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Title/Project Name:	Project Date:	MEPA Document Type:	Category:	Document Summary:	Proponent or Applicant:	Townships, Ranges, Sections:	Trusts Affected:	Water Source Affected:	County:	Date of Approval:
	NA	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to divert water from Flathead Lake by means of one pump, from April 15th – October 15th at 35 GPM up to 1.24 AF, from a point in Lacon Subdivision, Lot D, COS 7299, NWNWNE Sec 18, T26N, R20W, Flathead, MT for irrigation use from April 15th – October 15th. 0.59 acres of park will be irrigated. The park will be turned over to Flathead County.	Driver Spoon LLC	T26N, R20W, Sec 18			Flathead	1/2/2015
Forests in Focus Grant – Great Northern Land Services, Inc.	DEC 2014	Environmental Checklist	Forest Practices	This checklist EA addresses the granting of funds through a competitive process to Great Northern Land Services, Inc. to perform fuels reduction, forest restoration and stewardship treatments on private and/or state lands. Type of work is described and impacts addresses with mitigation specified where necessary.	DNRC Kalispell Unit	Sec 19, 29 & 32 T28N R19W			Flathead	12/2/2014
Jones Berger Timber sale	March 2015	Environmental Assessment	Timber Sales	The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) proposes to sell approximately 19,125 tons (2.65 MMBF) of timber in the Buffalo Bill Creek drainage Section 16, Township 21 North, Range 26 West, roughly 8 air miles north of Plains, Montana, in Sanders County. The project would involve ground based harvesting, mechanical slash piling, slash pile burning over 353 acres. Pre-commercial thinning over 25 acres would also occur.	MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Northwest Land Office, Plains Unit	Section 16, Township 21 North, Range 26 West	Common Schools	N/A	Sanders	1/5/2015
Trusler Ranch Grant	December 2014	Environmental Checklist	Forest Practices	This checklist addresses the granting of funds from the Forests in Focus Grant Project to the Trusler Ranch for forest restoration work following the wildfires of 2012.	DNRC ELO	Sec 29 T2S, R47E		Little Pumpkin Creek	Powder River	12/2/2014
Ella Mae Howard Grant	December 2014	Environmental Checklist	Forest Practices	This checklist addresses the granting of funds to Ella Mae Howard for forest restoration activities on the Ella Cattle Ranch following the fires of 2012	DNRC - ELO	Sec 10, 33, 34, and 15 T3S, R47E		Little Pumpkin Creek	Powder River	12/2/2014
Forests in Focus LTL Enterprises	December 2014	Environmental Checklist	Forest Practices	This checklist addresses the granting of funds from the Forest in Focus Grant Project to LTL Enterprises to perform fuels reduction, forest restoration and forest stewardship work on private as well as state trust land (separate MEPA prepared).	DNRC NWLO	Sec 11, T13N, R25W; Sec10, T24N, R21W; Sec 9, T24N, R21W; Sec 25 T28N, R20W; Sec 10, T27N, R19W; Sec 3, T27N, R19W; Sec 31, T28N, R19W; Sec 1, T29N, R23W; Sec 27, T27N, R21W			Flathead; Lake	12/2/2014
Northern Cheyenne Tribe (NCT) Grant	Dec 2014	Environmental Checklist	Forest Practices	This checklist addresses the granting of funds from the DNRC Forests in Focus Grant Program to perform fuels reduction and forest restoration work within the boundaries of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.	DNRC ELO	Sec 13,14,15 T2S, R40E; Sec 33 T2S, R41E; Sec 4, 5 T3S, R31E			Big Horn; Rosebud	12/2/2014
Forests in Focus Dennison Logging/Beebe Forest Consulting LLC Project	Dec 2014	Environmental Checklist	Forest Practices	This checklist addresses the granting of funds through the Forests in Focus Grant Project to perform forest restoration, forest fuels reduction, and forest stewardship work on private lands located near Lake Mary Ronan.	NWLO KAL	Sec 10, 15, 24 T25W, R22W		Lake Mary Ronan	Lake	12/9/2014
Widow Coulee Road Project:LUL 3322	Spring, 2015	Environmental Checklist	Recreational Use	The proponents are requesting a Land Use License (LUL) to repair, improve and widen an existing public road (Granted Easement #11560) to the Widow Coulee Fishing Access Site (FAS) in Chouteau County. This project is a high priority due to maintenance and safety issues.	Northwestern Energy, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, and PPL Montana LLC, and Mark Sommer of American Lands	Sec. 36, T22N, R5E	Common Schools	NONE	Chouteau	1/5/2015
Jones Berger Timber Sale	March 2015	Environmental Assessment	Timber Sales	The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) proposes to sell approximately 19,125 tons (2.65 MMBF) of timber in the Buffalo Bill Creek drainage Section 16, Township 21 North, Range 26 West, roughly 8 air miles north of Plains, Montana, in Sanders County. The project would involve ground based harvesting, mechanical slash piling, slash pile burning over 353 acres. Pre-commercial thinning over 25 acres would also occur.	MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Northwest Land Office, Plains Unit	Section 16, Township21 North, Range 26 West	Common Schools	N/A	Sanders	1/5/2015
Cold Pool 31-34	12/09/2014	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Cold Pool 31-34 W1/2 NE Section 34 T8N R31E	VECTA Oil and Gas	W1/2 NE Section 34 T8N R31E			Musselshell	1/6/2015
Inflow Jet 43-2	12/09/2014	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Inflow Jet 43-2 NE SE Section 02 T7N R30E	VECTA Oil and Gas	NE SE Section 02 T7N R30E			Musselshell	1/6/2015
ML&E SE Battle 6-23-34N-20E	08/27/2014	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	ML&E SE Battle 6-23-34N-20E SE NW Section 23 T34N R20E	Montana Land and Exploration, Inc.	SE NW Section 23 T34N R20E			Blaine	9/22/2014
ML&E SE Battle 12-24-34N-20E	09/23/2014	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	ML&E SE Battle 12-24-34N-20E NW SW Section 24 T34N R20E	Montana Land and Exploration, Inc.	NW SW Section 24 T34N R20E			Blaine	9/29/2014
Elaine 34X-21	11/12/2014	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Elaine 34X-21 SW SE Section 21 T24N R56E	XTO Energy, Inc.	SW SE Section 21 T24N R56E			Richland	11/13/2014
Federal 15-14	10/23/2014	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Federal 15-14 SE SW Section 15 T8S R54E	Denbury Onshore, LLC	SE SW Section 15 T8S R54E			Powder River	11/13/2014
Buzzetti-Corkins Trust 140-24	12/19/2014	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Buzzetti-Corkins Trust 140-24 NW NE Section 24 T1S R32E	Highline Exploration, Inc.	NW NE Section 24 T1S R32E			Big Horn	12/19/2014
Range Telephone Cooperative Fiber Optic Easement	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	Project Telephone Company is applying for a 20' easement on Section 36, T9S, R39E in Big Horn County in order to install underground fiber optic cable adjacent to an existing highway, MT Highway 314. This would allow for an upgrade of telecommunications services to their customers by installing a buried fiber optic cable. The total length of the easement would be 4808.84 feet and would encompass an area of approximately 2.21 acres. Please see the attached map for details.	Range Telephone Cooperative	T9S R39E Section 36	Common Schools		Big Horn	1/12/2015

