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Honorable Arlyn Headdress
Chairman, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
of the Fort Peck Reservation
P. O. Box 1027
Poplar, Montana 59255

Dear Chairman Headdress:

On October 1, 2002, we received the Extension to the Class III Compact between the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation (Tribe) and the State of Montana (State). We have completed our review of this Extension and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, we approve the Extension. This Extension shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11(d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

Aurene M. Martin
Acting

Affairs

Enclosure

Similar Letter Sent to: Honorable Judy Martz
Governor of Montana
State Capital
Helena, Montana 59620

**EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES
OF THE FORT PECK RESERVATION AND
THE STATE OF MONTANA REGARDING
CLASS III GAMING ON THE FORT PECK RESERVATION**

RECITALS

The State of Montana ("Montana") and the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation ("Tribes") entered into an Agreement ("Agreement") dated April 6, 1992, to authorize under specific conditions Class III gaming on the Fort Peck Reservation. This Agreement was extended by letter amendment to July 5, 2002 and further extended by letter amendment to September 30, 2002. The Tribes and the State are continuing their good faith negotiations to agree on terms and conditions for another long-term compact.

To enable the Tribes and others to continue gaming on the Reservation pursuant to the existing Agreement while the parties continue to negotiate, the parties hereby agree to extend the Agreement for approximately 90 days, until December 30, 2002, on the terms and conditions set forth below.

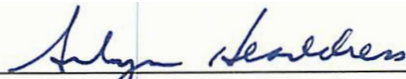
This Renewal is entered into in furtherance of the goals of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. and Montana Governor Judy Martz's Proclamation affirming the principle and integrity of government-to-government relationships between the State of Montana and federally-recognized tribes located within the borders of Montana.

Agreement


In furtherance of good relations and mutual cooperation between the parties, and in accordance with Article VIII. A., "Effective Date and Term," of the existing Agreement as previously amended and extended, by this writing the parties hereby renew and extend the term of the Agreement to December 30, 2002. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall govern the conditions of Class III gaming on the Reservation until December 30, 2002, or until a revised or new compact has been executed by the parties, whichever first occurs.

Montana and the Tribes indicate their consent to be bound to this Extension by signature of their authorized representatives below.


ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK RESERVATION


ARLYN HEADRESS, Chairman

STATE OF MONTANA


JUDY MARTZ, Governor

Approved Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 18-11-105 (2001).


MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General
State of Montana

APROVED:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BY: 
NEAL McCALEB
Acting Assistant Secretary--Bureau of Indian Affairs

DATED: Nov. 13, 2002

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