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Sheppard, Sam

Cc: Kolman, Joe

Subject: Fwd: EQC letter to IBMP partners

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All--

Please see the message that follows, along with the attached letter from the Montana Environmental Quality Council.

Best, Scott

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From: "Kolman, Joe" < <u>ikolman@mt.gov</u>>

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Scott,

Attached is a letter from the EQC to the IBMP partners. Could you please distribute it to them and cc me on the email so I have a record of it being sent?

Thank you.

Joe Kolman

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Jan. 14, 2016,

Interagency Bison Management Plan Partners c/o Scott Bischke, Meeting Facilitator Interagency Bison Management Plan

Dear IBMP Partner,

This letter is to inform you that the Environmental Quality Council, an interim committee of the Montana Legislature, voted 8-7 in objection to the decision issued by Gov. Steve Bullock regarding year-round habitat for Yellowstone bison in Montana outside the confines of Yellowstone National Park.

As the IBMP considers adopting the governor's recommendations, the EQC urges the members to consider the detrimental effects allowing bison to inhabit parts of Montana will have on public safety, recreation, and the economy.

The EQC recommends against adopting the proposed changes to the adaptive management framework established by the IBMP.

Sincerely,

Gene Vuckovich, Chairman

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