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**Pondera County Conservation District**

406 North Main - Conrad MT 59425 - Phone (406) 278-7611 ext 101 - Fax (406) 278-7997

January 19, 2007

Dear Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Representative Kasten,

On behalf of the Pondera County Conservation District I ask that you note in the record that there are four (4) letters of support attached to the Pondera County Conservation District's Renewable Resource Grant application titled "Marias River Watershed Baseline Assessment."

Letters of support are provided by Toole County Conservation District, Liberty County Conservation District, Hill County Conservation District and Glacier County Conservation District.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

O. Ramsey Offerdal  
Chairman  
Pondera County Conservation District

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TOOLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
1125 Oilfield Ave. Shelby, MT 59474

July 3, 2006

Pondera County Conservation District  
406 N. Main  
Conrad, MT 59425

To Whom It May Concern:

The Toole County Conservation District in Shelby, MT is writing this letter in support of the Pondera County Conservation District's project to develop a baseline assessment for a locally maintained database of Marias River information and technical data. This study will provide a much needed picture of current conditions and developing trends of water quantity and quality, riparian health and recommendations of best management practices for local landowners. We hope that our support will help in securing a grant for your project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Tomscheck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Terry Tomscheck, Chairman  
Toole County Conservation District



**Liberty County Conservation District**  
P.O. Box 669 - Chester, Montana 59522

May 11, 2006

Pam Smith  
DNRC  
PO Box 201601  
Helena, MT 59620-1601

Dear Ms. Smith:

Liberty County Conservation District would like to express their support for the *Marias River Watershed Baseline Assessment* application, sponsored by the Pondera County Conservation District.

This project represents efforts by the Marias River Watershed to address some of the areas of concern that have been identified by landowners/residents. The seven conservation districts welcome this project as an arena to work together with cooperating landowners and agencies to accomplish this venture. This project will also provide an opportunity for monitoring and data collection at sites that were selected in a previous phase of the project.

We appreciate the time and effort of the DEQ and EPA staff in the review of this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Dahlen  
Supervisor

June 19, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

The Hill County Conservation District is in full support of the Marias River Watershed (MRW) grant proposal to conduct a water assessment of the river.

The proposal by the MRW will develop a baseline assessment for a locally maintained database of the Marias River information and technical data. The study will provide a much need picture of current condition and developing trends of water quantity and quality, riparian health and recommendations of best management practices for local landowners.

Thank you for your consideration and please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Con Nystrom". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Mr. Con Nystrom  
Chairman, HCCD



**Glacier Conservation District**

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May 12, 2006

Ms. Pam Smith  
Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation  
Renewable Resource Grant Program  
PO Box 201601  
Helena MT 59620-1601

Dear Ms. Smith,

The Glacier County Conservation District would like to show their support of the Renewable Resource Grant application submitted by Pondera County Conservation District for the Marias River Watershed Baseline Assessment.

Completion of the Marias River Watershed Assessment is important in evaluating the Marias River channel behavior. Documentation of the extent and impacts of the noxious weed infestations, stream bank erosion, transportation corridors, and stream bank stabilization will assist in determining priority projects and to support future requests of technical and financial assistance for stream corridor projects.

The assessment data will enable the Marias River Watershed to continue the watershed baseline assessment that is needed to keep a record of developments within the watershed area.

Sincerely,

Tom R. Johnson, Chairman  
Glacier Conservation District

*Mark A. Davis*  
Supervisor

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