

July 11, 2007

ITEM 136-1504-R0707

Authorization for Greenhouse Removal and Construction; Montana Tech of The University of Montana

THAT:

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102 and 20-25-302, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana Tech of The University of Montana to remove the current non-serviceable greenhouse on its campus and to construct in its place a new greenhouse consisting of 2700 square feet of controlled-atmosphere space. This project will be paid through a Reclamation and Development Grant from Montana DNRC. The money for these grants was appropriated by the 60th Montana Legislature in HB 7. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$289,922.

EXPLANATION:

Montana Tech's current greenhouse was constructed over 40 years ago and has exceeded its useful lifetime. The old greenhouse will be removed and a new greenhouse will be constructed on the site so that some of the utilities currently in place can be used. This new greenhouse will be utilized to grow plants that require little water and that are native to Southwest Montana. The plants will be used to restore vegetation in areas that have been reclaimed.