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DATE:	August 25, 2010
TO:	Members of the Environmental Quality Council
FROM:	Barbara Smith, Senior Fiscal Analyst
RE:	Materials for September 13 th Reference Book Presentation

The Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) has instituted a reference book project where ideas for budget reductions are entered. The purpose of this project is to establish discussion regarding the current budget situation prior to the start of the 2011 Legislative Session. The materials for this presentation include:

- Status Update on the Reference Book Project This report was provided to the full LFC at the June 2010 meeting. It provides an overview of the project. Included is a discussion on statewide options including fund transfers, which could affect the natural resources agencies under EQC's oversight.
- Reference Book Items These items are the options currently included in the reference book pertaining to natural resource issues. These items will be individually presented and discussed at the meeting.

Senators Carol Williams and Senator Rick Ripley from the LFC will be on hand to discuss the project and reference book items with you. Should you have any questions about the materials or wish to add an option to the reference book please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 444-5347 or <u>basmith@mt.gov</u>.

C Taryn Purdy Senator Carol Williams