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# IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT IN THE STATE OF MONTANA BEFORE THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE

Robert Flynn,	)	WCC No. 2000-0222
	)	WCC No. 2003-0771
and	)	
	)	
Carl Miller, individually and on	)	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
behalf of others similarly situated,	)	
Petitioners,	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Montana State Fund	)	
Respondent/Insurer.	)	

I hereby certify that I served the attached copy of Order for Notification of Common Fund Fee Settlement and Hearing Date dated January 3, 2006, upon the Claimants whose names appear on the attached list by depositing a true copy thereof in the United States mail postpaid, addressed to each claimant as in the following list on January 11, 2006.

First Name	Last Name	Address	City	St	Zip
Mrs. John	Bartlett	302 S Minnesota	Conrad	MT	59425
Calvin	Cleveland	PO Box 803	Ennis	MT	59729 -0803
Barbara	Kindsfather	3136 Woodridge Dr	Hurst	TX	76054
Roy	Koski	409 E Legion St 8	Whitehall	MT	59759
Henry O	Nickey	1560 Boston Rd	Helena	MT	59602
Shirley	Stevens	206 4 <sup>th</sup> St W #2	Billings	MT	59101

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First Name	Last Name	Address	City	St	Zip
Kenneth J	Rosean	113 W Evergreen	Kalispell	MT	59901
William R	Silverthorn	PO Box 307	Plains	MT	59859-0307
Ioseph	Barnoski	1800 Dove Ln	Corwley	ГΧ	76036-5718
Craig Leeper	c/o Ms. Sharon Brua	1744 Brewington Dr	Billings	MT	59105
Richard R	Parkinson	747 N 135 <sup>th</sup> St Apt 534A	Seattle	WA	98133-7442
Raymond	Stewart	210 N Montgomery	Cle Elum	WA	98922
Betty	Robertson	1721 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave N	Great Falls	MT	59401-1721

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First Name	Last Name	Address	City	St	Zip
Ruth Clark c/c		c/o Terrence J Clark	Anaconda	MT	59711
·		PO Box 644			
Candace A	Condon	116190 Ridge Rd	Silver Bow	MT	59750
William T	Craft	c/o Doris Craft	Helena	MT	59601
		3000 Villard #174			
Carol A	Crittendon	131 Trinity Loop	Butte	МТ	59701
Faustina	Dirksen	c/o Vera Smereck	Great Falls	MT	59404-3750
	·	1208 Buena Dr			
Loyal	Dopp	c/o Janet C. Dopp	Stevensville	MT	59870
		301 Airport Rd			
Virgil N	Hanson	317 Oak St W	Sisseton	SD	57262
lames	Henderson	c/o heir or Personal	Livingston	MT	59047
		Representative of the Estate	• •		
		of James Henderson		1	1
		222 S 10 <sup>th</sup> St			
Hugh I	Hilson	211 Monroe	Oregon City		97045
lean E	Hook	905 Prairie View Rd	Kalispell	MT	59901
Arlene L	Hubbert	601 Adams, PO #10	Геггу	МТ	59349
Connie K Judgbluth I		PO Box 134,	Glasgow	МТ	59230
		1120 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave S Apt #4			<u> </u>
Douglas K	Kober	PO Box 111 Laurel		_	59044
Steven M	Lambert	3330 Banff Ave #10	Billings	МТ	59102
Daniel E Means		308 Red Fox Farm	Lolo	MT	59847
		Box 1161			
Mary Ann	Neely	17 Brecken Ct	Bozeman	MT	59718
Jerry D	Norheim	PO Box 273	Nashua	MT	59248
Patsy C	Siaperas	200 Pioneer Dr	Dillon	MT	59725
Carol	Siler	c/o Chris Siler	Kalispell	MT	59901
		2138 Airport Rd			
Ellen A	Sinness	c/o heir or Personal	Lewistown	MT	59457
		Representative of the Estate			
		of Ellen Sinness			
	-	624 W Broadway			
Shawn	Swaney	c/o PO Box 96	Thompson Falls	MT	59873
Shawn	Swaney	PO Box 190	Hot Springs	MT	59845-0190
Ralph W	Turgeon	13248 Lindo Ln	Lakeside	MT	92040
Anton	Walchuk			MT	59864

