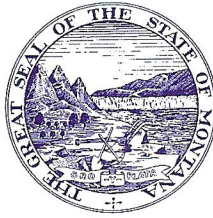


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Mike Koopal, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Koopal:

I appreciate your efforts at the Whitefish Lake Institute. A citizen based organization that addresses lake issues has long been overdue for the greater Whitefish community. I'm impressed with your efforts to bring all of the stakeholders to the table to engage in an active dialogue about this important resource. Whitefish Lake, after all, is the central resource for our economy, environment and recreational lifestyle.

The Whitefish Lake Institute's scientific research will become a valuable tool in the lake's management process. The education efforts you have initiated will yield a community awareness of lake issues. Good luck with your efforts and please let me know how I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Sen. Dan Weinberg