



**APPLICATION FOR
BENEFICIAL WATER USE
PERMIT**

§ 85-2-302, MCA

Form No. 600 (10/2025)

For Department Use Only

FILING FEE

**\$2900/\$1600 – Inside a Basin Closure Area, Controlled
Groundwater Area or Compact Closure; without/with
filing fee reduction.**
**\$2500/\$1200 – Outside a Basin Closure Area; Controlled
Groundwater Area or Compact Closure; without/with
filing fee reduction.**

INFORMATION

An application will be eligible for a filing fee reduction and expedited timelines if the applicant completes a preapplication meeting with the Department (ARM 36.12.1302(1)), which includes submitting any follow-up information identified by the Department (ARM 36.12.1302(3)(c)) and receiving either Department-completed technical analyses or Department review of applicant-submitted technical analyses (ARM 36.12.1302(4) and (5)). An application for the proposed project also must be submitted within 180 days of delivery of Department technical analyses or scientific credibility review and no element on the submitted application can be changed from the completed preapplication meeting form (ARM 36.12.1302(6)). If application is eligible for a filing fee reduction, \$500 paid for Form 600P-B will be credited toward filing fees shown above.

Application # _____ Basin _____
Priority Date _____ Time _____ AM/PM _____
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Applicant Information: Add more as necessary.

Applicant Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Numbers: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
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Contact/Representative Information: Add more as necessary.

Contact/Representative is: Applicant Consultant Attorney Other
Contact/Representative Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Numbers: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
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NOTE: If a contact person is identified as an attorney, all communication will be sent only to the attorney unless the attorney provides written instruction to the contrary (ARM 36.12.122(2)). If a contact person is identified as a consultant, employee, or lessee, the individual filing the water right form or objection form will receive all correspondences, and a copy may be sent to the contact person (ARM 36.12.122(3)).



Answer every question and applicable follow-up questions. Use the checkboxes to denote yes ("Y"), no ("N"), or not applicable ("NA"). Questions that require items to be submitted to the Department have a submitted ("S") checkbox, which is marked when the required item is attached to the Application. Label all submitted items with the question number for which they were submitted. Narrative responses that are larger than the space provided can be answered in an attachment. If an attachment is used, specify "see attachment" on this form, and label the attachment with the question number. Constrain narrative responses to the specific question as is asked on the form; do not respond to multiple questions in one narrative. Responses in the form of a table may be entered into the table provided on this form or in an attachment. If an attachment is used, the table must have the exact headings found on this form, and "see attachment" must be entered as a response to the relevant question. Clearly label all units in tables and narrative responses.

PREAPPLICATION AND TECHNICAL ANALYSES INFORMATION

1. **Y** **N** Do you elect for Department technical analyses to be used for criteria assessment?
2. **Y** **N** Did you have a preapplication meeting AND complete a Permit Preapplication Meeting Form Part A and Part B (Form 600P-A and 600P-B)?

IF QUESTION 2 IS NO, answer 2.a and 2.b:

- 2.a. **S** Submit the Technical Analyses Addendum (Form 600-TAA).
- 2.b. **S** **NA** Submit the technical analyses, if you elected in question 1 for Applicant technical analyses to be used for criteria assessment. Select "NA" if you elected for Departmental technical analyses.

IF QUESTION 2 IS YES, answer 2.c, 2.d, and 2.e:

- 2.c. **Y** **N** Has any element of the project described in this application changed from the mandatory elements of the project described in the completed form 600P? **If yes:**
2.c.i. Please explain.

- 2.c.ii. **S** Submit the Technical Analyses Addendum (Form 600-TAA).

- 2.d. **Y** **N** Are the technical analyses to be used for criteria assessment exactly the same as those completed during the preapplication process? **If no:**
2.d.i. Please explain.

- 2.d.ii. **S** Submit the Technical Analyses Addendum (Form 600-TAA).

- 2.e. **Y** **N** Did you elect in Question 1 for Department technical analyses to be used for criteria assessment? **If no:**
2.e.i. **S** Submit the technical analyses.

