


Memorandum

To: MIKE DEGROSKY, CHIEF, FIRE & AVIATION MANAGEMENT BUREAU
From: JOHN MONZIE, DEPUTY CHIEF, FIRE OPERATIONS, FIRE & AVIATION MANAGEMENT BUREAU 
Date: 6/19/2018
Re: EXCEPTION GRANTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 2.6.201 THROUGH 2.6.214
(AUTHORIZED DRIVERS AND USES) BY RISK MANAGEMENT & TORT DEFENSE
DIVISION

Mike:

The below email from Brett E. Dahl, ARM, Administrator, grants a written exception for the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to Administrative Rules of Montana 2.6.201 through 2.6.214 (Authorized Drivers and Uses).

John,

I enjoyed visiting with you yesterday by phone. In accordance with the provisions of administrative rule 2.6.201 through 2.6.214, I hereby grant an exception as requested with a few caveats:

- 1) It is expressly understood that state vehicles are to be driven only by state and university employees and volunteers. However, in exceptional circumstances, during fire or other exigencies when non-state vehicles are not available, should non-state employees be allowed to drive state vehicles.
- 2) Federal agencies, cities, counties, and other governmental political subdivisions often have their own insurance which applies to their negligent acts and/or omissions and we will explore those coverage avenues in the event of a loss.

Best Regards,

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Subject: REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION TO GRANT A WRITTEN EXCEPTION

Brett:

As per our phone call yesterday afternoon, please see the attached request by DNRC to address use of State vehicles by non-state employees while assisting in wildland fire suppression actions. If you have questions or need additional information feel free to contact me at any time.

Thanks,

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