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To All Interested Parties;

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has received application for right of way easements from Denbury Green Pipeline Montana LLC. (Denbury) to cross 9 tracts of state owned trust land in Carter and Fallon County. These easement applications are regarding the proposed Denbury CCA pipeline. The total easement length applied for across State Trust Land is approximately 2,015 rods or 6.3 miles with an encompassed acreage of 38.18 acres.

The proposed Denbury CCA pipeline is a 20" diameter pipeline that would transport captured carbon dioxide gas from the proponents existing terminal at Belle Creek, Montana to delivery point near Baker, Montana. The carbon dioxide gas would be used for enhanced oil recovery.

State Trust Land pipeline easements require the pipeline structure to be placed below plow depth. The surface disturbance of the proposed pipeline shall be reclaimed and reseeded to a native seed mixture upon completion of construction. All revenues from the sale of right of way easements are returned to the individual trusts associated with the tract. Trust beneficiaries affected by these proposed easements include Common Schools K-12 Education and Montana Tech.

We are currently conducting an analysis under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), of the potential impacts that may occur because of the CCA pipeline easements. The analysis will be completed for all state owned trust land tracts under consideration prior to presenting the easement requests to the State Board of Land Commissioners for final approval.

DNRC is seeking comments under MEPA regarding the proposed issuance of easements across these tracts for the Denbury CCA Pipeline. Additional information on the Montana State Trust Lands easement process is available on the DNRC website at:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/real-estate/rights-of-way-easements>

Written comments will be considered if received no later than **December 5th**, 2018. If you have further questions call (406) 232-2034, write DNRC Eastern Land Office, P.O. Box 1794, Miles City, MT 59301 or e-mail saye@mt.gov.

Tracts included in proposed Denbury CCA easement application are listed as follows:

Fallon County

T7N-R60E-Sec 24; SE 1/4
T6N-R60E-Sec 16; All
T4N-R60E-Sec 35; S2

Carter County

T2S-R58E-Sec 36; All
T2S-R59E-Sec 36; All
T5S-R56E-Sec 25; Lots 1,2,3,4, W2E2
T5S-R56E-Sec 36; Lots 1,2,3,4, W2, W2E2
T7S-R56E-Sec 16; All
T8S-R55E-Sec 36; All

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Scott Aye in blue ink.

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