APPLICATION ADDENDA AND REVIEW

3. **S** **NA** If your application is for groundwater, not surface water, and one or more of your points of diversion are in a Basin Closure Area, then submit the Basin Closure Area Addendum (Form 600-BCA).
4. **S** **NA** If your application is for groundwater and one or more points of diversion are in a Basin Closure Area, then your project must have a Hydrogeologic Report that conforms with MCA 85-2-361 to comply with the requirements of § 85-2-360, MCA. A Hydrogeologic Report Addendum (Form 600-HRA) or Department Technical Analyses may be used to meet these requirements. Please mark the box below that best applies, then select "S" if submitting a Hydrogeologic Report or "NA" if one is not required. This question does not apply to surface water points of diversion in a Basin Closure Area.
 - If you elected to conduct Technical Analyses, you must submit the Hydrogeologic Report Addendum (Form 600-HRA).
 - If you elected for DNRC to conduct Technical Analyses but did not have a preapplication meeting AND complete a Form 600P Permit Preapplication Meeting Form (or changes have occurred since the completed Form 600P), you must submit the Hydrogeologic Report Addendum (Form 600-HRA).
 - If you elected for DNRC to conduct Technical Analyses, had a preapplication meeting, completed a Form 600P, and the Technical Analyses remain unchanged since the preapplication meeting, you do not need to submit Form 600-HRA because the Department's Technical Analyses meet the report requirements of § 85-2-360 and § 85-2-361, MCA.
5. **S** **NA** If the project is for one or more groundwater points of diversion located in a Controlled Groundwater Area, then submit the Controlled Groundwater Area Addendum (Form 600-CGWA).
6. **S** **NA** If the project involves an appropriation that is greater than 5.5 CFS and 4,000 acre-feet, then submit a Criteria Addendum Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit for Appropriations Greater than 5.5 CFS and 4,000 AC-FT (Form 600-B).
7. **S** **NA** If the project involves out-of-state water use, then submit the Out-of-State Use Addendum (Form 600/606-OSA).
8. **S** **NA** If you require mitigation water to meet the criteria of issuance, then submit a Mitigation Purpose Addendum (Form 600/606-MIT).
9. **S** **NA** If the proposed purposes include marketing or selling water, (not marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge), then submit the Marketing Purpose Addendum (Form 600/606-WMA).
10. **S** **NA** If the project involves one or more places of storage, then submit a Permit Storage Addendum (Form 600-SA). This does not include reservoirs, pits, pit-dams, or ponds with a capacity less than 0.1 AF; water tanks; or cisterns (ARM 36.12.113(6)).
11. **S** **NA** If the project is in designated sage grouse habitat, then submit a review letter from the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program.
12. **S** **NA** If the project includes a point of diversion and/or place of use on State of Montana Trust Land, submit documentation of consent from the DNRC Trust Lands Management Division.
13. **S** **NA** You must provide a written notice of the application to each owner of an appropriation right sharing a point of diversion or means of conveyance (e.g., canal, ditch, flume, pipeline, or constructed waterway) pursuant to §85-2-302(4)(c), MCA. Submit a copy of this notice and the recipient list.

PURPOSE AND DIVERSION INFORMATION

14. Y N Is the proposed use temporary?

14.a. If yes, when will the appropriation cease? _____

15. Is the proposed source surface water or groundwater? _____

16. What is the source name? _____

17. S Attach a map utilizing an aerial photograph or topographic map that shows the following: section corners; township and range; north arrow; scale bar; all proposed points of diversion labeled with a unique Point of Diversion (POD) ID number and, if applicable, GWIC number; all proposed places of use; all proposed conveyance facilities and or routes; all proposed places of storage labeled with a unique Storage ID number; and places of use (POU) for all overlapping water rights. More than one map may be submitted, if necessary to clearly convey all required information.

18. Fill out the table below. Means of diversion for surface water includes headgate, pump, dam, and others. Means of diversion for groundwater includes well, developed spring, pit pond, and others.

Purpose	Means of Diversion	Acres Irrigated (if appl.)	Period of Diversion (Month/Day - Month/Day)	Period of Use (Month/Day - Month/Day)	Flow Rate <input type="checkbox"/> GPM <input type="checkbox"/> CFS	Volume (Acre-Feet)
Total Flow Rate and Volume Required						

19. Y N Does the proposed use include on or more of the following purposes: domestic, multiple domestic, stock, or irrigation? If yes, fill out the table below, where applicable.