First Name	Last Name	Address	City	St	Zip
		Representative of the Estate			
		of Anton Walchuk			
		211 Michelle Rd			
Ronda R	Williams	29 Fir St	Trout Creek	MT	59874

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First Name	Last Name	Address	City	St	Zip
Roxanne	Bruce	3925 Mount Ave	Missoula	MT	59804
Suzanne M	Swartz	3701 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave S	Great Falls	MT	59405
John	Bartlett	c/o Jean Bartlett	Conrad	MT	59425
		Horizon Lodge, Apt 210			

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First Name	Last Name	Address	City	St	Zip
Mary Ann	Neely	17 Brecken Ct	Bozeman	MT	59718-6620

I hereby certify that I served the attached copy of ORDER FOR NOTIFICATION OF COMMON FUND FEE SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE dated January 3, 2006, upon the Claimants whose names appear on the attached list by depositing a true copy thereof in the United States mail postpaid, addressed to each claimant as in the following list on January 20, 2006.

First Name	Last Name	Address	City	St	Zip
Carl A	Hembree	1701 Judd Circle	Billings	MT	59102

DATED in Missoula, Montana, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2006.

Miva VanEngen

Paralegal to Rex Palmer

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the _ and correct copy of the foregoing w	day of <u>feb</u> 2006, a true as served upon the following by U.S. mail, hand-
delivery, Federal Express, facsimil	e or email:
Brad Luck Garlington, Lohn & Robinson PO Box 7909 Missoula, MT 59807	<ul> <li>{X} U.S. Mail</li> <li>{ } Hand Delivered</li> <li>{ } Federal Express</li> <li>{ } Facsimile</li> <li>{ } Email</li> </ul>
Tom Martello State Fund PO Box 4759 Helena, MT 59601	Mira Van Engen

### IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

WCC No. 2000-0222

#### **ROBERT FLYNN**

and
CARL MILLER, Individually and on Behalf of
Others Similarly Situated
Petitioners

vs.

## MONTANA STATE FUND Respondent/Insurer

and

## LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION Intervenor.

## ORDER FOR NOTIFICATION OF COMMON FUND FEE SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE

- As a result of previous decisions in the above-captioned cause, Petitioners have established a legal precedent for certain claimants to receive additional workers' compensation benefits as a result of the Montana State Fund reducing benefit payments by taking a Social Security offset without paying any share of the costs and fees incurred by the claimant to recover the Social Security award. You have been identified as a claimant who may be entitled to additional benefits. The amount of additional benefits to which you may be entitled has been determined and approved by Order of this Court. You have or will receive a letter from the Montana State Fund advising you of the amount of additional benefits. There is no need for you to take any action to receive this additional benefit. Please do not contact the Montana State Fund or the Court about this entitlement.
- Since the Petitioners in this case established the legal precedent for additional benefits, Petitioners' attorneys may be entitled to recover attorneys' fees from any additional amount that is due you. Petitioners propose that the attorneys' fees be fixed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the additional benefit set forth above. The Montana State Fund, by agreement, does not object to this amount. If the proposal is approved, you will receive seventy-five percent (75%) of the additional benefit set forth above. (If you have already been notified of your additional entitlement, 25% of your additional entitlement may

have been withheld pending hearing on the attorneys' fees that may be payable to Petitioners' attorneys.) You have the right to support or object to the proposed amount of the attorneys' fees.

At 9:00 a.m. on the 16th day of February, 2006, the Court will hold a hearing to determine the amount of the fees. The hearing will be held at the Workers' Compensation Court, 1625 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana. You have the right to be present at that hearing and to voice your support for or objection to the proposed fees. You may also file written statements supporting or objecting to the proposed fee by mailing your statement to the Workers' Compensation Court, P.O. Box 537, Helena, MT 59624-0537, no later than the 10th day of February, 2006. After the hearing, the Court will determine what fees are due.

DATED in Helena, Montana, this 3d day of January, 2006.

/s/ James Jeremiah Shea JUDGE

(SEAL)

c: Mr. Rex Palmer

Mr. Thomas E. Martello

Mr. Bradley J. Luck