



The Montana Department of  
**Natural Resources  
& Conservation**

**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN  
APPROPRIATION RIGHT FOR  
REPLACEMENT WELL**

85-2-429(2), MCA

**Form No. 634** (Revised 10/2025)

**Filing fee:** \$400.00

**When to use this form:**

- Use this form to notify DNRC of a well that has been replaced.
- The flow rate and volume of the replacement well must be equal to or less than the well being replaced.
- The distance between the wells must be no greater than 200 feet.
- Water from the replacement well must be appropriated from the same source aquifer as the existing well.

**Attach the following documents:**

- Copy of the existing water right abstract.
- Copy of the well log for the replacement well.
- Copy of the abandonment well log for the decommissioned well.
- If available, attach a copy of the original well log.
- Map showing the existing and replacement well locations.

**For Department Use Only**

Application # _____	Basin _____
Priority Date _____	Time _____
Received By _____	
Fee Received \$ _____	Check # _____
Deposit Receipt # _____	
Payor _____	
Refund \$ _____	Date _____

**If your development is within a Controlled Ground Water Area, contact the regional office in advance of filing to discuss requirements for the closure.**

**YOUR ANSWER MUST BE YES TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO FILE USING THIS FORM.**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is the source aquifer the same for the original well and the replacement well?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is the flow rate used from the replacement well the same or less than the maximum flow rate of the original well?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is the replacement well used for the same purposes as the original well, with no increase in use?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is the replacement well 200 feet or less from the original well per 85-2-429(2)(B)(iii)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Was the original well properly abandoned? Proper abandonment of a well requires a licensed water well contractor to complete the work per 37-43-202, MCA?



1. **WATER RIGHT OWNER(S)** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. **WATER RIGHT NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If your well does not have a DNRC water right number, please read the following information:

Water rights for stock and domestic uses from groundwater sources (well or developed springs) were exempt from the general adjudication filing requirements for claims of existing water rights if they met either of the following criteria:

- The water was put to use prior to January 1, 1962, or
- The water was put to use between January 1, 1962, and July 1, 1973, and a notice was filed in the courthouse records.

If your use meets one of the above criteria, complete this form and a Non-Filed Water Project Addendum. You can obtain the addendum from the Water Rights Forms and Resources webpage. If your use does not meet these criteria, contact your Regional Water Resources Office for more information (Regional Office contact information is on page 3).

3. **WELL DEPTHS & STATIC WATER LEVEL**

**Original** well depth: \_\_\_\_\_ feet      **Replacement** well depth: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
**Original** well static level: \_\_\_\_\_ feet      **Replacement** well static level: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

4. **REPLACEMENT WELL LOCATION**

Physical Address, include City/State/Zip Code of the Well

\_\_\_\_\_

The **replacement** well is located \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ (direction) from the existing well.

\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_ ¼ Section \_\_\_\_ Twp \_\_\_\_ ☐ N ☐ S Rge \_\_\_\_ ☐ E ☐ W County \_\_\_\_\_

Lot \_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_ Government Lot No. \_\_\_\_ COS No. \_\_\_\_

Subdivision Name \_\_\_\_\_

5. **SIGNATURE(S):**

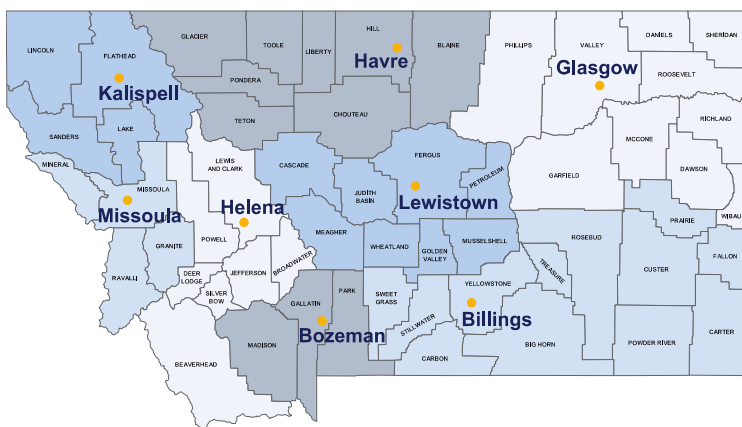
I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

**Appropriator's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Appropriator's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



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