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Potential Drinking Water SRF Loan Recipients:

We are contacting communities on the Drinking Water SRF Project Priority List (PPL), as outlined in the SFY2017 Intended Use Plan (IUP). The PPL ranks potential projects that communities have identified for their respective water systems. The department is planning to fund eight of the lower-ranked projects on the PPL that are ready to proceed at this time. In accordance with the bypass procedures adopted as part of the IUP, all applicants with higher-ranked projects must be notified before the bypass is completed.

The project applicants under consideration for a bypass at this time are the City of Bozeman, Town of Circle, Dry Redwater Regional Water Authority, Town of Eureka, Town of Froid, Town of Fromberg, Ramsay Water & Sewer District (WSD), and the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch WSD. The proposed SRF loan funds for Bozeman will be used to construct a new storage tank at the water treatment plant. The proposed SRF loan funds for Circle will be used for distribution system improvements and refinancing some existing debt. The proposed SRF loan funds for Dry Redwater Regional Authority will be used to construct distribution system improvements. The proposed SRF loan funds for Eureka will be used to install filtration treatment equipment. The proposed SRF loan funds for Froid will be used to construct storage reservoir improvements. The proposed SRF loan Funds for Fromberg will be used to drill a new well. The proposed SRF loan funds for Ramsay will be used to construct storage reservoir improvements. The proposed SRF loan funds for Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch will be used to construct system wide improvements.

Since some higher-ranked projects are not ready to proceed, the department is proposing to bypass these higher-ranked projects to fund the projects described above. The funding of these projects by the Drinking Water SRF program should in no way affect funding of your project. All known loan applications currently shown on the PPL can be funded with available funds, even with the bypass for the above projects.

When revising the list by this method, the department's policies require that we contact all affected applicants to solicit comments. We request, by copy of this letter, that any comments regarding the described changes be provided to this office within 15 days of the date of this letter. Changes will go into effect after the comment period if no unresolvable comments have been received.

Thank you and please contact me at (406) 444-5325 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mark A. Smith

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