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Subject: Support Flathead Basin Commission's Groundwater Monitoring Proposal

Dear Members of the Long-Range Planning Joint Sub-Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to support funding the proposed cooperative groundwater study for upper Flathead Lake you heard about this morning in Committee.

The Clark Fork Coalition believes it is critical to understand the water quality impacts from septic systems in western Montana, especially as our watersheds continue to experience growth and development pressures. Groundwater studies in other parts of the Clark Fork basin have shown nutrient concentrations and pharmaceutical compounds in our ground and surface waters as a result of septic systems and other wastewater.

Flathead Lake and its surrounding rivers and streams are treasured resources state and region-wide, and a key component of a healthy, thriving Clark Fork watershed. We hope you'll support funding for the proposed shallow groundwater study in the upper portion of Flathead Lake so that residents, visitors, and local and state government may better understand, mitigate, and monitor human-caused water quality impacts.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Best regards,

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