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HB 69 - Water Adjudication Funding for DNRC HB 22 – Funding for Water Adjudication

~~Ms.~~ Chairman and members of the Appropriations Committee

For the Record: My name is Chris Ahner representing the Northwest Montana Association of Realtors with a membership of 800, from Flathead County, Sanders County, Lincoln County and part of Lake County. One out of every four realtors in Montana belongs to our association.

Water “rights” issues threaten to stop economic development in the watershed of the Clark Fork River and will have profound implications for domestic, economic and natural resources from the Flathead to Butte.

In view of our state’s growth, to protect Montana’s economic prosperity and the welfare of Montana citizens, we have an obligation to Montana to adjudicate our water rights.

Our ability to promote development and growth throughout the state of Montana is at stake. It is essential to use wisdom in Montana’s future water use to the best benefit of all citizens of Montana.

We support HB 69 and HB 22 and ask for your favorable consideration.

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