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Sent: 3/29/2018 9:09:37 PM
To: shantel.niederstadt@mt.gov
Subject: EPA listening session at the MT Gov's Conference on Tourism and Recreation

Hi Shantel,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 8 office in Denver has launched an initiative to improve collaboration and dialogue with key sectors of the economy in the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. EPA's Smart Sectors program is intended to advance a better understanding of the business community across EPA programs and identify ways to achieve better environmental and regulatory outcomes in key sectors of our economy.

The Smart Sectors program will work to connect staff across EPA's land, water, air and chemical program offices with leaders in the Region 8 business and regulated community. The program will work closely with state government partners to identify trade associations and industries that represent the engines of our state economies and offer significant opportunities for environmental impact.

EPA will engage sector leaders in sector-specific forums to develop a better understanding of business practices and to explain environmental regulations and the regulatory process in simple terms. EPA will also be seeking information about best practices in various industries and will look for opportunities to recognize companies that are going beyond compliance or succeeding over time with little or no compliance violations.

Sectors identified for initial efforts in EPA Region 8 include: Agriculture and Food/Beverage production; Mining; and Outdoor Recreation/Tourism. Additional sectors may be added over time.

Why am I writing to you today?

Would you please consider adding the EPA's Smart Sectors program to the agenda of the 2018 Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation April 17? We would be interested in listening to members of the Montana Outdoor Recreation and Tourism sector tell of their experiences with the EPA.

Thank you for this consideration.

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