



# City of Libby

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Members of the Legislature's Joint long-Range Subcommittee:

The City of Libby was fully intending to be at the scheduled meeting this morning, but due to temps well below zero and road conditions questionable at best we felt that it best not to attempt the six hour drive.

The project that is before you for review we feel is of great importance to the City of Libby and the surrounding community. The project will promote economic development and solve a number of health concerns. The Cabinet Heights, Cabinet View residents have had numerous failures in their septic systems requiring the use of portable outhouses, and having to pump the systems on a continuous basis just to be able to use their facilities. This has also restricted the development of some prime residential sites because they will not pass a perk test. The extension of the City's sewer system to these areas will also help to insure the future development of the second nine holes of our current nine hole golf course and allow for the development of 100 new home sites which will provide a better tax base for the City and provide for 15 new jobs at the Golf Course.

The City of Libby and its surrounding community have struggled over the past few years, as have many rural communities in our great state. The TSEP, and DNRC grant programs have provided a way for us to start to recover from some of the job loss. We thank you for your consideration of our project and hope that you will continue to support us as build on our resources to improve our City's and towns into communities that we can live in and support our families, communities that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Thede  
Supervisor of City Services  
City of Libby

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Mayor  
City of Libby