

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to appropriate water in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/application-status-environmental-assessments/>.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: APRIL 27, 2024. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$50.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 655 TIMBERWOLF PARKWAY, SUITE 4, KALISPELL, MT 59901-2387, PHONE: 406-752-2288, FAX: 406-752-2843.

IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.

Application Number: 76LJ 30159069

Owners: MEADOW LAKE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
PO BOX 2366
COLUMBIA FALLS, MT 59912-2366

Priority Date: JUNE 5, 2023 at 12:00 A.M.

Purpose (Use): COMMERCIAL
LAWN AND GARDEN
MULTIPLE DOMESTIC

Maximum Flow Rate: 475.00 GPM

Maximum Volume: 66.24 AC-FT

Maximum Acres: 8.95

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>	
1		SESWSE	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD	
	Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31				Flow Rate:	125.00 GPM
	Diversion Means:	WELL					
	Well Depth:	765.00 FEET					
	Static Water Level:	155.00 FEET					
	Casing Diameter:	10.00 INCHES					
2		NENSW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD	
	Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31				Flow Rate:	169.00 GPM
	Diversion Means:	WELL					
	Well Depth:	743.00 FEET					
	Static Water Level:	105.00 FEET					
	Casing Diameter:	8.00 INCHES					
3		SESESW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD	
	Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31				Flow Rate:	181.00 GPM
	Diversion Means:	WELL					
	Well Depth:	734.00 FEET					
	Static Water Level:	123.00 FEET					
	Casing Diameter:	10.00 INCHES					

Purpose (Use): COMMERCIAL **Purpose Clarification:** FLOW RATE FROM WELL ML #3 ONLY; VOLUME FOR THIS PURPOSE ALREADY ACCOUNTED FOR.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			W2E2	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
2			E2W2NW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
3			W2SWNESE	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
4			W2NWSESE	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
5			N2NWSW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
6			E2SWNWSW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
7			E2W2	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD

Purpose (Use): LAWN AND GARDEN **Purpose Clarification:** IRRIGATION OF 8.95 ACRES CONCENTRATED IN THE NW AND THE SESW OF SECTION 6.

Volume: 16.11 AC-FT
Period of Use: APRIL 20 to OCTOBER 10

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			W2E2	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
2			E2W2NW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
3			W2SWNESE	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
4			W2NWSESE	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
5			N2NWSW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
6			E2SWNWSW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
7			E2W2	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD

Purpose (Use): MULTIPLE DOMESTIC **Purpose Clarification:** HOUSEHOLDS CONCENTRATED IN THE NW AND THE SESW OF SECTION 6.

Household: 179
Volume: 50.13 AC-FT
Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			W2E2	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
2			E2W2NW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
3			W2SWNESE	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
4			W2NWSESE	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
5			N2NWSW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
6			E2SWNWSW	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD
7			E2W2	6	30N	20W	FLATHEAD

THE PLACE OF USE FOR THIS WATER RIGHT IS THE MEADOW LAKE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT SERVICE AREA.

Remarks:

CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN LAW

THIS PROVISIONAL WATER USE PERMIT HAS A PRIORITY DATE THAT IS JUNIOR TO THE RIGHTS OF SENIOR WATER RIGHT HOLDERS IN THE CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MONTANA LAW, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO A CALL BY SENIOR WATER RIGHT HOLDERS, IN WHICH CASE YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO DISCONTINUE YOUR USE OF WATER FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CALL.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES - RESERVED WATER RIGHTS

THIS RIGHT IS SUBJECT TO ALL PRIOR INDIAN RESERVED WATER RIGHTS OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES IN THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY. IT IS THE TRIBE'S POSITION THAT THE EXERCISE OF JUNIOR WATER RIGHTS EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION MAY AFFECT THE RESERVED WATER RIGHTS OF THE TRIBE WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE RESERVATION. IT IS THE TRIBE'S POSITION THAT ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS MADE IN RELIANCE UPON THIS RIGHT DO NOT CREATE IN THE APPROPRIATOR ANY EQUITY OR VESTED RIGHT AGAINST THE TRIBES. THE APPROPRIATOR IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY FINANCIAL OUTLAY OR WORK INVESTED IN A PROJECT PURSUANT TO THIS RIGHT IS AT APPROPRIATOR'S RISK. THE ISSUANCE OF THIS RIGHT DOES NOT REDUCE THE APPROPRIATOR'S LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT. IT DOES NOT MAKE THE DEPARTMENT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT. NOR IS THE DEPARTMENT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS TO THE APPROPRIATOR CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF SENIOR RESERVED WATER RIGHTS.

WATER MEASUREMENT INFORMATION

THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL INSTALL A DEPARTMENT APPROVED IN-LINE FLOW METER AT A POINT IN THE DELIVERY LINE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WATER MUST NOT BE DIVERTED UNTIL THE REQUIRED MEASURING DEVICE IS IN PLACE AND OPERATING. ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP A WRITTEN MONTHLY RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR UNTIL A FORM 617 PROJECT COMPLETION NOTICE IS SUBMITTED. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF THE PERMIT. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE KALISPELL REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

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