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Mid-Rivers Telephone Fiber Optic Easement	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative is applying for a 16' easement on Section 36, T8N, R26E in Musselshell County in order to install underground fiber optic cable adjacent to an existing county road, W Parrot Creek Road. This would allow for an upgrade of telecommunications services to their customers by installing a buried fiber optic cable. The total length of the easement would be 3966 feet and would encompass an area of approximately 1.35 acres.	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative	T8N R26E Section 36	Common Schools	Musselshell	1/12/2015	
Dogsledding - Bigfork Area	2014-2019	Categorical Exclusions	Land Lease/Land Use Licenses	DNRC is issuing a Land Use License for guided dogsled tours, allowing commercial use of approximately 5 miles of roads and trails split between two areas.	Base Camp Bigfork, LLC	T27N R19W Sections 2,3, and 11 T26N R19W Sections 3 and 10		Flathead; Lake	12/17/2014	
Miner land breaking	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	Steve Miner surface lessee has requested permission to break an estimated 10.0 acres +/- of tame/native rangeland for the purpose of raising small grains and pulse crops.	Steve Miner	SW4 of Section 15 - Township 36 North - Range 45 East	Common Schools	Daniels	1/20/2015	
Town of Culbertson discharge pipe	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Land Lease/Land Use Licenses	The Town of Culbertson has made a Land Use License Application to place a sewage water discharge pipe in the Missouri River to improve capabilities of their new and existing sewage lagoons.	Gordon Oelkers (Mayor, Town of Culbertson)	SE4SW4NW4 of Section 5- Township 27 North-Range 56 East	Common Schools	Roosevelt	1/20/2015	
Water Right Change	01/20/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	Change in point of diversion for Water Right No. 41QJ 12896-00. Applicant proposes to change the historic headgate point of diversion and ditch to a new pump point of diversion adjacent to the place of use.	Lucile M. Romberg	15N 4W 34		Wolf Creek	Lewis & Clark	1/20/2015
Mud Creek Blowdown III	Feb-15	Categorical Exclusions	Timber Sales	This project would salvage approximately 3 loads of blown down timber. This salvage will capture some monetary value of the timber for the trust beneficiary. Harvesting will likely occur during the month of February, 2015. The permittee will be subject to the stipulations in the timber permit.	DNRC-Stillwater Unit	T36N R26W Sec. 36	Common Schools	Lincoln	1/26/2015	
PERMIT WITHIN NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMPACT AREA 76I 30072060	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	This application is to obtain a water use permit for a well located in the Glacier National Park Compact Area in Flathead County. The applicant proposes to divert water at a rate of 30 GPM up to 1.58 acre feet per year. The proposed use is for domestic use from January 1 through December 31 and lawn and garden use from April 1 through October 31 inclusive of each year.	STONERMAN BALDELLI LLC	SEC 2, TOWNSHIP 31N, RANGE 19W SEC 35, TOWNSHIP 32N, RANGE 19W		GROUNDWATER WELL	Flathead	1/26/2015
Beigal Crossing AP	January 2015	Environmental Checklist	Forest Practices	Jacob Beigal, Cedar Hills Logging, is proposing to utilize a temporary crossing for log trucks on Douglas Salisbury's property to remove the timber as part of a timber harvest on BLM property located near Boulder, MT.	Jacob Beigal	Township 04 North, Range 04 West, Section 04			Jefferson	1/26/2015
Barnaby Lake Fuels Reduction and Timber Project	June, 2015	Environmental Checklist	Timber Sales	The Stillwater Unit of the DNRC is proposing the Barnaby Lake Fuels Reduction project, as a Forests in Focus Grant Project in conjunction with the DNRC Timber Program. The project would reduce potential for large fire growth within the wildland urban interface, improve vigor/tree growth of desired species, and harvest 250 Mbf to generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust.	Montana DNRC - Stillwater Unit	T35N, R26W, Sec.16	Common Schools		Lincoln	1/26/2015
76I 30072089	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	This application is to obtain a water use permit for a well located in the Glacier National Park Compact Area. The applicant proposes to divert water at a rate of 13 GPM up to 2.0 acre feet per year. The proposed use is for commercial use from January 1 through December 31 inclusive of each year in the NW¼NE¼NE¼ Section 10, Township 29N, Range 16W, Flathead County	MC KENNA LLC	NW¼NE¼NE¼ Section 10, Township 29N, Range 16W, Flathead County		GROUNDWATER WELL	Flathead	1/27/2015
41F 30070932 Application to Change a Water Right	1/27/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to use a new replacement well to supply domestic water to one residence and irrigation water for 1 acre, for a total diversion of 20 gallons per minute up to 3.5 acre-feet per year. The replacement well is located within the Bozeman Solvent Site. The original well was drilled to a depth of 80 feet. The new well has been drilled deeper in order to obtain water from below the BSS plume, which is contaminated with tetrachloroethylene (PCE), and to provide safe domestic water.	Bradley and Virginia Daws	T01 S, R05 E, Section 25		Groundwater	Gallatin	1/27/2015
Sundford conversion from CRP to Ag land	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	John Sundford, surface lessee of L.#5232, has requested permission to early out of the current CRP contract and break an estimated 111.9 acres of former conservation reserve program acreage for the purpose of raising small grains and pulse crops.	John Sundford	NW4 of Section 36 - Township 32 North - Range 34 East	Common Schools		Valley	1/27/2015
Lease 6444 - Ratzburg CRP Break	Summer 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	CRP contract #444 containing 425.43 acres expires on 09/30/2017. The lessee, Ernest Ratzburg, has requested to break these CRP acres. The CRP acres were offered for early-outing due to their relatively high productivity. The tract was last farmed in 1997. The estimated acres that will be broke and returned to small grain production is 425.43 acres.	Ernest Ratzburg, PO Box 21, Ledger, MT 59456	Section 16, T29N, R2E	Common Schools		Toole	1/28/2015
Heyer's Gulch Timber Sale EA Addendum	January 28, 2015	Environmental Assessment	Timber Sales	Addendum to the project EA to address changes in the haul route.	Montana DNRC	15, 16 & 21 T13N R17W	Common Schools; Lands Acquired - Public Land		Missoula	1/23/2015
