

RESERVED WATER RIGHTS COMPACT COMMISSION
HENRY LOBUE, CHAIRMAN
P. O. BOX 176
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Blackfoot Tribal Business Council
Attention: Dan Boggs, Chairman
Blackfoot Agency
Browning, Montana 59417

Crow Tribal Council
Attention: Forest Horn, Chairman
Crow Agency, Montana 59022

Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Attention: Tom Pablo, Chairman
Flathead Agency
Box 278
Pablo, Montana 59855

Fort Belknap Community Council
Attention: Jack Plummage, President
Fort Belknap Agency
Harlem, Montana 59526

Fort Peck Executive Council
Attention: Norman Hollow, Chairman
Fort Peck Agency
Poplar, Montana 59255

Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council
Attention: Allen Rowland, President
Northern Cheyenne Agency
Lame Deer, Montana 59043

Chippewa Cree Business Committee
Attention: John Windy Boy, Chairman
Rocky Boy's Agency
Box Elder, Montana 59521

REQUEST TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES

Senate Bill 76 (now Chapter 697 of the Montana Session Laws, 1979) was enacted by the 1979 Montana Legislature and signed by Governor Thomas L. Judge on May 11, 1979. A copy of that law which became effective July 1, 1979, is enclosed, and your attention is respectfully directed to Section 27 thereof. Subdivision (1) of that section provides, in part, that it was thereby intended that ". . . the state of Montana proceed under the provisions of this section

in an effort to conclude compacts for the equitable division and apportionment of waters between the state and its people and the several Indian tribes claiming reserved water rights within the state."

The law also created a Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission to negotiate with the Indian tribes or their authorized representatives to conclude the compacts. (Section 27(4)(a)). The members of that Commission have now been appointed and are as follows:

- Henry Loble, Helena, Chairman
- Senator Steve Brown, Helena, Vice-Chairman
- Representative William Day, Glendive
- Everett C. Elliot, Conrad
- Senator Jack Galt, Martinsdale
- Fred Johnston, Great Falls
- Representative Dan Kemmis, Missoula
- A. B. Lindford, Bozeman
- Representative Audrey Roth, Big Sandy

The Commission held an organizational meeting in Helena on July 27, 1979, at which time it authorized the issuance and service under Section 27(3) of a request to the governing body of each tribe for the initiation of negotiations, and a request for the designation of an authorized representative of the tribe to conduct Compact negotiations. Accordingly, such requests are hereby made to your tribe and as the act provides, (Section 27(3)), upon receipt of such written designation from the governing body of a tribe, Compact negotiations shall be considered to have commenced. Of course, the composition and number of representatives designated by each tribe are entirely within the discretion of the tribe. The Compact Commission may negotiate with the Indian tribes or their authorized representatives jointly or severally to conclude Compacts authorized under the law. (Section 27(3)).

Early consideration and reply to these requests will permit negotiations to be commenced as soon as conveniently possible for all parties. The Commission is agreeable to meeting with your authorized representatives at a time and place most convenient for you.

DATED this 17th day of August, 1979.

RESERVED WATER RIGHTS COMPACT

By 
Henry Loble, Chairman

Enc.
CERTIFIED MAIL

No. 745342

RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL—30¢ (plus postage)

CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES		POSTMARK OR DATE
ATTENTION: TOM PABLO, CHAIRMAN		AUG 17 1979
FLATHEAD AGENCY		
BOX 278		
PABLO MT 59855		
OPTIONAL SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL FEES		
RETURN RECEIPT SERVICES	1 Shows to whom and date delivered With delivery to addressee only	15¢ 65¢
	2 Shows to whom, date and where delivered With delivery to addressee only	35¢ 85¢
DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY		50¢
SPECIAL DELIVERY (extra fee required)		

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND MAILING

I, HENRY LOBLE, Chairman of the Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission, hereby certify that on the 17th day of August, 1979, I served the within REQUEST TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES upon the governing bodies of the following Indian tribes, by depositing a copy in the United States mail, certified mail, postpaid, addressed to them at their last known addresses as follows:

Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
Attention: Dan Boggs, Chairman
Blackfeet Agency
Browning, MT 59417

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I do further certify that I also mailed a copy of said within document to the following named persons by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postpaid, addressed to them at their last known addresses as follows:

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Congressman Pat Williams
Representative from Montana
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Congressman Ron Marlenee
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DATED this 17th day of August, 1979



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Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

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Compact Commission