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Mr. Christopher Dobbs  
Executive Director  
Museum of the Rockies  
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Dear Mr. Dobbs,

On behalf of the Accreditation Commission, it is my great pleasure to tell you that the Museum of the Rockies was awarded reaccreditation at our October 11-13, 2023 meeting. This means the museum continues to meet National Standards and Best Practices for U.S. Museums and remains a member of a community of institutions that have chosen to hold themselves publicly accountable to excellence. Through a rigorous process of self-assessment and review by its peers, the museum has shown itself to be a good steward of its resources held in the public trust and committed to a philosophy of continual institutional growth.

The Museum of the Rockies is an outstanding museum. We commend the work that was done to address issues identified at the time of the last reaccreditation as well as your well-prepared Self-Study materials.

To help ensure that accredited museums maintain their level of professional performance they must undergo periodic reaccreditation reviews. The museum's next Self-Study is due **November 1, 2032**.

At the time of the next review, we will look for the museum to have accomplished the inventory of its extensive collection and addressed any possible repatriations.

Accredited museums are looked up to as leaders in the field and we encourage you and your staff to proactively fulfill this responsibility by serving as a mentor and resource for other museums. Support and encourage museums working towards meeting standards, improving practices, or seeking accreditation by speaking at professional meetings, being an Alliance peer reviewer, and sharing your expertise in other ways.

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Congratulations on this achievement. I know everyone at the museum has worked hard to earn this honor. Contact the Accreditation Program staff if you have any questions about the program or maintaining your institution's accredited status.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marise McDermott", written in a cursive style.

Marise McDermott  
Chair, Accreditation Commission  
President & CEO, Witte Museum

Enclosures:

Award Kit  
Site Visit Report  
What You Need To Know About: The Museum's Site Visit Report

cc: Waded Cruzado, President of Montana State University  
Wesley Jessup, Visiting Committee  
Julie Stein, Visiting Committee

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