City of Whitefish - Skye Park Bridge	05/2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	DNRC MEPA Checklist	City of Whitefish	T31N R22W S25	Public Land Trust (Navigable Rivers)			1/14/2015
City of Whitefish - Skye Park Bridge	05/2015	Environmental Assessment	Right of Way/Easements	DNRC MEPA Scoping	City of Whitefish	T31N R22W S25	Public Land Trust (Navigable Rivers)	Whitefish River	Flathead	1/14/2015
City of Whitefish - Skye Park Bridge	05/2015	Environmental Assessment	Right of Way/Easements	DNRC MEPA Scoping	City of Whitefish	T31N R22W S25	Public Land Trust (Navigable Rivers)	Whitefish River	Flathead	1/14/2015

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42B-30070353	2/2/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The applicant proposes to divert water from Pearson Creek, by means of a dam from January1 through December 31 up to 251 AF, from a point in the NW Section 35 T8S R39E, Big Horn County, for industrial use. The Applicant proposes a storage reservoir with design volume of 158.6 AF located in the NW Section 35, T8S R39E, Big Horn County. The Applicant will build the reservoir as part of ongoing mining operation and use that water for dust control and equipment washing on the mine site.	Spring Creek Coal LLC.	Section 35 T8S R39E		Pearson Creek	Big Horn	2/2/2015
42B-30070358	2/2/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The applicant proposes to divert water from an unnamed tributary to Pearson Creek, by means of a dam from January1 through December 31 up to 796 AF in Section 1 T9S R39E, Big Horn County, for industrial use. The place of use is generally located in T8-9S R38-39E. The Applicant proposes a reservoir with volume of 290.68 AF located in the NENE Section 1, T9S R39E, Big Horn County. The Applicant will construct this reservoir as part of ongoing mining operation and use the water for beneficial use.	Spring Creek Coal LLC.	Section 1 T9S R39E		Pearson Creek	Big Horn	2/2/2015
42B-30070360	2/2/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The applicant proposes to divert water from South Fork Spring Creek, by means of a dam in the SE Section 21 T8S R39E, Big Horn County, for industrial use from January 1 through December 31. The place of use is generally located in T8-9S R38-39E. The Applicant proposes a reservoir with volume of 232.32 AF located in Section 21, T8S R39E, Big Horn County. The Applicant has built the reservoir for ongoing mining operations. The application is only for the beneficial use of the water impounded.	Spring Creek Coal LLC.	Section 21 T8S R39E		Pearson Creek	Big Horn	2/2/2015
42B-30070361	2/2/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The applicant proposes to divert water from Spring Creek, by means of a dam in the NE Section 15 T8S R39E, Big Horn County, for industrial use from January 1 through December 31. The place of use is generally located in T8-9S R38-39E. The Applicant proposes a reservoir with volume of 388 AF located in the NE Section 15, T8S R39E, Big Horn County. The Applicant has built this dam for ongoing mining operations. This application only addresses the beneficial use of impounded water.	Spring Creek Coal LLC.	Section 15 T8S R39E		Pearson Creek	Big Horn	2/2/2015
Belmont Stakes Timber Sale	2/3/2015	Environmental Assessment	Timber Sales	The Missoula Unit of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing forest management activities (and associated road work) on 481 acres known as the Belmont Stakes project.	DNRC-Missoula Unit	Sec 16 T15N R16W	Common Schools		Missoula	1/30/2015
41F 3007072 Horse Creek Instream Change	2/3/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to temporarily change the purpose, point of diversion (POD), and place of use (POU) of an irrigation right to instream flow for the benefit of fisheries in Horse Creek. The POD would be permanently changed. The Applicant also proposes to permanently change the POD and POU for a stock right to be direct from Horse Creek. Previously, both the irrigation and stock right were diverted from Horse Creek and conveyed to a place of use through the D-6 Ditch.	Sun West Ranch Property Owners Association	T10 S, R01 E, Sections 28, 29, 33		Horse Creek; Madison River	Madison	2/3/2015
41F 30070510 Second Standard Instream Change	2/3/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to temporarily change the purpose, point of diversion (POD), and place of use (POU) of an irrigation right and a stock right to instream flow for the benefit of fisheries in Second Standard Creek. Water that was historically diverted from Second Standard will now be left instream.	Sun West Ranch Property Owners Association	T10 S, R01 E, Sections 28, 29, 33		Second Standard Creek; Madison River	Madison	2/3/2015
Frontier Town Microwave Hazard Tree AP	2/4/2015	Environmental Checklist	Forest Practices	The USDA Forest Service - Helena Ranger District is applying for an Alternative Practice (AP) to harvest hazard trees on Forest Service land located along power lines near the Frontier Town on MacDonald Pass. Hazard trees are defined as trees that are leaning due to windthrow or mechanical means, or may present a falling or other hazard to the power lines. The project would be expected to intermittently impact approximately 100 feet of Class 3 stream bank.	USDA Forest Service-Helena Ranger District	S36 T10N R06W			Lewis & Clark	2/4/2015
BLM Musselshell Breaks Fuels Treatment	Spring, 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	The proponents are requesting permission to construct a dozer line on the above named tract of State Land to protect a small cottonwood stand during prescribed burning in Unit F of the Musselshell Breaks Fuel Treatment (on file). The dozer line will be very shallow, and approximately 2300' long by 12 - 14' wide.	U. S. Department of the Interior (USDI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Lewistown Field Office	Sec. 36, T17N, R29E	Common Schools		Petroleum	1/30/2015
76LJ 30067964	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	Applicant proposes to change Claim 76LJ 30069111 for irrigation from Whitefish River on 152.42 acres with a priority date of May 1, 1956. Point of diversion is in the SW¼SW¼NW¼ of S21, T29N, R21W, Flathead County. Period of diversion April 15 through September 1. Historic irrigation water will be used to fill and maintain pond levels and irrigate approx. 61.8 acres of common area at a proposed flow rate of 1,175 GPM up to 200.31 AF annually on a new subdivision, Rosewater	Score Management LLC	SW¼SW¼NW¼ of Section 21, Township 29N, Range 21W and N¼SE¼, E¼SW¼ and W¼W¼SE¼ all in Section 20, Township 29N, Range 21W, Flathead County		Whitefish River	Flathead	2/11/2015
Ted Kautzman Reservoir	2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	Proponent requested to construct a reservoir on state ground for livestock water.	Ted Kautzman	T4S R60E S36	Common Schools		Carter	2/12/2015
