

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users

(Pursuant to Section 85-2-407 or 85-2-436, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to renew a temporary authorization for change.

NEW EVIDENCE OF ADVERSE EFFECT TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING BY **JULY 14, 2021**. MAIL THE EVIDENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE, 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 PHONE: 406-586-3136 FAX: 406-587-9726

Application Number: 41F 30151836

Applicant: FIREHOLE RANCH LLC

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

<u>Water Right Type</u>	<u>Water Right Number</u>	<u>Priority Date</u>
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41F-125476	JUNE 28, 1920
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41F-125477	JUNE 20, 1919
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41F-125478	OCTOBER 5, 1901

PAST USE OF WATER

WATER RIGHTS 41F-125476-00, 41F-125477-00, AND 41F-125478-00 HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN USED TO FLOOD IRRIGATE UP TO APPROXIMATELY 216 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED IN SECTION 6 AND 7 OF T12S, R4E, GALLATIN COUNTY. THESE WATER RIGHTS ARE FULLY SUPPLEMENTAL - ALL USED OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF USE (MAY 15-OCT 14) AND AT THE SAME PLACE OF USE FROM THE SAME POINT OF DIVERSION ON WATKINS CREEK.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THIS APPLICATION IS TO RENEW A TEMPORARY CHANGE. THE TEMPORARY CHANGE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED ON 4/30/2012 FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AND AUTHORIZED THE APPLICANT TO TEMPORARILY REDUCE THE DIVERSION OF WATER RIGHTS 41F 125476 00, 41F 125477 00, 41F 125478 00 TO MAINTAIN INSTREAM FLOWS. THE APPLICATION WILL PROTECT THE RAINBOW TROUT FISHERY RESOURCE DURING TIMES WHEN WATKINS CREEK FLOWS DROP BELOW 5.5 CFS FROM JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30. WATER RIGHTS 41F 125476 00, 41F 125477 00, AND 125478 00 TOGETHER, WILL HAVE AN INSTREAM FLOW RATE OF 5.5 CFS UP TO 438.3 AF. THE NEW, ADDITIONAL PLACE OF USE FOR THE INSTREAM USE WILL BE FROM THE HEADGATE ON WATKINS CREEK LOCATED IN SWSESW SECTION 7, T12S, R04E, TO THE CONFLUENCE OF WATKINS CREEK AND HEBGEN RESERVOIR 1.4 MILES DOWNSTREAM LOCATED IN SWNESW, SECTION 6, T12S, R04E, GALLATIN COUNTY. THE APPLICANT WILL CONTINUE TO PRACTICE HISTORIC IRRIGATION. WHEN STREAM FLOWS ARE 5.5 CFS OR LESS, THE IRRIGATION DIVERSION WILL BE REDUCED TO MAINTAIN A FLOW OF 5.5 CFS WHEN POSSIBLE IN THE STREAM REACH FROM THE POINT OF DIVERSION TO THE CONFLUENCE OF WATKINS CREEK WITH HEBGEN RESERVOIR.

WATER RIGHTS 1F-125476-00, 1F-125477-00, AND 1F-125478-00 HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN USED TO FLOOD IRRIGATE UP TO APPROXIMATELY 16 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED IN SECTION AND OF T12S, R4E, GALLATIN COUNTY. THESE WATER RIGHTS ARE FULLY SUPPLEMENTAL - ALL USED OVER THE SAME PERIOD OF USE (MAY 5-OCT 4) AND AT THE SAME PLACE OF USE FROM THE SAME POINT OF DIVERSION ON WATKINS CREEK.

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