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**Executive Order No. 7-93**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER PROVIDING STATE AGENCIES' ASSISTANCE  
TO THE FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, the 1983 Montana Legislature established the Flathead Basin Commission to monitor the water quality and existing condition of the natural resources of the Flathead Basin and coordinate development of an annual monitoring plan; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the legislation is to encourage close cooperation and coordination between federal, state, provincial, tribal and local resource managers for establishing compatible resource development activities throughout the Flathead River drainage; and

WHEREAS, subsequent legislatures have increased the membership of the Commission by creating ex-officio members, including the directors of the Departments of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Health and Environmental Sciences or their designees; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources and

1 Conservation by statute is responsible for coordinating the  
2 full utilization, conservation, and protection of the state's  
3 water resources and spends considerable effort on water  
4 management and policy activities; and

5 WHEREAS, recent Commission deliberations have concluded  
6 that additional resources of expertise and advice from other  
7 state departments and agencies will further the success of the  
8 Commission's deliberations and responsibilities under state  
9 law.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of  
11 Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to  
12 the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana do hereby  
13 direct the following:

14 1. That the Flathead Basin Commission may call upon  
15 personnel of other state agencies not specifically mentioned  
16 within the legislation for advice, expertise and information  
17 regarding maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the  
18 natural resources of the Flathead Basin;

19 2. That the Director or his designee of the Department of  
20 Natural Resources and Conservation shall become an ex-officio  
21 commission member; and

22 3. That the Department of Transportation, and the Disaster  
23 and Emergency Services Division of the Department of Military  
24 Affairs, upon the request of the executive committee of the  
25 commission, and in consultation with the executive director  
26 and the department director, shall provide such necessary  
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information and expertise to the Commission so as to fulfill the statutory responsibilities of the Commission.

Any prior Executive Orders relating to the Flathead Basin Commission are hereby superseded by the provisions of this Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our LORD, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

Marc Racicot  
MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

Mike Cooney  
MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State