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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Lewistown Field Office
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument
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Lewistown, Montana 59457



May 1, 2012

Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your interest in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the acquisition of parcels from The Conservation Fund. Enclosed is a copy of the Finding of No Significant Impact/Decision Record (FONSI/DR). The final Environmental Analysis (EA) is available on our web site at:

<http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/umrbnm/grazingaltsandassessmts.html>

By acquiring these parcels into public ownership, we will enhance public recreation opportunities within the Missouri River corridor; maintain or improve important wildlife habitat; consolidate public ownership; and reduce the management complications common with scattered landownership patterns.

If you believe that you have been affected adversely by the decision made in the enclosed FONSI/DR, or that you believe the decision is incorrect, you may have the right to appeal this decision. The appeal procedures have been provided below, along with form 1842-1, Information on Taking Appeals to the Board of Land Appeals.

Appeal Information: This decision may be appealed to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal and any statement or reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served on the Office of the Solicitor at the address shown on Form 1842-1. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition, pursuant to regulation 43 CFR §4.21, for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. The provisions of 43 CFR §4.21(b) defines the standards and procedures for filing a petition to obtain a stay pending appeal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 406/538-1900.

Sincerely,


Gary Slagel
Monument Manager