Aageson CRP Break	May 1, 2014	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	The proponent is requesting permission to early out and break approximately 1512 acres of classified agland CRP on the State Land identified above for dryland small grain production. These acres may be reduced by CP25 plantings left in contract.	Aageson Grain & Cattle and David Aageson	T30N 3E sec 1, S2 300.1 acres T36N 11E sec 20, W2 309.63 acres T37N 10E sec 16, S2, NE4 307.1 acres Lease #5255 T37N 10E sec 21, all 589.2 acres	Common Schools		Hill	2/9/2015
Lease 3251 - CRP Break	Spring 2016	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	CRP contract #900C containing 10.70 acres expires on 09/30/2015. The lessee, Wayne Kolstad Farms Inc. has requested to break these expiring CRP acres. The CRP acres were not offered for re-enrollment due to their relatively high productivity. The tract was last farmed in 1999. The estimated acres that will be broke and returned to small grain production is 10.70 acres.	Wayne Kolstad Farms Inc., PO Box 536, Chester, MT 59522	SW4, Section 35, T31N, R6E	Common Schools		Liberty	2/13/2015
Lease 3252 - CRP Break	Spring 2016	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	CRP contract #902F containing 11.60 acres expires on 09/30/2015. The lessee, K4 Land and Grain Co has requested to break these expiring CRP acres. The CRP acres were not offered for re-enrollment due to their relatively high productivity. The tract was last farmed in 1988. The estimated acres that will be broke and returned to small grain production is 11.60 acres.	K4 Land and Grain Co., Lothair, MT 59461	N2, Section 12, T30N, R6E	Common Schools		Liberty	2/13/2015

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Highway 7 Alignment T5N-R58E Sec 36	2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	The Montana Department of Transportation has filed an application with the DNRC for the purpose of expanding its current right of way in the section mentioned above. This expansion is for the accommodation of widening and alignment of State Highway 7 located approximately 14 miles south of Baker, MT. This project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2015.	Montana Department of Transportation	T5N-R58E-Sec 36	Common Schools	Fallon	2/10/2015
Road Easement	January 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	Right of Way Easement application for a road/driveway that has been in its present configuration since the Mission Creek County Road was built in the 1950's. The road is the primary access to a residence. This easement does not qualify as historic due to a second residence added after 1997.	Thomas E. Elliot, Trustee of the Thomas E. Elliot Revocable Living Trust	SW4SW4 Section 16 Township 2S Range 11E	Common Schools	Park	2/5/2015
Jack Rabbit to Big Sky Meadow Village Transmission Line	February 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	NorthWestern Energy has upgraded a 69 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line to a 161kV line. The transmission line crosses the Gallatin River in twelve locations. NorthWestern Energy is applying for utility Right of Way Easements for the twelve crossings necessary for project completion.	NorthWestern Energy	Township 23 Range 4E Section 23 Township 4S Range 4E Section 4 Township 4S Range 4E Section 5 Township 5S Range 4E Section 4 Township 5S Range 4E Section 4 Township 5S Range 4E Section 15 Township 6S Range 4E Section 22 Township 6S Range 4E Section 23 Township 6S Range 4E Section 27 Township 6S Range 4E Section 31 Township 6S Range 4E Section 32	Gallatin River	Gallatin	2/18/2015
42B 30070350	NA	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	Spring Creek Coal LLC. proposes to divert groundwater from multiple points in their mine site located in T8S R39-40E, Big Horn County. Groundwater seeps into mining pits as part of ongoing mining operations. This application is to use the water from mine pits for dust suppression and equipment washing from January 1 through December 31. There are several mine pits and the location of mine pits changes over the life of the mine. The application is for 405 GPM up to 652 AF/YR	Spring Creek Coal LLC.	T8S R39-40E	Groundwater	Big Horn	2/20/2015
42B 30070372	NA	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	Spring Creek Coal LLC. proposes to add two points of diversion to water right 42B 30065135. The Applicant proposes a sump house located near the shore of the Tongue River Reservoir located in section 35 T8S R40E and a mobile or floating pump on or near the reservoir shore located in section 34, T8S R40E, both in Big Horn County. The water would be used from January 1 through December 31 for industrial purposes at the Spring Creek mine.	Spring Creek Coal LLC.	Sections 35 and 36, T8S R40E	Tongue River	Big Horn	2/20/2015
Hay Creek Federal 24-31-4H	12/15/2014	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Hay Creek Federal 24-31-4H SE SW Section 31 T25N R58E	Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation	SE SW Section 31 T25N R58E		Richland	1/22/2015
Dige 41X-29A	01/27/2015	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Dige 41X-29A NE NE Section 29 T23N R59E	XTO Energy, Inc.	NE NE Section 29 T23N R59E		Richland	2/2/2015
Dige 41X-29B	01/27/2015	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Dige 41X-29B NE NE Section 29 T23N R59E	XTO Energy, Inc.	NE NE Section 29 T23N R59E		Richland	2/2/2015
Dige 41X-29D	01/27/2015	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Dige 41X-29D NE NE Section 29 T23N R59E	XTO Energy, Inc.	NE NE Section 29 T23N R59E		Richland	2/2/2015
Biddle 31-08	01/28/2015	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Biddle 31-08 SE NE Section 31 T8S R54E	Denbury Onshore, LLC	SE NE Section 31 T8S R54E		Powder River	2/9/2015
Iversen Federal 34-32-1H	01/29/15	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Iversen Federal 34-32-1H SW SE Section 32 T26N R58E	Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation	SW SE Section 32 T26N R58E		Richland	2/9/2015
Iversen Federal 34-32-2H	01/29/2015	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Iversen Federal 34-32-2H SW SE Section 32 T26N R58E	Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation	SW SE Section 32 T26N R58E		Richland	2/9/2015
Iversen Federal 34-32-3H	01/29/2015	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Iversen Federal 34-32-3H SW SE Section 32 T26N R58E	Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation	SW SE Section 32 T26N R58E		Richland	2/9/2015
Berry 24-32-2H	02/11/2015	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Berry 24-32-2H SE SW Section 32 T25N R58E	Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation	SE SW Section 32 T25N R58E		Richland	2/19/2015
Berry 24-32-3H	02/11/2015	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Berry 24-32-3H SE SW Section 32 T25N R58E	Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation	SE SW Section 32 T25N R58E		Richland	2/19/2015
