May 10, 2012

Department of Natural Resource and Conservation
Bruce Suenram, Deputy Chief
2705 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804

Dear Deputy Chief Suenram:

The Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) recognizes the need for fire program vehicles owned and operated by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). We agree that these vehicles are imperative to the protection of our wild lands and they are used to respond to fires in an emergency capacity. Therefore, MHP endorses the use of the fire program fleet and authorizes their emergency vehicle status.

Thank you for contacting the MHP office with your request for authorization. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach our Headquarters office at 406-444-3780.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Colonel Michael Tooley
Chief Administrator

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