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Re: Golden West Addition No. 1,
Missoula County

Honorable Thomas Judge, Governor, State of Montana, Helena
Golden West Development Co., Box 782, Missoula
Sorenson and Co., Box 3418, Missoula
The Missoulian, Missoula
City-County Planning Board, Courthouse, Missoula
City-County Health Department, Courthouse Annex, Missoula
Department of Intergovernmental Relations, Division of Planning, Helena
Department of State Lands, Helena
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Helena
Department of Highways, Helena
Rick Graetz, Box 894, Helena
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Department of Fish and Game, Helena
Northern Rockies Action Group, #9 Placer Street, Helena
✓ Environmental Quality Council, Helena
Student Environmental Research Center, Room 212, Venture Center, University
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Montana State Library
Doris Milner, Montana Wilderness Association, Route 1, Box 1410, Bozeman
Missoula Public Library, Missoula
Environmental Studies Department, University of Montana, Missoula
County Assessor, Courthouse, Missoula
County Sheriff, Courthouse, Missoula
County School Superintendent, Courthouse, Missoula
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Dan Smith, Citizens Alert for Guided Growth, 812 So. Eighth, Bozeman
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Enclosed is a negative declaration that has been prepared for Golden West Addition #1, a proposed subdivision in Missoula County, Montana.

Subdivision plans and specifications have been submitted to the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences for approval of water supply, sewage disposal, and solid waste disposal systems. This declaration defines the project and specifies those conditions under which the subdivision will receive approval without the development of an

environmental impact statement. This declaration is intended to assure all interested governmental agencies and public groups that this approval is being sought within the intent of both the Montana Environmental Policy Act and the Montana subdivision laws.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

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Montana Department of Health
and
Environmental Sciences

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A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
Golden West Addition #1,
a proposed subdivision in Missoula County, Montana

Pursuant to the Montana Environmental Policy Act, Section 69-6504(b)(3), R.C.M. 1947; the act controlling both public and private water supply and sewage disposal for subdivisions, Section 69-5001 through 69-5009, R.C.M. 1947; and the act controlling water pollution, Section 69-4801 through 69-4827, R.C.M. 1947, the following negative declaration is prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, Environmental Sciences Division, Water Quality Bureau, concerning Golden West Addition #1, a proposed subdivision in Missoula County for which a request has been received requesting subdivision plat approval.

The purpose of this negative declaration is to inform all interested governmental agencies and the public of the Water Quality Bureau's intent not to prepare an environmental impact statement. This document will be circulated for 15 days. A general map showing the exact location of this subdivision is attached to this declaration.

The proposed Golden West Addition #1 Subdivision is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 22; the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 15 and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 14; Township 13 North, Range 20 West, MPM. It consists of 114.94 acres divided into 35 lots. The development will take low productivity agricultural land out of production.

Individual wells to be drilled by individual lot owners are proposed. A lagoon will be used. The consulting engineer states that the lagoon has been sized to provide for elimination of all wastewater through evaporation and percolation, and therefore will have no overflow into any stream or surface water. A homeowners' association will provide for the operation and maintenance of the systems.

Depth to water table is noted as 75 feet. Solid waste disposal is available through a private disposal company.

The land in this subdivision is noted by the developer as a clay soil and has very marginal dry land farming and pasture use.

An alternate would be to use the land as small acreage tracts with individual wells and individual sewage plants. Septic tank systems are not acceptable in the soils in this area. Individual sewage plants have not had enough operational experience to assure acceptable systems within the financial ability of the lot buyer. Larger lots would also be required under this alternate. Larger lots will not utilize the land as well as the proposed subdivision with individual water and centralized sewer systems.

The remaining alternate is to not allow this subdivision. Some other land at another location would need to be provided to satisfy the need for lots for homeowners. This land as submitted is well suited for this purpose. Plans and specifications for the water system, sewerage system, and the solid waste disposal facilities will be in compliance with the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences standards. This department's action is considered not significant.

This negative declaration was prepared by Albert J. Gasvoda, Architect, Water Quality Bureau, from information submitted by the Golden West Development Co., and Sorenson & Company, consulting engineers.