Purpose	Requested Information	Response
Domestic or multiple domestic	Number of households and bedrooms served per household	
Stock	Number of animal units	
Irrigation	Method of irrigation type (sprinkler or flood) and subtype (if flood: level border, graded border, furrow, contour ditch, or other; if sprinkler: center pivot, wheel line, or other)	
Irrigation (flood only)	Design slope	

POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

20. Describe the proposed location of the point(s) diversion to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section. Label each POD with the POD ID number used for the project map (question 17).

PLACE OF USE

21. What are the geocodes of the place of use?

22. Describe the legal land description for the proposed place of use and, if applying for an irrigation or lawn and garden purpose, list the number of irrigated acres.

SUPPLEMENTAL AND OVERLAPPING WATER RIGHTS

23. **Y** **N** Will other water rights supplement or overlap the place of use to contribute to the purpose(s)?

23.a. If yes, summarize how the supplemental and proposed water rights will be operated as a whole to serve the purpose(s).

24. For each supplemental or overlapping water right, please list the water right number, typical period of diversion and use (MM/DD-MM/DD), flow rate (GPM or CFS), and the volume of water (AF) contributed to the shared place of use.

Water Right #	Average Period of Diversion	Average Period of Use	Flow Rate	Volume Contributed

25. **Y** **N** Will this application supplement contract water from a Federal Project, ditch company, or other source?

25.a. If yes, explain.

ADVERSE EFFECT

26. Explain how you can control your diversion in response to a call being made.

27. Describe any plans you have for ensuring existing water rights will be satisfied during times of water shortage.

28. Y N Are you aware of any calls that have been made on the source of supply or, if groundwater, on nearby surface water sources?

28.a. If yes, explain.

29. Y N Does a water commissioner distribute water or oversee water distribution on your proposed source?

29.a. If yes, list the source(s).

30. Y N Do other water rights share any of the proposed points of diversion?

30.a. If yes, describe how the proposed project will not adversely affect these water rights.

31. Y N Do other water rights share any conveyance infrastructure associated with the proposed project?

31.a. If yes, describe how the proposed project will not adversely affect these water rights.

ADEQUATE MEANS OF DIVERSION AND OPERATION

32. S Submit a diagram of how you will operate your system from all proposed points of diversion to all proposed places of use.

33. Describe specific information about the capacity of all proposed diversionary structures. This may include, where applicable: pump curves and total dynamic head calculations, headgate design specifications, and dike or dam height and length.

34. Describe the size, materials, capacity, and configuration of infrastructure to convey water from all proposed points of diversion to all proposed places of use. This may include but is not limited to, pipelines and ditches. Include a description of any losses related to the proposed conveyance. Ditch conveyance losses may be estimated numerous ways, which include a ditch loss rate or Department standard methods.

35. Describe how the proposed diversion and conveyance infrastructure can provide the required flow and volume, for the purposes plus any conveyance losses and storage, throughout the proposed period of diversion.

36. Provide a plan of operations, which includes specific information about how water is delivered within the place of use. This may include, where applicable, the range of flow rates needed for a pivot.

37. Y N Does the proposed conveyance require easements?

37.a. If yes, explain.

38. Y N Do you own the land where all proposed points of diversion are located?

38.a. S If no, submit documentation to show you have the right to use all points of diversion located on each property you do not own. This may include, but is not limited to, a well agreement, an easement, or permission of the party that owns the property where the proposed point(s) of diversion are located.

39. Y N Will your system be designed to discharge water from the project?

IF YES,

39.a. Explain the wastewater disposal method.

39.b. Y N NA Have the necessary permits been obtained to comply with §§ 75-5-410 and 85-2-364, MCA?

40. Y N Do you have any plans to measure your diversion and use?

40.a. If yes, describe the plan and the type of measurements you will take.

41. Y N Is the means of diversion for any proposed point of diversion a well?

IF YES,

41.a. Y N Have all wells been drilled?

41.b. For all wells that have been drilled, what is the name of the well driller and, if available, what is their license number?

41.c. Y N For all wells yet to be drilled, will a licensed well driller construct the wells?

41.d. S NA Submit any well logs not yet submitted to the Department.

