

## Water Rights Workshop – Draft Agenda

Workshop goals: Provide an overview of what a water right is, how priority of use between users and uses of water are ranked, how water is measured and who administers water.

Date: April 5, 2017

Location: Helmville Community Center

Audience: Blackfoot Watershed water users

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| 9:00 – 9:15 am   | Welcome and Introductions (Jennifer)   |
| 9:15 – 9:30 am   | Historic Overview (Peter Fritsch / Mike McLane) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is a Water Right</li><li>• Aspects of MT Water Law under the Montana Water Use Act</li><li>• Who are the statutory “officials”? (administrative agency and legal decision makers)</li></ul> |
| 9:30 – 10:00 am  | Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Bryan Gartland) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of Permitting and Change of Use process</li><li>• Local Records, Information Assistance, Useful Tools</li></ul>   |
| 10:00 – 10:15 am | Break  |
| 10:15 – 10:45 am | Existing Rights under Montana Stream Adjudication (Peter / Mike M.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of Blackfoot Adjudication</li><li>• Enforcement of Water Court decrees (Enforcement Projects)</li></ul>   |
| 10:45 – 11:30 am | Overview of Key Commissioner Duties (Mike Roberts)   |
| 11:30 – 12:00 am | Water Commissioners Challenges, the local view (Kevin / Heather)   |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm  | LUNCH provided by the Stray Bullet   |
| 1:00 – 2:30 pm   | Water Measurement (Mike Roberts and Jim Beck) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measuring Devices (gages, flumes, &amp; weirs)</li><li>• Common measurement and installation problems</li><li>• Model Demonstration</li></ul>  |
| 2:30 – 2:45 pm   | Travel to Field Location   |
| 2:45 – 4:30 pm   | Field Demonstration of Measuring Devices (Jim Beck and Mike Roberts)   |