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To: Participants of the X International Symposium of Biological Control of Weeds
Bozeman, Montana - July 4-9, 1999

Welcome to Montana's Big Sky Country! As scientists from around the world, this symposium in Bozeman is designed to provide five days of excellent learning and discussion opportunities in the field of biological control of weeds. Montana has supported this endeavor with over twenty-five years of research and field implementation in Montana on such weeds as spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, Dalmatian toadflax, and others. Working through the Montana Department of Agriculture, Montana has provided funding for the research and development of more than twenty-five insect species as biological controls for noxious weed species.

This is an excellent time for you all to see the work that has been accomplished in the western United States as well as enjoying the excellent scenery and recreation that Montana provides. I encourage you all to enjoy the meetings to the fullest and then take additional time to tour the area. Enjoy the mid-Symposium tour to Yellowstone National Park on July 7th. Participate in the post-Symposium tour after the conference. Take extra time to enjoy all that Montana and the western United States has to offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marc Racicot", is written over a horizontal line.

MARC RACICOT
Governor