool allows a user to search for all septic permits issued since the county began issuance in 1966.
- A screenshot of a **well data search** from Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology's Groundwater Information Center. This data is compiled from DNRC Form 603, Well Log Reports.

Related to suggestion to increase electronic forms

- An example **Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)** from the Department of Environmental Quality's Groundwater Protection Bureau. DMRs are periodically self-reported as part of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit.
- A summary of application requirements for a **Small Miner Exclusion Statement (SMES)**. SMES function as a permit for mines with less than 5 acres of total surface disturbance.

Related to suggestion related to prepayment of land use licenses

- The fee schedule for DNRC **land use licenses**. This license is necessary to obtain access over state lands, which is used for timber harvesting.

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