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February 8, 2012

**To:** Natural Resource Stakeholders

**Fr:** Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Select Committee on Efficiency in Government

**Re:** Input on changes to laws and regulations

The Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Select Committee on Efficiency in Government has set a **February 24** deadline for accepting specific recommendations for changes to natural resource-related laws or regulations.

The subcommittee formed in January and began seeking recommendations related to streamlining natural resource laws and regulations to reduce unnecessary or overly burdensome requirements. Members will discuss and determine in March whether changes to the laws or regulations are needed.

In February members agreed that stakeholders should provide information that identifies the law or regulation that should be changed and the change that is needed. The subcommittee established a list of stakeholders and also is sending this request out on its Listservs and Newlinks. Please feel free to share this request for comment with others who can assist the committee in its work.

The subcommittee is seeking feedback on the following:

- What specific regulatory processes do natural resource developers in Montana face that could be eliminated? What laws or rules would need to be changed?
- What are your specific suggestions for using electronic forms and authorizations to streamline project startup, reporting, monitoring, continuation, and expansion? What laws or rules would need to be changed?
- What are your specific suggestions for developing new technologies to advance innovative natural resource industries and sectors in Montana? What laws or rules would need to be changed?
- What are your specific suggestions to facilitate investment and financing of natural resource development projects in Montana? What laws or rules would need to be changed?
- Is the process for determining or paying permit fees unnecessary or overly burdensome? If so, what specific laws or rules should be changed?

- Is the process for assessing or paying natural resource taxes unnecessary or overly burdensome? If so, what specific laws or rules should be changed?

Suggested changes can be submitted in the following ways:

-- by e-mail to [jmohr2@mt.gov](mailto:jmohr2@mt.gov);

-- by filling out the online public input tool found on the Committee's Web site; or

-- by mailing the recommendation to: Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division, P.O. Box 201706, Helena, MT 59602.

Suggestions that do not provide the statute number or regulation number or that do not identify the change that is needed to the law or regulation will not be considered by the subcommittee.

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SCEG staff compiled a draft list of stakeholders to potentially contact concerning the Natural Resource Subcommittee's request for information. The list is NOT comprehensive. It is largely a compilation of people and organizations that testified before the Natural Resources, Energy, and Fish and Game Standing Committees during the 2011 Legislative Session.

Staff also would reach out to stakeholders via the interim committee Listservs and using Newslinks. Please add additional names and contact information for people or organizations you would like to make sure the subcommittee reaches out to.

Stakeholder	Representative
Avid Products	Robbie Holman
AERO	Sarah Lesnar
Arch Coal	Aimee Grmoljez
Board of Oil and Gas Conservation	Tom Richmond
Boilermakers	John Reiber
BPA	Gail Kuntz
Bush Fire and Homestead Management	David Russell
Circle KBL Outfitters	Scott Boulanger
Citizens for a Better Flathead	Mayre Flowers
Clark Fork Coalition	Karen Knudsen
Cloud Peak	Todd O'Hair
Conoco Phillips	Steve Wade
Defenders of Wildlife	
Department of Agriculture	Ron de Yong
Department of Commerce	Dore Schwinden
Department of Environmental Quality	Richard Opper
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	Mary Sexton
Emigrant Peak Ranch	Druska Kinkie
Energy and Agricultural Industries	Jim Brown

Energy Industries	Candace Payne
Energy West	Kevin Degenstein
Environomics Inc.	Tammy Johnson
Exxon Mobile	Tom Ebzery
F.H. Stolze Land & Lumber Company	Chuck Roady
Fidelity	Bruce Williams
Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	Joe Maurier
Franz Construction, Inc.	Don Franz
Gaelectric	Van Jamison
Gallatin Public Affairs	Darryl James
Golden Sunlight Mines, Inc.	Tim Dimock
Grasslands Renewable Energy	Carl Borgquist
Great Northern Properties	Leo Berry
Headwaters Economics	Ray Rasker
Helle Livestock	John Helle
HydroSolutions	David Donohue
Independent Power Systems	Conor Darby
John Jump Trucking	John Jump
Liquid Solar Systems	Todd Hoitsma
Mills Wilderness Adventures of Montana	Amy Mills
Mitchell's Oil Field Service	Duane Mitchell
Montana Alberta Tie Line	Harley Harris
Montana Association of Land Trusts	Glenn Marx
Montana Association of Realtors	Glenn Opiel
Montana Association of Conservation Districts	Pete Woll
Montana Association of Counties	Harold Blattie
Montana Association of Realtors	Abigail St. Lawrence
Montana Building Industry Association	Dustin Stewart
Montana Chamber of Commerce	Jon Bennion
Montana Coal Council	Bud Clinch
Montana Conservation Voters	Ross Prosperi
Montana Contractors Association	Cary Hegreberg
Montana Dakota Utilities	John Alke
Montana Environmental Information Center	Anne Hedges
Montana Farm Bureau	John Youngberg

Montana Farmers Union	BF "Chris" Christiaens
Montana League of Cities and Towns	Alec Hansen
Montana Outfitters and Guides Association	Jean Johnson
Montana Petroleum Association	Dave Galt
Montana Petroleum Marketers	Ronna Alexander
Montana Refining Company	Hadley Bedbury
Montana Rural Electric Cooperatives	Gary Wiens
Montana Shooting Sports Association	Gary Marbut
Montana Smart Growth Coalition	Betsy Hands
Montana State AFL-CIO	Jim McGarvey
Montana State Assoc. of Pipefitters	John Forkan
Montana Stockgrowers	Jay Bodner
Montana Water Resources Association	Mike Murphy
Montana Water Well Drillers Association	Ronda Wiggers
Montana Wilderness Association	Linda Stoll
Montana Wildlife Federation	Ben Lamb
Montana Wind Resources	Rhyno Stinchfield
Montana Wood Products Association	Julia Altemus
Montanore Minerals Corporation	Eric Klepfer
Monte's Guiding and Mountain Outfitting	Mary Ellen Schnur
Nance Resources	Brian Cebull
NaturEner	Bill Alexander
Northern Plains Resource Council	Clayton Elliot
Northwest Energy Coalition	Chuck Magraw
NorthWestern Energy	John Fitzpatrick
Petroleum Counties	Willie Duffield
PPL Montana	David Hoffman
PPL Montana	Holly Franz
Public Service Commission	Travis Kavulla
Resource Industries	Jon Metropoulos
Revett Minerals	Tamara Johnson
Senior Water Rights Coalition	Krista Lee Evans

Signal Peak Mine	Chuck Denowh
Small Mining	Fess Foster
Small Oil	Patrick Montalban
Smith Logging	Rick Smith
Sonoran Institute	Diane Snyder
Summit Valley Turf	Ben Wagner
Sunday Creek Outfitters	Paul Ellis
Sunelco, Inc.	Beth Linkenhoker
Teamsters Local 190	Jason Miller
The Policy Institute	Molly Severtson
TransCanada	Ken Morrison
Trout Unlimited	Mark Aagenes
Walleyes Unlimited of Montana	Bob Gilbert
Western Environmental Law Center	Matthew Bishop
Western Environmental Trade Association	Mark Lambrecht