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To: Water Policy Interim Committee
From: Jason Mohr, committee staff
Re: Jan. 11-12 meeting

Committee members,

The Jan. 11-12 meeting begins at 9 a.m. in room 172 of the State Capitol. Enclosed are meeting materials, which are also posted at www.leg.mt.gov/water.

A few notes about the upcoming meeting:

- The committee received 18 submissions for case studies on water availability (tab 6). Committee action at the January meeting will determine how these case studies are pursued in future meetings.
- More information will be provided in January regarding the Board of Environmental Review's decision on an expansion of the Signal Peak coal mine in eastern Montana. The board recently took an initial vote to deny the expansion due to concerns with a hydrological impact statement developed for the permit. Any appeal of the board's final decision in February would go to a state district court.
- The afternoon of Jan. 12 is dedicated to the Future of the Water Court study. This agenda items hopefully capture all issues raised by the committee at previous meetings. Staff will need direction from the committee as how to proceed after the discussion.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Mohr".

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