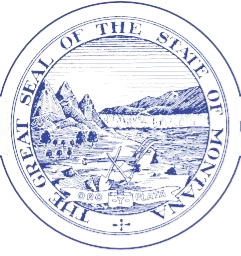


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Dear Montana Water User,

You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a water user in the Missouri River Basin, below Fort Peck Dam (Basin 40S). As you are most likely already aware, the Montana Water Court entered its Interlocutory Decree for Basin 40S on December 14, 2022. The Water Court has designated the responsibility of the preparation and mailing of notices to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). The DNRC mistakenly did not provide the statutorily required Notice of Availability document to all water users in the basin. This Notice contains important information on the process and how it may affect you.

As soon as the DNRC identified our error with the mailings, we informed the Montana Water Court. To meet the statutory requirements, a re-issuance of the basin is required. This action resets the objection timelines for this basin (new dates in the Second Notice of Availability). You will be receiving the Second Notice of Availability from the Water Court to this effect.

The DNRC apologizes for the mistake we made and any inconvenience it may cause. We are committed to taking active measures to ensure this type of mistake does not occur again.

If you have any questions, please reach out as instructed on the Second Notice of Availability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Pakenham Stevenson".

Anna Pakenham Stevenson
DNRC Water Division Administrator