BENEFICIAL USE

42. Y N Does the Department have a volume, period of diversion, or period of use standard for the purposes for which water is proposed? Department standards can be found in the DNRC Water Calculation Guide, ARM 36.12.112, and ARM 36.12.115.

42.a. Y N If yes, do all proposed beneficial uses fall within Department standards?

42.b. If no Department standard exists, or if any proposed beneficial use falls outside of Department standards, explain how the requested flow rate and volume are reasonable for the purpose.

43. Y N Will your proposed project be subject to DEQ requirements for a public water supply (PWS) system or Certificate of Subdivision Approval (COSA)?

44. Y N Are you proposing to use surface water for in-house domestic use?

44.a. Y N If yes, does a COSA exist for the proposed place of use?

44.a.i. S NA If yes, please submit the COSA.

44.a.ii. Y N If no, have you researched or consulted with DEQ regarding their requirements?

POSSESSORY INTEREST

45. Y N Do you meet one of the exceptions to possessory interest requirements, pursuant to ARM 36.12.1802? Exceptions include cases where the application is for sale, rental, distribution, or is a municipal use, or in any other context in which water is being supplied to another and it is clear that the ultimate user will not accept the supply without consenting to the use of water on the user's place of use.

45.a. If yes, explain.

46. Y N NA Do you own all proposed places of use? Mark "NA" if you meet one of the exceptions to the possessory interest requirement.

IF NO,

46.a. S Explain and submit documentation that shows you either have possessory interest or written permission of the parties with possessory interest of the place of use.

46.b. Y N Would you like the water right to be appurtenant to the land? Please note that if your water right is not appurtenant to land it will not transfer by default with the conveyance of the property, pursuant to § 85-2-403, MCA.

46.b.i. If no, explain.

PROPOSED COMPLETION PERIOD

47. How much time will be needed to complete this project and to submit to the DNRC a Project Completion Notice (Form 617)? _____

48. Please describe why this amount of time is needed to complete this project.

AFFIDAVIT & CERTIFICATION

Read carefully before you sign and review with legal counsel if you have any questions. All owners (or trustees) must sign the form. ***If the owner is a business or trust, include the title of the representative(s) signing the form (i.e., president, trustee, managing partner, etc.) and provide documentation that establishes the authority of the representative to sign the application.*

I affirm the information provided for this application is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. If a preapplication meeting form was submitted, I am aware that my application for this project will not qualify for a discounted filing fee and expedited timelines if upon submittal of the application to the Department, I changed any element of the proposed application from the preapplication meeting form and follow-up materials (ARM 36.12.1302(6)(a)).

I affirm I have possessory interest, or the written consent of the person with the possessory interest, in the property where the water is to be put to beneficial use, unless this application meets an exception to the possessory interest requirements in ARM 36.12.1802(1)(b).

I understand that making a false statement under oath or affirmation in this application and official proceedings throughout the examination of my application may subject me to prosecution under § 45-7-202, MCA, a misdemeanor punishable by a jail term not to exceed 6 months or a fine not to exceed \$500, or both. I have read this Affidavit and understand the terms and conditions.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Printed Name _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

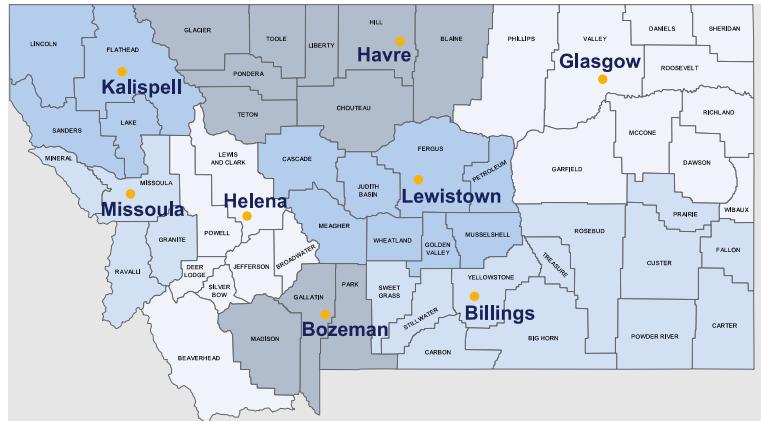
Printed Name _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Printed Name _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

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