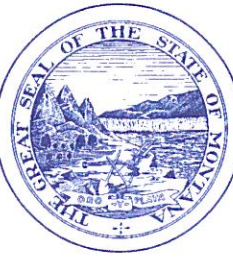


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RE: Swan Ecosystem Center's 319 Watershed Grant Request

Anne,

This letter is written to inform you of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's (DNRC) support for Swan Ecosystem Center's (SEC) 319 grant proposal to accomplish the following tasks:

- 1) Continuing the annual activities and coordination of the Technical Advisory Group.
- 2) Facilitate and develop action planning.
- 3) Continue lake and stream long-term trend monitoring as specified in the Swan QAPP.
- 4) Continue the Watershed Group in overseeing the development of long-term and annual monitoring and restoration plans, restoration activities, and related conservation projects.
- 5) Continued watershed restoration planning that includes a forest road survey of nonpoint source pollution sites.
- 6) Road restoration to reduce sedimentation in the Beaver Creek tributary.
- 7) Continue education and outreach to encourage support for water quality protection.

The DNRC and Swan River State Forest is strongly committed to protecting water quality and is continuing to look forward to actively participating in the Swan Valley Watershed Group and its accompanying Technical Advisory Group. SEC has been and continues to be effective and efficient in coordinating the efforts of a broad range of participants toward this goal in the Swan Valley. Without these types of funds, completing actions necessary to ensure healthy watersheds into the future would be extremely difficult for the various stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Daniel J. Roberson.

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