Bow Echo 44-30	12/18/2014	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Bow Echo 44-30 SE SE Section 30 T8N R31E	VECTA Oil and Gas	SE SE Section 30 T8N R31E		Musselshell	2/10/2015
CRP Break Request	July 2015	Environmental Assessment	Agriculture	D & D Sire Farms LLC has submitted a request to break out four expiring CRP contracts and put them into small grain production. The area of potential effect (APE) involves four contracts that total 1010.2 acres of expiring CRP.	D & D Sire Farms LLC	21N 11E Sections 6 & 21N 10E Sec. 12 & 22N 11E Sec. 32	Common Schools	Chouteau	2/20/2015
Structure Removal 1S 3E 22	2/2/2015	Environmental Checklist	Land Lease/Land Use Licenses	Remove structures and debris from an abandoned residential lease to return the ground to productive use and eliminate the hazards associated with the degrading structures.	Bozeman Unit DNRC	Township 1 South, Range 3 East, Section 22	Montana Tech	Gallatin	2/18/2015
Lease 4784 CRP Break	Fall 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	CRP contract #1236 containing 53.00 acres expires on 09/30/2015. The lessee, Gary Henry has requested to break these expiring CRP acres. The CRP acres were not offered for re-enrollment due to their relatively high productivity. The tract was last farmed in 2000. The estimated acres that will be broke and returned to small grain production is 53.00 acres.	Gary Henry, 14486 Brady Road, Brady, Mt 59416	E2, Section 11, T26N, R1E	Common Schools	Pondera	2/23/2015

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Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit 76LJ 30069025	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	The applicant proposes to divert water from a groundwater well (GWIC #201218) with a depth of 341 feet, from January 1 through December 31 at 60 GPM (0.13 CFS) up to 17.27 AF, from a point in the SW¼SE¼SW¼ of Section 23, Township 27N, Range 21W, for 8.80 AF of domestic use (47 hook-ups) from January 1 through December 31 and 8.47 AF on 4.37 acres for domestic lawn and garden use from April 15 through October 15.	South Eighty No. 1 Property Owners Association	South Eighty Subdivision along with 2 adjacent lots and is generally located SE¼SW¼, E¼SW¼SW¼, and the SE¼SW¼SW¼SW¼ all in Section 23, Township 27N, Range 21W, Flathead County		Groundwater	Flathead	2/23/2015
Lower Flower Chemical Injection Pumping Station	February 2015	Categorical Exclusions	Land Lease/Land Use Licenses	Issuance of a Land Use License that authorizes the placement of a temporary building that houses a Permanganate chemical injection pump and adjacent propane tank. These are required by the City of Libby to pretreat water entering the water transmission main line for contaminants during the demolition and construction of the Upper Flower Creek Dam. The duration of this need would be up to 3 years.	City of Libby	T30N R31W section 16	Common Schools		Lincoln	2/23/2015
Laurel Airport Authority Alternate Runway Easement	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	Laurel Airport Authority is applying for an easement on Section 33, T1S, R24E in Yellowstone County in order to install an alternate runway for the Laurel Municipal Airport. This would allow for an additional runway for aircraft to use in the case of high crosswinds. The easement would include three different tracts (Tracts K2, E1, and J) that would encompass a total area of approximately 110.759 acres. Please see the attached map for details.	Laurel Airport Authority	T1S R24E Section 33	Common Schools		Yellowstone	2/24/2015
APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT NO. 43B 30072174	2/25/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to pump a maximum of 20 GPM not to exceed 1.0 AF per year of water for the domestic use of one house from January 1 to December 31. The well is located on private property in Silver Gate and is located within the Yellowstone Controlled Groundwater Area (YCGA). The water from this well measured 43 degrees Fahrenheit at the wellhead. Water-Right, Inc., of Appleton, Wisconsin, later measured the specific conductance at 314 micromhos.	GREGORY A SHIFFLETT & JULIE C WARREN	T09S, R14E, Section 33		Groundwater	Park	2/25/2015
APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT NO. 41F 30072151	2/25/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to pump up to 35 GPM and up to 1.0 AF per year of water between January 1 and December 31 for the domestic use of one house. The water from this well measured 9.9°C (49.8°F) at the wellhead. When later measured at the Department's Bozeman office on January 2, 2015, the water had a specific conductance of 249 micromhos.	DAVID M & MISTY J JESSUP	T12S, R04E, Section 25		Groundwater	Gallatin	2/25/2015
APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT NO. 41H 30070678	2/26/2015	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to permanently change the purpose, point of diversion (POD), and place of use (POU) of two irrigation rights and four stock rights to marketing for mitigation or aquifer recharge along reaches of the Gallatin and Missouri Rivers.	DJR HOLDINGS LLC & 7 BAR LLC	Section 1, T01N, R02E Section 6, T01N, R03E Section 31, T02N, R03E Section 36, T02N, R02E		Logan Springs and Unnamed Tributaries to the Gallatin River	Gallatin	2/26/2015
Cooney Reservoir Land Sale	3/2/15	Environmental Assessment	Dams, Reservoirs, and Hydropower	The DNRC Water Resources Division, State Water Project Bureau proposes to sell two tracks of land at Cooney Reservoir. The property is not deemed critical to the operation of the water project and will be sold on the open market. Proceeds from the sale would be deposited into the Water Storage Account (per statute) and used for other state water project repair, maintenance and/or rehabilitation needs.	DNRC State Water Projects Bureau	T4S, R20E, Sections 34 and 35; T5S, R18E, Section 2		Cooney Reservoir, Red Lodge Creek	Carbon	3/2/2015
Groundwater use within the National Park Service Compact Area	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	This application is to obtain a water use permit for a well located in the Glacier National Park Compact Area in the NE¼NE¼ Section 29, Township 37N, Range 22W, Flathead County. The applicant proposes to divert water at a rate of 8 GPM up to 3.78 acre feet per year. The proposed use is for domestic use from January 1 through December 31 and domestic lawn and garden use on 1.11 acres inclusive of each year.	James M and Dawn M Gattis	NE¼NE¼ Section 29, Township 37N, Range 22W, Flathead County		groundwater	Flathead	2/26/2015
Stillwater Olney Fuels Reduction Project	March 2015	Categorical Exclusions	Timber Sales	Stillwater Logging Co. and the Stillwater Unit of the DNRC are proposing the Stillwater Olney Fuels Reduction project, a Forests in Focus Grant Project in conjunction with the DNRC Timber Program. The project would remove approximately 95 Mbf and 200 tons of biomass from approximately 63 acres to reduce fuel loads and increase the health and growth of the residual stand.	Stillwater Logging & DNRC Stillwater Unit	T32N R23W, Section 17 and 18	Eastern Montana College; Montana Tech		Flathead	2/27/2015
