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EXHIBIT 7
DATE 1.27.05
HB 298

Re: HB 298

Dear House Fish, Wildlife & Parks Committee Members:

The Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM) supports legal and legislative efforts to maintain sufficient instream flow under emergency conditions. Simply put, fish need water, and we need fish to continue our businesses and our recreation. Redirection of available funding from various FWP programs is an important fiscal resource that makes possible private water leasing and other measures to help our rivers and streams during intense or extended drought conditions.

Representative Clark's HB 298 provides a reasonable mechanism to address these low-flow situations, and we urge your support and 'do pass' vote for Hb 298.

Thank you very much.

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