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Dr. Beth Weatherby  
Chancellor  
The University of Montana - Western  
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Dear Chancellor Weatherby:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its January 6-8, 2016, meeting, the Board of Commissioners accepted The University of Montana - Western's Fall 2015 Ad Hoc Report which addressed Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2014 Ad Hoc Peer-Evaluation Report. The request for this report was the subject of Commission correspondence dated July 30, 2014.

In accepting the report, the Commission determined that its expectations regarding Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2014 Ad Hoc Peer-Evaluation Report have been met. However, the Commission urges the University to submit a strongly data focused Year Seven Self-Evaluation Report with explicit connections between data and assessment leading to continuous improvement and mission fulfillment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes for a peaceful and fulfilling new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra E. Elman".

Sandra E. Elman  
President

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cc: Dr. Anneliese A. Ripley, Interim Assistant Provost ✓