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Energy and Water Development

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United States Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Capturing Geothermal Heat from Mine Water



Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$550,000

Montana Tech of the University of Montana (Butte, MT)

Funding will install a unique geothermal heat pump system to capture mine waste

waters under Butte, Montana to heat campus buildings.

Cartersville Fish Passage

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$3,000,000

Cartersville Fish Passage (Forsyth, MT)

This project is the final phase in opening the upper reaches of the Yellowstone River and its tributaries to pallid sturgeon and other fish species. Funding will be used to replace a diversion dam and create fish passage structures on the Tongue River.

Center for Zero Emissions Research Technology (ZERT)

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$3,000,000

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Funding will allow ZERT to continue research on the basic science and methods of

carbon capture to reduce emissions from fossil fuels sources.

City of Glendive Flood Plain Studies

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$900,000

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City of Glendive (Glendive, MT)

Funding will be used to address a road and bridge replacement that puts the city at risk of flooding.

Clark Fork River Revitalization

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$637,000

City of Missoula (Missoula, MT)

Funding will help revitalize the Clark Fork River to remediate old industrial sites, improve deteriorating river banks and deficiencies in existing levees, restore native riparian vegetation to improve water quality, and create river access for the public.

Fort Peck/Dry Prairie Water System

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$14,000,000

Fort Peck/Dry Prairie Water System (Poplar, MT)

Funding will be used to develop drinking water infrastructure on the Fort Peck

Reservation and surrounding areas.

Fort Peck Cabin Conveyance

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$1,869,000

Fort Peck Cabin Conveyance (Valley County, MT)

Funding will continue assessments, surveys and appraisals to convey Army Corps of

Engineers cabin sites around Fort Peck Reservoir.

Hi-Temperature Electrochemistry Center (Hi-Tec)

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$5,000,000

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Hi-Tec seeks to improve fuel cell design to increase performance and reliability.

Lower Yellowstone Project

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$18,000,000

Lower Yellowstone Project (Intake, MT)

Funding will be used to complete an environmental assessment and prepare for diversion dam replacement to provide upstream spawning habitat for the pallid sturgeon and improve water deliverability to irrigators.

Montana Algal Biodiesel Initiative

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$500,000

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

This initiative will develop methods to use algae to capture carbon from fossil fuel

sources and use it to make advanced biofuels.

Montana Bio-Energy Innovation and Testing Center

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$2,250,000

Montana State University-Northern (Havre, MT)

Funding will be used to conduct research, product development, and

commercialization for biofuels and automotive technologies ande education and

training related to the use of biodiesel.

Montana Rural Water Program

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$5,000,000

Montana Rural Water Program (Statewide, MT)

The rural water program provides critical federal matching funds to rural water and

wastewater systems in Montana.

Renewable Biofuels from Biomass

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$500,000

Montana Physical Sciences Foundation (Butte, MT)

This research project will use biomass waste products to produce renewable oil that

can be refined into a broad range of products and chemicals.

Renewable Resources Energy Center

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$300,000

Montana State University-Billings (Billings, MT)

Funding will help establish Montana State University Billings as a center for clean

energy research, job training, and information.

Rocky Boy's/North Central Regional Water Authority

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$16,000,000

Rocky Boy's/North Central Regional Water Authority (Havre, MT)

Funding will be used to develop critical water infrastructure on the Rocky Boy's

Reservation and throughout North Central Montana.

Saint Mary's Diversion and Canal Rehabilitation

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$4,000,000

Saint Mary's Diversion and Canal Rehabilitation (Glacier County, MT)

Funding will complete environmental review and preparation of design for the rehabilitation of Saint Mary's canal and diversion dam to improve fish passage and

deliver water for municipalities, wildlife, and irrigation.

Sustainable Biogenic Coalbed Methane for Energy and Environment

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$2,400,000

University of Montana (Missoula, MT)

This project will work to enhance microbial production of coal bed methane which has the potential to extend the life of coalbed methane wells indefinitely by transforming

coalbed methane into a sustainable resource.

Western Environmental Technology Office

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$6,500,000

Western Environmental Technology Office (Butte, MT)

Funding will develop new and innovative approaches to cleaning up Department of

Energy nuclear waste sites through efficient and cost effective means.

Wind Turbine Development

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$1,000,000

Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

Funding will be used to improve the design and costs of wind turbine blades by making turbines more resistant to damage, reducing cost, and increasing efficiency.

Yellowstone River Corridor Comprehensive Study

Request Subcommittee Committee Senate Floor Conference Law

Amount: \$200,000

Yellowstone River Corridor Comprehensive Study (Eastern, MT)

Funding will continue a cumulative impacts assessment of the Yellowstone River for purposes of restoration and preservation of environmental quality.

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