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HB 482

Lewis & Clark County Conservation District
Montana Association of Conservation Districts

February 9, 2005

Mr. Chairperson & Members of the
House Taxation Committee:

My name is **Steve Granzow**. I have been an elected supervisor with the Lewis & Clark Conservation District for over 8 years. I am also a board member of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) and am their Legislative Chairperson.

I strongly support **HB 482**, because of the additional funding it will make available to the Conservation District Programs funded by the shared coal tax account.

We have used the 223 Grant Program to:
Help pay for planting vegetation along the Ten Mile Creek Corridor (It is one of Helena water sources)

Purchased Water Quality Testing equipment with East Valley Middle School (we have an ongoing program)

Helped with the Willow Creek Erosion Control project.

Worked cooperatively with the noxious weed control effort on the Rocky Mountain Front (cost-share to Landowners)

Helped produce materials for the Small Acreage Landowner Education Project

Lincoln Area Dry Fire Hydrants

Rangeland Resource Program:
Willow Creek erosion control project;

Watershed Planning and Assistance:
Tem Mile Creek
Prickly Pear Creek

Without this Funding We would not have been able to do these projects and some would not been able to even get started.

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