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Woods Bay Homesites Water and Sewer District
P.O. Box 685
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Sheavers Creek Water and Sewer District
P.O. Box 1015
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RE: Public Meeting, Preliminary Engineering Report, Sheavers Creek/Woods Bay District & Surrounding Areas

Dear Sheavers Creek/Woods Bay District:

I am writing in response to the announcement of a public meeting regarding the preliminary engineering report for water/sewer feasibility for land tracts between Bigfork and Woods Bay. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting on January 11th, however I'd like to convey my **support** for the project and voice a few comments to be included for discussion in the meeting.

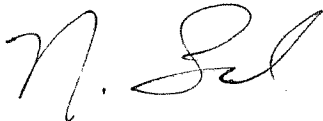
Converting septic systems along the perimeter of the lake to water/sewer is paramount to maintaining the water quality of Flathead Lake. Additionally, health threats due to consumption of compromised groundwater/drinking water are becoming a reality with the accelerated development in the area – there are simply too many septic systems being installed for the amount of land area available and the type of groundwater aquifer present.

I have particular concern over the quantity and quality of my own private drinking water well, as significant development is scheduled to occur immediately upgradient of my property (Averill - Quarter Circle Ranches). Recent nearby development and the drought as of the past 4-5 years has seen my well run dry for periods up to two to three days during the heat of the summer. Drinking water/groundwater use during periods of diminished yield from my well increases potential contaminant concentrations. Installation of a water/sewer system would give my family some piece of mind regarding the quality of our drinking water during the heat of the summer.

My property sits upon the far north boundary line of the proposed sewer system service area map (Tract ID – 26201-2BJ). For my own purposes, I'd hope that I'm not excluded from the proposed sewer district; however it seems that it would be worth the effort to continue the sewer district boundary further north until meeting the current Bigfork Sewer District boundary.

I would gladly supplement any funds required to bring water/sewer to my property – it is clearly in my best interest, Flathead Lake's best interest, as well as in the interest of landowners downgradient of my current septic system location. Please add me to your mailing/contact list for project status updates and notices. Thanks for starting the effort to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,



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