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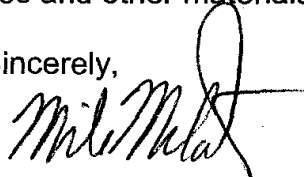
Re: Schmill v. Liberty Northwest Insurance Corp., WCC No. 2001-0300
Stavenjord v. Montana State Fund, WCC No. 2000-0207
Rausch v. Montana State Fund, WCC No. 9907-8274
Fisch v. Montana State Fund, WCC No. 2000-0023
Frost v. Montana State Fund, WCC No. 2000-0030
Ruhd v. Liberty Northwest Insurance Corp., WCC No. 2002-0500
Flynn v. Montana State Fund, WCC No. 2000-0222
Miller v. Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Co., WCC No. 2000-0174

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I have read Mr. Jones' letter of May 15, 2003, proposing consolidation of the all of the cases as indicated above. I have also read the responses made by several of you.

In light of my recent order in *Ruhd* limiting the common fund to benefits owed by the named respondent insurer, I am not sure consolidation of these cases, other than possibly *Stavenjord* and *Schmill*, would be appropriate. However, insofar as the procedures in one case may provide guidance for the others, I invite any counsel who wishes to be present or participate informally in any of these proceedings to do so. Let me know if you wish to do so and I will arrange for copies of notices and other materials to be sent to you.

Sincerely,



Mike McCarter
Judge

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