Expired CRP Break Request	Fall 2015	Environmental Assessment	Agriculture	Gary Bennett has submitted a request to break out three expiring CRP contracts and put them into small grain production. The area of potential effect (APE) involves three contracts that total 138.7 acres of expiring CRP.	Gary Bennett	23N R 9E Sections 28	Common Schools; MSU Morrill		Chouteau	3/3/2015
Expired CRP Break Request	Fall 2015	Environmental Assessment	Agriculture	Robertson Ranch Co has submitted a request to break out two expiring CRP contracts and put them into small grain production. The area of potential effect (APE) involves two contracts that total 24 acres of expiring CRP.	Robertson Ranch Co	T 24N R 5E Sections 33	Eastern Montana College		Chouteau	3/3/2015
Forest in Focus Grant Opportunity on NFS lands	State Funds obligated by 6/30/2015	Environmental Assessment	Forest Practices	This MEPA checklist analyses the impacts pertaining to the Forests in Focus grant program to United States Forest Service (USFS) lands in Montana. The state will grant up to one million dollars of state funds to the USFS for projects that meet some or all of the criteria put forward in Governor Bullock's Forest in Focus Initiative. Projects submitted must meet the intent of this Initiative and illustrate that the pace and outcomes of the proposed project will benefit from state funding.	N/A	N/A				3/3/2015
Fence on Torgerson's State lease	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	Stuart Torgerson has submitted an improvements request to place a new four wire fence on State land to control livestock from leaving or entering a managed tame grass pasture.	Stuart Torgerson	NE4 of Section 16 - Township 32 North - Range 58 East	Common Schools		Sheridan	3/6/2015
Herman Gulch Reciprocal Access Agreement	April 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	The granting and acquiring of permanent road access rights (easements) on an existing closed (gated) road crossing lands owned by both the City and County of Butte Silver Bow (BSB) and the State of Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).	Butte Silver Bow & Montana DNRC	Section 36 T2N-R8W	Common Schools	None	Silver Bow	3/6/2015

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41S 30067979	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	The Applicant is proposing to change their point of diversion and place of use for Statements of Claim 41S 134312-00 and 41S 162189-00 in an effort to change their method of irrigation from flood to center pivot sprinkler. The proposed change to center pivot irrigation will increase irrigation efficiency and production of agricultural crops. The new pivot will cover 85.6 acres and will be located in the NW Section 9, T15N, R17E, Fergus County.	Allen T. Lake	NW Section 9, T15N, R17E, Fergus County		Cottonwood Creek	Fergus	3/9/2015
41S 30067980	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	The Applicant is proposing to change their point of diversion and place of use for Statements of Claim 41S 134312-00 and 41S 162189-00 in an effort to change their method of irrigation from flood to center pivot sprinkler. The proposed change to center pivot irrigation will increase irrigation efficiency and production of agricultural crops. The new pivot will cover 85.6 acres and will be located in the NW Section 9, T15N, R17E, Fergus County.	Allen T. Lake	NW Section 9, T15N, R17E, Fergus County		Cottonwood Creek	Fergus	3/9/2015
Letz Gravel Pit – Common Pit Area	2015 - winter / spring	Environmental Checklist	Other Minerals	The applicant has applied for a gravel permit to remove 5,000 cubic yards of pit run material. The pit run will be removed from an actively mined area known as the Letz Pit. The tract currently is currently licensed for grazing, contains one other active lease for gravel removal, and one Land Use License for gravel storage. This gravel permit is located in the small volume gravel pit that is owned and operated by the DNRC.	Big Rose Colony, PO Box 905, Shelby, MT 59474	NW4S4W4, Section 26, T29N, R2W	Common Schools		Pondera	3/10/2015
Clark Canyon Ranch McKnight Pipeline	Winter 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	Install a stock water pipeline to connect 2 existing pipelines. Clark Canyon Ranch would install a buried pipeline from an existing well in Section 22 T12S R12W to increase water flow in the existing water lines.	Clark Canyon Ranch	T12S - R10W Section 22	MSU Morrill	An existing well	Beaverhead	3/10/2015
Matador -Ruby Range Stock Water Development	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	The Matador Cattle Co has requested to develop 3 spring sites on 3 adjacent state sections. The developed springs would be piped underground with one stock tank per line. The project is located in the Southern Ruby Mountains of Beaverhead Co. The purpose of the project is to provide water for livestock use.	Matador Cattle Company	T9s R7W Sections 17 & 18 & T9S R8W Section 13	Common Schools	3 no name springs	Beaverhead	3/10/2015
Funk Ranch Fence Project	Spring 2015 - Summer 2016	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	Funk Ranch Incorporated has submitted an improvements request to place a new four wire fence on State land to control livestock from leaving or entering managed native rangeland pastures.	Funk Ranch Incorporated	W2 of Section 13 - Township 32 North - Range 36 East	Common Schools		Valley	3/10/2015
Centennial Wood Products- ODellCrk. Alternative Practice	Winter 2015- Winter 2016	Environmental Checklist	Timber Sales	Alternative Practice request of the Montana Stream Side Management Zone (SMZ) Law by Centennial Wood Products (CWP) to exceed retention requirements of the SMZ law. The planned action would implement vegetation restoration by removing the majority of mature conifers to promote early successional deciduous riparian vegetation that normally thrived in this riparian zone 100-125 years ago.	Centennial Wood Products	T14S - R2W, Section 25		Odell Creek	Beaverhead	3/11/2015
Funk Ranch Inc. Stockwater Pipeline	2015 or 2016	Environmental Checklist	Land Lease/Land Use Licenses	Funk Ranch Incorporated has submitted Improvement Request forms and Land Use License application to the Glasgow Unit Office to place a stockwater pipeline on State land. The purpose for this project is to increase available water for livestock and to control grazing management of Funk Ranch Inc.'s State, Federal and deeded lands.	Funk Ranch Incorporated	E2, Section 13 Township- 32 North, Range 36 East, NW4SE4, Section 20 Township 32 North Range 37 East, SE4SE4, Section 10 Township 32 North Range 36 East, NE4NE4, SE4NE4, NE4SE4, NW4SE4, SW4SE4, Section 15 Township 32 North Range 36 East, NE4NW4, Section 22 Township 32 North Range 36 East	Common Schools		Valley	3/11/2015
