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The Honorable Timothy Davis
Chairman, Blackfeet Nation
640 All Chiefs Road – Tribal Headquarters
Browning, Montana 59417

Dear Chairman Davis:

The Blackfeet Nation (Nation) and the Department of the Interior (Department) have worked together for more than four decades to secure the Nation's water rights and to develop and implement a comprehensive water rights settlement for the benefit of the Nation, its allottees, and other interested parties. More recently, the Nation and Department have worked together to implement the Water Rights Compact (Compact) entered into by the Nation, State of Montana, United States, and the Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement Act (Act).

Following the initial transmission of a final water code to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on April 29, 2021, the Nation approved amendments to the code on November 22, 2021. The Department has reviewed the Blackfeet Water Code, adopted by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council pursuant to Resolution No. 211-2021 (effective February 18, 2021) and amended pursuant to Resolution No. 123-2022 (effective November 22, 2021).

On behalf of the Secretary of Interior and in accordance with the Act and Compact and the actions taken by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, I hereby approve the Blackfeet Nation Water Code.

Sincerely,

Bryan Newland
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs