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Dear Montana Water User,

You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a water user in the Whitewater Creek (Basin 40K). As you are most likely already aware, the Montana Water Court entered its Interlocutory Decree for Basin 40K on June 7, 2023. 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. The new dates can be found in the Second Notice of Availability also provided in this mailing.

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 Pakehham Stevenson".

Anna Pakehham Stevenson
DNRC Water Division Administrator