Davis Hayland Break Request	April 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	Nancy Davis, the surface lessee, has requested to break & farm approximately 65 acres of hayland on two tracts of state land. These lands were in C.R.P. from 2004 to 2014, and were classified as hayland when the contract expired last September. These tracts were traditionally irrigated and farmed for the purposes of small grains and alfalfa hay production in previous years.	Davis, Nancy	T10N R1E sections 28 (W½NW¼) & 32 (NE¼NE¼)	Public Buildings (PB)		Broadwater	3/12/2015
Oneok Rockies Midstream Gathering Line	2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	Oneok Rockies Midstream LLC (henceforth referred to as Oneok) has requested a 50 foot wide right of way easement to cross state owned tracts listed in the location description with a 14" Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline. The total length of the requested right of way is 192.25 rods and encompasses approximately 3.64 acres. Oneok has also requested temporary construction space of 1.82 acres under a separate LUL.	Oneok Rockies Midstream LLC	T25N-R58E-Sec 36	Common Schools		Richland	3/9/2015
Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit 76JL 30071027	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	The applicant proposes to divert water from Whitefish Lake, by means of a pump, from January 1 through December 31 at 22 GPM (.05 CFS) up to 0.44 AF for domestic use January 1 through December 31, from a point in the SW¼SW¼NE¼ of Section 22, Township 31N, Range 22W. The place of use is generally located on Tract 2BA in the SW¼SW¼NE¼ of Section 22, Township 31N, Range 22W, Flathead County and approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Whitefish.	Kenneth Reaser and James Wheat III	SW¼SW¼NE¼ of Section 22, Township 31N, Range 22W		Whitefish Lake	Flathead	3/12/2015
Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit 76JL 30071030	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	The applicant proposes to divert water from Whitefish Lake, by means of a pump, from January 1 through December 31 at 22 GPM (.05 CFS) up to 0.53 AF for multiple domestic use January 1 through December 31 and 0.89 for domestic lawn and garden use from April 15 through October 15, from a point in the SW¼SW¼NE¼ of Section 22, Township 31N, Range 22W. The place of use is generally located on Tract 2B in the SW¼SW¼NE¼ and NW¼NW¼SE¼ of Section 22, Township 31N, Range 22W, Flathead County	Kenneth and Pamela Reaser	Tract 2B in the SW¼SW¼NE¼ and NW¼NW¼SE¼ of Section 22, Township 31N, Range 22W		Whitefish Lake	Flathead	3/12/2015
NW Energy, Young Family Ranch Power line Distribution Project over the Smith River	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	NorthWestern Energy has requested to install a distribution power line approximately 100 feet across the Smith River from an existing power line on private land in order to provide power to the existing sprinkler irrigation pump system to service a sprinkler system on private land and state trust land. The affected area will be approximately 0.05 acres of the Smith River.	NorthWestern Energy	T18N, R2E, Section 36 NW4NW4	Public Buildings (PB)	Smith River	Cascade	3/11/2015

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40M 30072193	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	The Applicant is adding 7 additional stock tanks via a pipeline to an existing Ground Water Certificate for better pasture management and more efficient grazing. Water is diverted by means of a groundwater well and conveyed to the stock tanks via a 1.5 inch pipeline. The stock tanks will be used by 200 animal units from April 1-November 30 at a flow rate of 12 GPM and volume of 2.27 acre-feet (AF) per year.	Earl & Francis M. Slade Trust	Govt. Lot 6, NW Section 4, T29N, R31E, Phillips County SWSE Section 4, T29N, R31E, Phillips County NWSW Section 2, T29N, R31E, Phillips County NWNW Section 15, T29N, R31E, Phillips County SESE Section 27, T29N, R31E, Phillips County SESE Section 26, T29N, R31E, Phillips County	Groundwater	Phillips	3/13/2015	
42J 30072589	NA	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to use two 170 AC pivot sprinkler systems to irrigate 340 AC. The water would be pumped from the Powder River in NWNWSW Section 10 T2N R54E Custer County using a trailer mounted pump at 2780 GPM up to 914 AF/yr. The water is pumped through piping buried beneath the surface to the pivots. The DNRC shall issue a water use permit if an applicant proves the criteria in 85-2-311 MCA are met. The area to be irrigated is approximately 13 miles NE of Powderville, Montana.	Gerald and Mary Dell Ellis	Sections 3, 10 and 11 T2N R54E	Powder River	Custer	3/16/2015	
Harrison fiber optic cables	March 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	3 Rivers Telephone Coop Inc will be pacing Fiber Optic Cables to their subscribers in their Harrison exchange area. The nine new easements are adjacent to roads and would be stacked on the existing copper line easements. The copper lines would be abandoned in place.	3 Rivers Telephone Coop Inc	Township 15 Range 2W Section 24 Township 3S Range 1W Section 15 Township 3S Range 1W Section 16 Township 3S Range 1W Section 20 Township 3S Range 1W Section 36 Township 1S Range 2W Section 16 Township 1S Range 2W Section 16 Township 2S Range 3W Section 13 Township 2S Range 3W Section 14	Common Schools; Public Buildings (PB)	Madison	3/12/2015	
Bridger Poplar Yellowstone River Replacement	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	Bridger Pipeline LLC has requested a temporary land use license and right of way easement to cross a state owned portion of the Yellowstone Riverbed located in T15N-R55E-Sec 28 with a 12.75" crude oil pipeline. This requested pipeline crossing is due to the January 2015 rupture of the existing Poplar Pipeline. The distance of the proposed crossing on state trust land would be approximately 838.46 feet in length X 50 feet in width for permitted area for land use license and right of way easement.	Bridger Pipeline LLC	T15N-R55E-Sec 28	Public Land Trust (Navigable Rivers)	N/A	Dawson	3/17/2015
Geraldine EastGeraldine East FTTP (Fiber-To-The-Premise) Upgrade. FTTP (Fiber-To-The-Premise) Upgrade.	Summer 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	Central Montana Communications has requested Right-of-Way Easements across the named tracts of State Land to install a buried fiber optic cable. The fiber optic cable will cross 8 tracts of state land. The cable will be placed by directional boring machine, single bladed plow, or trenching machine. The cable will be buried at a minimum depth of 42" in the fields and 30" minimum in the Homesites. The proposed easement will be 20 feet wide through the state owned land.	Central Montana Communications Inc., Havre, Montana	Twp Rng Section 21N 12E 6 21N 13E 36 22N 11E 24 22N 11E 24 22N 11E 13 22N 12E 4 22N 12E 30 22N 11E 36 23N 11E 36	Common Schools	N/A	Chouteau	3/16/2015
