



MONTANA
AMERICAN INDIAN
CAUCUS

ADDRESS:

PO Box 200400
HELENA, MT 59620
PHONE: 406.444.1634
FAX: 406.444.4362

SENATE MEMBERS:

CAROL JUNEAU
JONATHAN WINDY BOY
SHARON PEREGOY

HOUSE MEMBERS:

SHANNON AUGARE (CHAIR)
MARGARETT CAMPBELL
TONY BELCOURT
CAROLYN PEASE-LOPEZ
DAVID ROUNDSTONE
FROSTY CALF BOSS RIBS

CAUCUS STAFF:

ADRIAN MAIN
JASON SMITH

STATE NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL NO. 3
Jan 7, 2009
BILL NO. SB37

Montana State Senate
Natural Resource Committee
P.O. Box 200500
Helena, MT 59620-0500

January 7, 2009

Dear Natural Resource Committee,

The American Indian Caucus of the 61st Montana Legislature is in support of Senate Bill 39.

SB 39 allows the Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission Extension. This bill allows for an extension of the Commission for an additional four years and extends time for Tribes to file water rights claims from six to sixty months if the negotiations are unsuccessful.

The American Indian Caucus asks the Natural Resource Committee to strongly consider supporting SB 39 for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Sincerely,

Shannon J. Augare
American Indian Caucus Chairman
Montana House of Representatives