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Montana Environmental Quality Council
PO Box 201704
Helena, MT 59620-1704

LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE

**Re: Proposed Water System Improvements Project – Pinesdale, MT
Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF)**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Pinesdale has approval for a Montana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) for its proposed water system improvements project.

This project will involve construction of a new 500,000 gallon steel water tank to be built at the west end of 30th Street, adjacent to the existing water treatment plant. From this tank, a new water main will follow 30th Street, Mulberry Lane, 20th Street, Bowman Road, 18th Street and Elm Street. The old 17,000 gallon water tank on the SW edge of Town will be removed. Various other improvements will be made along existing water mains within Town limits, including: pressure-reducing valves, 3 new 8-inch fire hydrants, reconnection of 3 existing hydrants, blow off valves on dead-end mains, and installation of 69 in-house water meters.

The Town of Pinesdale is publishing a NOI/RROF in the Ravalli Republic Newspaper today. (Please refer to attachment). Allowing for a 7-day period for public comment, the Town will then mail a request for release of funds to the MDOC.

The Environmental Review Record for this project is on file for public examination or copying upon request, at the Pinesdale Town Hall, open between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. It is also on file at the Ravalli County Planning department in Hamilton.

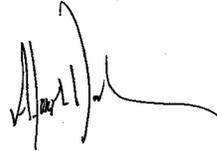
Town of Pinesdale
1625 Main Street
Pinesdale, MT 59841
Phone: (406) 961-8300

Ravalli County Planning Department
215 4th Street, Suite F
Hamilton, MT 59840

Objections to the release of funds will be considered by CDBG through March 28, 2008. No objections after that date will be considered.

Sincerely,

Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc.



Joe Dooling
Grant Administrator

Enclosure: Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/ROFF)

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Town of Pinesdale
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about March 13th, 2008, the above-named Town will request the Montana Department of Commerce to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (PL93-383) for the following project:

PROJECT: Town of Pinesdale Water System Improvements.

PURPOSE OR NATURE OF PROJECT: Construction of a new 500,000 gallon steel water storage tank, removal of the southwest tank, and upgrades to the existing water distribution system within in the town limits.

LOCATION: The new water tank will be located at the west end of 30th Street, adjacent to the existing water treatment plant. From this tank, a new water main will follow 30th Street, Mulberry Lane, 20th Street, Bowman Road, 18th Street and Elm Street. Various other improvements will be made along existing water mains within Town limits.

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$ 2,968,108

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named Town. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination or copying, upon request.

The Town of Pinesdale will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the Montana Department of Commerce, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Town of Pinesdale is certifying to the Department of Commerce that the Town of Pinesdale and Selectman Rocky Weidow, in his official capacity as Chairman of the Selectmen, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, the Town may use the CDBG funds, and the Department of Commerce will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as delegated to the State of Montana through the 1981 Amendments to the Housing and Community Development Act.

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to the CDBG Program, Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, P.O. Box 200523, 301 S. Park Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Department of Commerce. No objection received after March 28th, 2008 will be considered by the Department of Commerce.

Rocky Weidow

Chairman of the Selectmen

Pinesdale Town Hall

Pinesdale, MT 59841

Name and Address of Chief Elected Official or Environmental Certifying Officer:

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