

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the adoption of New) NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF
Rule I regarding the Rye Creek) COMMENT PERIOD ON
Stream Depletion Zone) PROPOSED ADOPTION

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On December 24, 2015, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation published MAR Notice No. 36-22-182 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed adoption of the above-stated rule at page 2235 of the 2015 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 24.

2. On January 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., the department held a public hearing in the Fred Buck Conference Room (bottom floor), Water Resources Building, 1424 Ninth Avenue, Helena, Montana, to consider the adoption of the above-stated rule. It has come to the attention of the department that certain interested parties were not initially notified of the proposed rule adoption. The comment period is being extended to permit additional opportunity for those parties to provide written comment. If a party has already submitted oral or written comments as a part of this rulemaking, those comments are still considered part of the record and do not need to be resubmitted.

3. The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this rulemaking process or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2016, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Millie Heffner, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana, 59620; telephone (406) 444-0581; fax (406) 444-0533; or e-mail mheffner@mt.gov.

4. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed action in writing to: Millie Heffner, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana, 59620; fax (406) 444-0533; or e-mail mheffner@mt.gov, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., March 18, 2016.

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Certified to the Secretary of State on February 8, 2016