

December 7, 2011

Dear Ms Bushnell:

I am a resident of the Lincoln community and am concerned with the reclamation plan for the tailings that make up the Bear trap/Mike Horse tailings dam at the headwaters of the Blackfoot River. I realize there is quite a bit on controversy about the social effects of the eventual location of the repository that will contain those tailings. I believe the tailings dam poses the greatest threat to the Blackfoot River watershed than any other point source of pollution in the drainage and that it is our responsibility to house those tailings in the safest most repository location available. In my mind the most socially responsible location for the repository is the safest with regard to health of the overall Blackfoot River watershed. Since the repository locations have not been studied in detail it remains to be seen which location would be the best, however, since the Section 35 location is supported by preliminary data as likely being the best location for the health of the watershed I certainly support further study of that site as the first priority. I sympathize with the adjacent landowners and I hope there is some mitigation that can be taken that will make the decision more palatable to them should Section 35 be chosen. However, it is the removal and safe storage of the tailings impoundment that is of upmost concern to me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Burns". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "L" and a decorative flourish at the end.

Laura Burns