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**Re: Approval letter for the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Buffalo Gulch
Request for Change (RFC)-2023-04 (dated October 4, 2023) to the Final Buffalo Gulch
Soil Characterization Sampling and Analysis Plan (dated October 18, 2018)**

Dear Josh:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the Buffalo Gulch Request for Change (RFC)-2023-04 to the Final Buffalo Gulch Soil Characterization Sampling and Analysis Plan (dated October 18, 2018) with the following comments. After these comments have been addressed/considered, please attached the signature page and distribute as final.

- Please change the sample collection time frame from Summer 2023 to Fall 2023.
- Please incorporate this RFC into the original SAP for the 2023 annual update.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (406) 457-5019.

Sincerely,

Nikia Greene
Remedial Project Manager

Attachments: EPA and MDEQ Signature Page (electronic version only)

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