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Dear DNRC Cooperators,

Over the past six months, DNRC staff has been working with many of our cooperators to formulate a set of criteria that the department will use when assisting watershed groups in Montana. Recognizing the diversity of watershed efforts, I want the outreach that DNRC offers to be consistent, effective, and responsible. We developed an initial draft of criteria with input from a variety of groups and individuals. The first draft was sent out for review, and we received a number of comments. Included with this letter is the final version of the criteria/guidelines that we will utilize in giving assistance to watershed groups.

Staff representatives from the DNRC Water Resources division and from the CARD division will be working together on implementation of the criteria. Since some of the requirements are new, we will be working with all of our cooperators as well. The criteria will serve as guidelines governing how DNRC works with all watershed efforts in Montana. These guidelines will cover both technical and financial assistance that DNRC offers. We will review these criteria on a regular basis, and we welcome input from you, as our customers, as we implement the use of these criteria.

I want to thank you for your help in developing this approach to working with watershed groups. I hope that by utilizing these guidelines we can be even more effective in supporting your good work in Montana!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary Sexton".

Mary Sexton
DNRC Director