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TO: EQC members
FR: Sonja Nowakowski, EQC staff
RE: Final Draft "Harvesting Energy" report

Greetings EQC members,

The final draft of the House Joint Resolution 1, biomass study report "Harvesting Energy" has been completed and is posted online at www.leg.mt.gov/eqc under the September 13-14 meeting materials. The report is nearly identical to the draft you received in your July mailing packet, but staff revised the report to reflect the changes you requested at the July meeting.

The changes to the report include the following:

- The revision and addition of Appendix C: LC 7000 and LC 7002 and a draft letter to Governor Schweitzer, page 60. (LC 7001 has been removed from the report.)
- The recommendations on page 2 have been updated to reflect the EQC's July decision package on legislation.
- Additional information about pyrolysis was added to the report, pages 43-44.
- The addition of Appendix N: Presentations on Biochar and Algae Aqua-Culture Technologies, page 177.

If you would like a hard copy of the report, please let staff know. After the EQC decides whether to proceed with the letter and draft legislation, staff will need direction on whether the draft report is ready for publication.

Feel free to contact me anytime with questions.

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