Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

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Date: DRAFT October 03, 2023

- To: Montana DRNC
- **RE:** Request to add FRWMB Logo alongside DNRC to Water Right Query System.

As is known, the water right compact entered into by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT), the State of Montana, and the federal government designates the Flathead Reservation Water Management Board (FRWMB) as the water right administrative body for the Flathead Reservation and the FRWMB is separate and independent from DRNC water administration off the Reservation. As is also known, FRWMB and its Office of the Water Engineer (OE) are actively and cooperatively engaged with DRNC in an effort to update the Montana Water Rights Information System (WRIS) system so that 1) unique Flathead Reservation water right types authorized under the Compact can be processed and 2) DNRC and FRWMB can provide efficient and single-source water right information services for public access. In an effort to demonstrate our coordinated efforts and to recognize the FRWMB's significant contribution and investment to the WRIS, we ask that the FRWMB Logo be included on the opening page of the Water Rights Query System (http://wrgs.dnrc.mt.gov/). FRWMB believes it is important that residents of the Flathead Reservation recognize that their water right administrators are represented on this essential public resource and displaying our brand alongside that of DNRC will help to validate the formal and legal shift in water right administration on the Flathead Reservation that occurred on September 17, 2021 when the Compact became effective. Please see the attached renderings provided to illustrate the request being made:

Please forward your response to FRWMB Chairman, Clayton Matt by email at <u>cmatt@frwmb.gov</u> or via mail to PO Box 37, Ronan, MT 59864 Sincerely,

Date:	

FRWMB Chair, Clayton Matt:

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FRWMB Vice Chair, Roger A Noble

