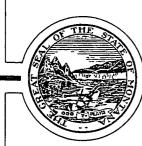
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August 8, 2005

Clayton Matt Tribal Natural Resources Department Head Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes P O Box 278 Pablo MT 59855

Dear Clayton,

I appreciated visiting with you last week when members of the Tribal Council met with Governor Schweitzer to discuss concerns with our water negotiations

In response to those concerns, I believe it is appropriate to schedule a negotiating session to talk about the status of the negotiations and to develop a roadmap for moving forward with the goal of finalizing a settlement for the 2009 legislative session

Please contact Susan Cottingham to let her know if the Tribes are willing to do this If so, she will coordinate with you and the federal team about a mutually acceptable date

Sincerely,

Chris Tweeten Chairman Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

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