**IN THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*(Justice Court, Justice Court of Record, Municipal Court, City Court, City Court of Record)*

 **COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, STATE OF MONTANA**

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| State of Montanavs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant. | **Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Trial Notice**of Hearing** |

 You are hereby notified a pre-trial conference is scheduled on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_:\_\_\_ \_\_\_.M., in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ courtroom located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Montana.

**THIS IS NOT THE TRIAL.**

This conference is held prior to trial to narrow the issues to be tried, to make trial preparation easier, and to possibly settle the issues and avoid a trial. If you do nothing, this pre-trial conference will proceed as scheduled. **THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES.**

 You may choose from the following alternatives. Notification to the Court of your choice and to the other party MUST BE DONE 10 DAYS PRIOR to the pre-trial date. I choose:

1. To have the pre-trial hearing by conference telephone call. It will be my responsibility to arrange for the call and pay for the costs associated with a conference call. The time for the call is the time set for pre-trial above.
2. To ask for a trial date to be set without having a pre-trial conference.

If you choose one of the alternatives above, **YOU MUST NOTIFY THE ADVERSE PARTY IN WRITING.** You must **NOTIFY THE COURT BY RETURNING THIS FORM** to the Court indicating your choice, **10 days prior to the pre-trial,** the pre-trial will proceed as scheduled.

**FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR PRE-TRIAL OR NOTIFY THE ADVERSE PARTY AND THE COURT OF AN ALTERNATE CHOICE, MAY RESULT IN JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU; AND/OR SANCTIONS BEING IMPOSED; OR CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS BEING FILED.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Judge By: Clerk