Lease 2130 - Weist Farms LLC-Hay Land to Agricultural Land Classification	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	The lessee, Weist Farms LLC, has requested to break 33.00 acres of hay land and covert it to agricultural land for small grain production. The tract was last farmed in 1999. The remaining 287.00 acres of native rangeland will not be broke as it contains Muddy Creek. The lessee plans to spray the hay out during the spring 2015 and then direct seed it to a spring crop in the spring of 2015.	Weist Farms LLC, 370 25th Road NW, Choteau, MT 59422	Section 36, T26N, R4W	Common Schools	Teton	3/18/2015	
Phillips 66 Seminole Pipeline Easement	4/6/15	Environmental Assessment	Right of Way/Easements	Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC is proposing to install a new segment of the Seminole Pipeline which consists of an 8-inch diameter petroleum pipeline located underneath the navigable riverbed of the Yellowstone River within a new 30' wide by ±1,122' long easement encompassing ±0.77 acres. The new section of pipeline will be installed by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). An additional 30' easement request has been submitted to authorize two existing pipelines installed in 1963 and 1975.	Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC	Sections 2 and 11, T15, R26E	Public Land Trust (Navigable Rivers)	Yellowstone	3/19/2015	
Colonite Creek Timber Sale	June 2015	Environmental Checklist	Timber Sales	The Libby Unit of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing to treat 278 acres with a commercial timber harvest in the Colonite Creek drainage.	Libby Unit, Northwestern Land Office, Montana DNRC	T26N R29W W/2 of S36	Common Schools	Lincoln	3/16/2015	
Schmitz 2-26H	03/13/2015	Environmental Assessment	Oil and Gas	Schmitz 2-26H SW SE Section 26 T27N R53E	Sinclair Oil and Gas Company	SW SE Section 26 T27N R53E		Richland	3/18/2015	
Colonite Creek Timber Sale	June 2015	Environmental Checklist	Timber Sales	The Libby Unit of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is proposing to treat 278 acres with a commercial timber harvest in the Colonite Creek drainage.	Libby Unit, Northwestern Land Office, MT DNRC	T26N, R29W, W/2 of S36	Common Schools	Lincoln	3/16/2015	
Haugrud Break Request	May 1, 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	The purpose of the proposed project is to break 422.81 acres of old CRP land and convert it to dryland hay production over the course of the next 6 years. The proponent plans on breaking 1/3 of this acreage every 2 years for the next 6 years.	Roger & Roger L. Haugrud	T1N R23E, Section 16, NW4, NE4, SE4	Common Schools	Yellowstone	3/19/2015	
Lower Confederate-Utility ROW	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Right of Way/Easements	Vigilante Electric Coop. is proposing to abandon an existing underground power line ROW and obtain a new utility ROW in order to install an overhead distribution, 7200 volt power line approximately 3,959 feet across State Trust Land to provide power to a sprinkler irrigation system on private land. Approximately 11 poles will be placed on State Land to complete the project. The affected area is comprised of approximately 2.72 acres of State Trust Land used for grazing and dry crop production.	Vigilante Electric Cooperative	T9N, R2E, Section 18 SE4NE4, NE4SE4, SE4SE4	Public Buildings (PB)	NONE	Broadwater	3/24/2015

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Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit 76LJ 30069431	NA	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to divert and use groundwater for multiple domestic use and lawn and garden irrigation January 1st thru December 31st at a rate of 90 GPM up to 30.28 AF from two wells in NENWNNW Section 30, Township 27N, Range 19W, Flathead, Montana. 9.67 acres of lawn and garden will be irrigated and water will be supplied to 19 lots.	Ledgewood Estates Homeowners Association, Inc	Township 27N, Range 19W, Sections 19 and 30		Groundwater	Flathead	3/27/2015
Star Ewing Precommercial Thinning	May 2015	Environmental Checklist	Timber Sales	The Stillwater Unit of the DNRC is proposing the Star Ewing Precommercial Thinning project in the Star Meadows and Ewing Pit areas north and west of Whitefish, MT. The project is designed to reduce stand density and improve vigor, as well as reduce susceptibility to bark beetle attack.	Montana DNRC, Stillwater Unit	T33N, R24W, Sec. 24; T31N, R24W, Sec. 14	Common Schools; Public Buildings (PB)		Flathead	3/26/2015
Lease 7268 Improvement Request for an Inter-seeding of Tame Pasture Project	Spring 2015	Environmental Checklist	Agriculture	Kenneth Morris, lessee of state lease #7268, has requested to inter-seed into the existing tame pasture. The lessee plans to use an air disk drill to seed into the existing tame pasture 3/8" deep. He plans to seed sainfoin, thick spike wheatgrass, and slender wheatgrass. This will allow for better water infiltration and increase the productivity of the desirable species.	Kenneth Morris, 81 17th Lane NW, Fairfield, MT 59436	NW4, W2E2, N2SW4, SE4SW4, Section 28, T22N, R6W	Common Schools		Teton	3/30/2015
Lakeview-South Centennial Valley -AP	Spring Summer & Fall 2015	Environmental Checklist	Timber Sales	Alternative Practice of Forest Practices within Streamside Management Zones (SMZ). Operation of mechanical harvester inside SMZ would occur when soil disturbance can be minimized under frozen or dry conditions.	Various Private and Agency Ownerships	T15S-R5W, T15S-R4W, T14S-R4W, T15S-R3W, T14S-R3W, T14S-R1W, T14S-R2W, R14S-R1E		Red Rock River Drainages	Beaverhead	3/26/2015
Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit 76LJ 30070794	NA	Environmental Checklist	Water Rights	The applicant proposes to divert water from Whitefish Lake, by means of a pump, from January 1 through December 31 at 15 GPM (0.03 CFS) up to 1.63 AF, from a point in the NE¼NE¼NW¼ of Section 10, Township 31N, Range 22W, Flathead County for domestic use from January 1 through December 31 and domestic lawn and garden use on 0.25 acres from April 15 through October 15. The place of use is generally located on Tract 1 COS 17123 in the NE¼NE¼NW¼ and NE¼NE¼NW¼ of Section 10, Township 31N, Range 22W.	Christopher and Barbara Erler	NE¼NE¼NW¼ and NE¼NE¼NW¼ of Section 10, Township 31N, Range 22W		Whitefish Lake	Flathead	3/30/2015
43D 30072360	N/A	Environmental Assessment	Water Rights	The Applicant proposes to change water right 43D 30022344 for two stock tanks located in the SENENW Section 7 and SESESW Section 6 T8S R22E, Carbon County. The Applicant is requesting the addition of 2 additional stock tanks added to the system by extending the pipeline and adding a branchline for better pasture management and more efficient grazing. The additional places of use will be NENENE Section 7 T8S R22E and NENESW Section 36 T7S R21E, Carbon County	Sunlight Ranch Co	Sections 6 and 7 T8S R22E, Section 36 T7S R21E		Bear Creek	Carbon	3/31/2015