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NOTICE OF DECISION

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TO: Environmental Quality Council
Director's Office, Dept. of Environmental Quality*
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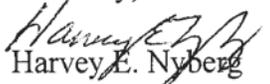
Ladies and Gentlemen:

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for irrigation of the picnic area, electrical service to the irrigation system and picnic area, and a playground for children at Chief Plenty Coups State Park near Pryor, Montana. The draft EA was circulated for 30 days and legal notices were published on Montana's electronic bulletin board and in the Billings Gazette and Helena Independent Record.

The department has decided to proceed with the project as described in the EA. We received one email comment from the State Historic Preservation Office requesting that archeological investigations be completed in order to determine the cultural impacts of the project. This will be done prior to proceeding.

This project is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director in writing, and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this decision notice. The appeal must specifically describe the basis for the appeal, explain how the appellant has previously commented to the department or participated in the decision-making process, and lay out how FWP might address the concerns in the appeal. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, please contact me at 247-2951.

Sincerely,


Harvey E. Nyberg
Regional Supervisor