



Montana Legislative Services Division
Legislative Environmental Policy Office

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To: EQC
From: Joe Kolman
Re: HJ13 draft report

At the January 2016 meeting, the EQC directed staff to work with the Chairman Vuckovich, Vice Chair Bennett and Rep. White on a draft of the HJ13 report. Staff was advised to keep the report short. The attached report contains many links to background papers, the map, and testimony the EQC has reviewed during the interim to this point.

I sent the draft report to the chair, vice chair, and Rep. White on February 2. Rep. White called on Feb. 3 and requested additional information be added to the report and one of the background papers that is linked to the report. A revised report was emailed Feb. 15. Those changes are highlighted in yellow. (Also highlighted are report details yet to come, including results of the FWP survey, public comments, and any findings and recommendations).

The agenda item for March is the first discussion of any findings and recommendations the EQC may have regarding HJ13. Members can email suggestions to me prior to the meeting. I can assemble and label them for the meeting. Of course, proposals may also be made at the meeting.

According the work plan schedule, EQC changes to the report would be presented at the May meeting. The results of the FWP elk survey should be ready by then. The EQC could review the revised report, make changes, and approve a draft report for public comment for the month of June.

In July, the EQC would review public comment and make desired changes to the report. The final report would be presented at the September meeting for final approval by the EQC.

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