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Town Of Wibaux

WIBAUX, MONTANA 59353
Montana Centennial Train Car - Official State Travel Host
Gateway To Montana On Interstate 94

John D. Evans
Mayor

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January 13, 2009

HONORABLE LEGISLATORS:

The Town of Wibaux is pleased to have been recommended for both Treasure State Endowment Program and Renewable Resource Program grants.

We commend the Legislature, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for their vision in establishing these programs and we thank all of you for the considerable time and effort put into reading and evaluating each proposal.

The Town of Wibaux needs to upgrade an outmoded wastewater treatment facility at an estimated cost of $1,032,000. That is a lot of money for us, especially considering that our 2006 estimated population was 485. This is the first time in the town's 97 years of incorporation that our population has dropped below 500. We are a community with a high percentage of widows and widowers living by themselves, with Social Security as their primary source of income. The proposed $500,000 TSEP grant and $100,000 DNRC grant is critical in making this project affordable, not just now but also in the future when we likely will have even fewer people to pay off system debt.

We urge the Legislature to include the Town of Wibaux's wastewater treatment facility among the funded TSEP and RRP grants this year.

Sincerely,

John D. Evans

Dale Evans
Mayor