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Members of The House

My name is Ron Lorenz, President of South Winds Water & Sewer District which represents Trailer Terrace, 5405 Lower River Road, Great Falls MT. Our district was set up to aid Trailer Terrace Co-op, a non-profit organization with the goal to make necessary improvements to the water and sewer system which serves 90 mobile home sites.

Our problems include low water pressure, high levels of sulfate and iron concentrations and high TDS ( total dissolved solids) plugging undersized service lines which cause fixture staining and create objectionable taste and odor. The level of arsenic is 4 times the legal limit of safe drinking water which is in MCL violation with a DEQ Administrative Order in place. We have experienced repeated total coliform contamination and other safety issues due to water storage in a corroded steel tank which is also too low in elevation for pressurized storage.

Sewer problems consist of a single cell lagoon system that is not large enough to serve the number of residents in the court. It has no outlet, no discharge permit and therefore it was designed to leak which is in violation of Montana water quality laws due to leaking undersided treatment system.

These improvements consist of drilling a new well that will be deep enough to be in a higher quality aquifer out the the iron and arsenic water and installing 6 inch lines to replace the undersized 2 inch diameter lines which have resulted in substandard pressures. On the sewer side we need to replace 50 plus year old sewer system that is leaking due loose jointed concrete pipes that are undersized that allow tree roots and water to enter, with new pipes. There will also need to be a waste water disposal system other than a lagoon such

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as a spray irrigation for the effluent.

As part of the grant application process for TSEP (Treasure State Endowment Program) income surveys have been completed by the mobile home park residents. There was 67% of the court residents responding, and it was found that 80% are low to moderate income with the median household annual income at \$19,775 which is approximately 58% of the median household income in Cascade County.

Our public health needs, Our environmental degradation issues with groundwater pollution and Our low income residents makes us a great candidate for receiving the TSEP grant we have applied for. We respectfully request your positive consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the various departments. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done in each of the main branches of the service.

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