

STATE OF MONTANA  
Executive Order No. 17-79  
Office of the Governor

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Executive Order establishing a Procedure for coordinating Executive Agency Responses to Federal Environmental Impact Statements.

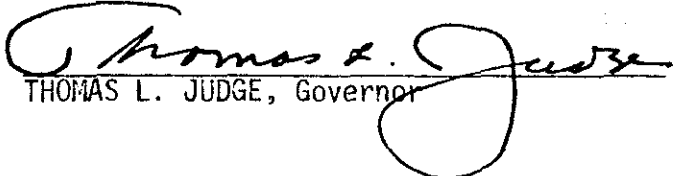
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WHEREAS, agencies of the federal government often request the comments of two or more state agencies on draft federal environmental impact statements;


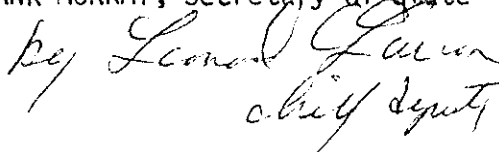
WHEREAS, on certain of these environmental impact statements coordination between the state executive agencies before submission of comments would be advantageous to allow the agencies to resolve, minimize, or at least anticipate conflicts between comments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, in accordance with the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby order and direct all executive agencies of the State of Montana under my supervision, who, upon receipt of a request from any federal agency to comment upon a draft or final environmental impact statement, desire to provide comment on that environmental impact statement, to contact the Office of the Governor, in writing, advising this Office of the request and desire to comment, including a description of the project being evaluated in the environmental impact statement, and to recommend whether the Governor's Office should require inter-agency consultation and, if consultation should be required. If this Office deems inter-agency coordination advisable, then the Lieutenant Governor's Office will coordinate consultation.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 1 day of October, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

  
THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor

ATTEST:

  
FRANK MURRAY, Secretary of State  
  
Chief Deputy

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