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FAX (406) 444-7798 & U.S. MailHonorable Mike McCarter  
Workers' Compensation Court  
P. O. Box 537  
Helena, MT 59624**FILED****MAY 11 2005**OFFICE OF  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE  
HELENA, MONTANARE: Rausch, et al. v. Montana State Fund and Ruhd v. Liberty Northwest Insurance Corporation, WCC No. 9907-8274R1

Dear Judge McCarter:

Lon Dale came by our office on April 29, 2005, to look at the materials Carrie Garber had gathered under the four categories of cases you directed us to identify.

We had a good discussion with Lon and he came up with what I think is an excellent idea. He was going to speak to Steve and Monte about what I would call screening criteria that Carrie could follow in reviewing certain cases. The information gleaned under the screening criteria would then be provided to the FFR attorneys without the need for any of them to review the original file.

We are waiting for Lon to talk with Steve and Monte about this proposal and then get back to us with the screening criteria. Therefore, while we await the FFR attorneys' decision we are not reviewing the cases. Our concern is that if we start now and screening criteria are developed, we may have to review some files more than once.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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