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LT. GOVERNOR

May 23, 2011

Colonel Robert J. Ruch  
District Commander  
USACE, Omaha District  
1616 Capitol Avenue  
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

Dear Colonel Ruch:

The State of Montana is requesting assistance from the Omaha District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under the Emergency Operations Program of Public Law 84-99. Specifically, I am requesting advanced measures and direct assistance to provide temporary protective measures for The Crow Tribe and Bighorn County. This assistance is needed for the protection of life and public infrastructure.

The State of Montana has been currently committed within the state: The State has been monitoring the conditions and providing emergency assistance to local Towns, Cities, Counties and Tribes throughout Montana. Jurisdictions have received record amounts of rain. With record rain and snowpack that has just now started to melt we have rivers and small streams flowing extremely high. The State has done an Emergency Declaration due to the record rains and flooding. The State SECC is activated to a level 3. The State, FEMA and the NWS are monitoring the flooding.

Any assistance the USACE could provide to Montana and the Big Horn County and The Crow Tribe is greatly appreciated. The Crow Tribe and Big Horn County have exhausted their supply of sandbags and are requesting 75,000 additional sandbags for use in the flooded areas. We understand that sand bag resources are located at Fort Peck and would like to utilize those resources for this purpose.

Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division will monitor and coordinate any requests. The Point of Contact for this flooding event is Steve Knecht at 406-324-4787 or cell # is 406-431-5438. An alternate POC is Tim Thennis at 406-324-4783 or cell# 431-4323. The 24/7 Duty Officer number is 406-324-4777.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer".

BRIAN SCHWEITZER  
Governor