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February 22, 2008

TO: Council Members
FR: Sonja Nowakowski, EQC Staff
RE: Climate Change Survey results

I am writing to provide a brief update on the Climate Change Survey conducted during the month of February. Because the survey is ongoing through the 29th, I will not have results until the meeting March 10-11.

With the survey still open for another week, we have received more than 725 responses to date. I am in the process of compiling the rankings as well as the comments. There are more than 300 pages of public comment. It is clear that many people took a great deal of time and care in completing the survey. The comments are extensive and even go as far as providing the EQC with Internet links, book titles, etc. for additional information.

Because of the large volume of public comment, we will not be providing hard copies of the 300+ pages in your packets. Instead we will put all of the public comments on the EQC Website, accessible at http://leg.mt.gov/css/lepo/2007_2008/default.asp. The comments will be organized to coordinate with each of the 54 recommendations, and they will be available online by March 7. If you would like a hard copy of the comments or an advance copy of the comments received to date, please let me know. I would be happy to make them available.

I look forward to sharing the results of this survey with you at the meeting. The public participation has been record breaking.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me (406 444-3078), Todd Everts, (406 444-3747), or Joe Kolman (406 444-9280).

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