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Memorandum

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To: Jamie E. Connell, State Director
Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office

From: Steve Glomb, Director *Ret Dawson for Steve Glomb*
Office of Restoration and Damage Assessment (ORDA)

Subject: Silvertip Pipeline Oil Spill, Yellowstone River downstream Laurel, Montana
Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Activities -
Designation of Authorized Official (AO)

Under authority delegated in 207 DM 6.3.B and when designated pursuant to 521 DM 3.2.B, Bureau Directors act on behalf of the Secretary as the AO in conducting NRDAR activities. Pursuant to 207 DM 6.3.C such authority may be redelegated within specified limits. The Bureau Directors have delegated AO authorities and responsibilities (including authority to concur with designation of AOs) as follows: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Regional Directors; National Park Service to the Associate Director, Natural Resources Stewardship and Science; Bureau of Land Management to State Directors; and Bureau of Indian Affairs to Deputy Bureau Director, Trust Services or to Regional Directors as determined by the Deputy Bureau Director, Trust Services.

Attached are communications from BIA and FWS stating their trust resources are potentially affected by the spill and response activities associated with the subject case, and that BIA and FWS concur with your designation as the AO for case NRDAR activities. The BIA and FWS staff contact information follows:

- Charlie Chandler, BIA, (202) 208-5037, cell (202) 701-4590, Charlie.Chandler@bia.gov
- John Wegrzyn, FWS, (303) 236-4261, John_Wegrzyn@fws.gov

Your signature will immediately designate you as AO for NARDAR activities for this case. The AO responsibilities are described in 521 DM 2.2.I.

Following your signature, place the original signed copy of this memorandum in the subject case's administrative record or the case file maintained by your bureau. Please also provide me a copy of this signed memorandum. I will then provide copies to the involved Bureau(s) NRDAR Program Work Group members and to the Department ORDA Operation Specialist, who maintains the list of AO designations. These steps complete the AO designation process.

I concur with the above designation and agree to serve as the AO for the subject case.

Jamie E. Connell
Director, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office

8/4/11
Date

Attachment**cc: (w/o attachments)**

ORDA Assistant Office Director – Operations
Regional Environmental Office, DOI, Denver, CO
BLM NRDAR Work Group member, Denver, CO
Peter Bierbach, BLM Montana State Office, MT
Regional Solicitor, DOI, Denver, CO

bcc: (w/o attachments)

BIA, NRDAR Work Group member, Washington, DC
FWS, NRDAR Regional Coordinator, Denver, CO
ORDA Operation Specialist, Philadelphia, PA (R. Burr)

file: NRDAR AO designations
