

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users  
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to appropriate water in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

**OBJECTION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 21, 2016.** THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 1371 RIMTOP DRIVE, BILLINGS, MT 59105-1978, PHONE: 406-247-4419, .

IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.

**Application Number:** 43C 30104560  
**Owners:** STILLWATER MINING CO  
PO BOX 1330  
COLUMBUS, MT 59019  
**Priority Date:** MARCH 16, 2016 at 12:04 P.M.  
**Purpose (use):** COMMERCIAL  
DOMESTIC  
**Maximum Flow Rate:** 268.00 GPM  
**Maximum Volume:** 131.00 AC-FT  
**Source Name:** GROUNDWATER  
**Source Type:** GROUNDWATER

**Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENESE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** WELL

**Well Depth:** 1,385.00 FEET

**Purpose (Use):** COMMERCIAL **Purpose Clarification:** MINING  
**Volume:** 130.00 AC-FT  
**Period of Use:** JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

**Place of Use:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNE	13	5S	16E	STILLWATER
2			NENW	13	5S	16E	STILLWATER
3			SENE	13	5S	16E	STILLWATER
4			SWNW	13	5S	16E	STILLWATER
5			SENE	14	5S	16E	STILLWATER
6			NESE	14	5S	16E	STILLWATER
7			NWSE	14	5S	16E	STILLWATER
8			NESW	14	5S	16E	STILLWATER
9			NWSW	14	5S	16E	STILLWATER
10			NESE	15	5S	16E	STILLWATER
11			NWSE	15	5S	16E	STILLWATER
12			NESW	15	5S	16E	STILLWATER
13			NWSW	15	5S	16E	STILLWATER
14			SWSW	15	5S	16E	STILLWATER
15			SESE	16	5S	16E	STILLWATER
16			SWSE	16	5S	16E	STILLWATER
17			NWNE	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
18			SWNE	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
19			SENE	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
20			SWSE	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
21			NESW	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
22			NWSW	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
23			SESW	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
24			SWSW	17	5S	16E	STILLWATER
25			NENE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER
26			NWNE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER
27			SENE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER
28			SWNE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER
29			NESE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER
30			NWNE	21	5S	16E	STILLWATER
31			NENW	21	5S	16E	STILLWATER
32			NWNW	21	5S	16E	STILLWATER
33			SENE	21	5S	16E	STILLWATER
34			SWNW	21	5S	16E	STILLWATER
35			NWSW	21	5S	16E	STILLWATER

**Purpose (Use):** DOMESTIC **Purpose Clarification:** SHOWER & WASH AREA FOR EMPLOYEES

**Households:**  
**Volume:** 1.00 AC-FT  
**Period of Use:** JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

**Place of Use:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENESE	20	5S	16E	STILLWATER

THE PLACE OF USE IS LIMITED TO NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE LANDS AND NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**Remarks:**

**WATER MEASUREMENT INFORMATION**

THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL INSTALL A DEPARTMENT APPROVED IN-LINE FLOW METER AT A POINT IN THE PRODUCTION AND INJECTION WELL DELIVERY LINES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP A WRITTEN MONTHLY RECORD OF THE VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED AND INJECTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. THE ANNUAL QUANTITY OF INJECTED WATER MUST EQUAL OR EXCEED 31% OF THE DIVERTED VOLUME. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 31ST OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT OR CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE WATER RESOURCES BILLINGS REGIONAL OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES VOLUME ACCURATELY.

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