

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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 DRAFT 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 <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/application-status-environmental-assessments/>.

PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE: JANUARY 21, 2026. PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654, AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATED DEADLINE. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE OR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. MAIL PAPER COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO : DNRC WATER RIGHTS BUREAU, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601. SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO :DNRCWATERRIGHTSCOMMENTOBJECTION@MT.GOV. PER 85-2-307(5)(C), MCA, IF NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED, THE DRAFT PD WILL BE ADOPTED AS FINAL AND THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, OR REQUESTS TO OBTAIN THE DRAFT PD OR PUBLIC COMMENT FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 222 SIXTH STREET SOUTH, PO BOX 1269, GLASGOW, MT 59230-1269, PHONE: 406-228-2561, .

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

Application Number:	40C 30163283							
Owners:	MICHELLE CLEARWATER PO BOX 1302 SOUTH BEND, WA 98586 CRISTINA JOHNSON PO BOX 1302 SOUTH BEND, WA 98586 KELLY WITT 1760 N LODGE POLE RD SAND SPRINGS, MT 59077-9504 MARNIE WITT 1760 N LODGE POLE RD SAND SPRINGS, MT 59077-9504 TROY A WITT 1712 N LODGE POLE RD SAND SPRINGS, MT 59077-9605 USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT) 111 GARRYOWEN RD MILES CITY, MT 59301-7000 WALKING J RANCH LLC 48 CANYON CREEK RD MOLT, MT 59057-2234							
Priority Date:	APRIL 21, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.							
Purpose (Use):	STOCK							
Maximum Flow Rate:	39.00 GPM							
Maximum Volume:	26.50 AC-FT							
Source Name:	GROUNDWATER							
Source Type:	GROUNDWATER							
Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:								
<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>	
1			NWN	WNE	21	18N	32E	GARFIELD
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						Flow Rate:	10.00 GPM
Diversion Means:	WELL							
Well Depth:	435.00 FEET							
Static Water Level:	210.00 FEET							

2	SESWNE	23	18N	32E	GARFIELD	
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31				Flow Rate:	9.00 GPM
Diversion Means:	WELL					
Well Depth:	433.00 FEET					
Static Water Level:	308.00 FEET					
3	SWSWSW	25	18N	32E	GARFIELD	
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31				Flow Rate:	10.00 GPM
Diversion Means:	WELL					
Well Depth:	390.00 FEET					
Static Water Level:	221.41 FEET					
4	SENESE	35	18N	32E	GARFIELD	
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31				Flow Rate:	10.00 GPM
Diversion Means:	WELL					
Well Depth:	300.00 FEET					
Static Water Level:	196.00 FEET					
Purpose (Use):	STOCK					
Volume:	26.50 AC-FT					
Period of Use:	JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31					
Place of Use:						

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1			NWN	ESW	36	18N 32E	GARFIELD
2			SE	ESW	35	18N 32E	GARFIELD
3			NEN	ENE	35	18N 32E	GARFIELD
4			NEN	ENW	35	18N 32E	GARFIELD
5			SE	ENE	34	18N 32E	GARFIELD
6			NE	ESW	27	18N 32E	GARFIELD
7			NWN	WNW	27	18N 32E	GARFIELD
8			SE	WNE	28	18N 32E	GARFIELD
9			NWN	WSE	21	18N 32E	GARFIELD
10			NEN	WSW	22	18N 32E	GARFIELD
11			NE	ESE	22	18N 32E	GARFIELD
12			NEN	ENW	25	18N 32E	GARFIELD
13			SE	ENE	26	18N 32E	GARFIELD
14			NEN	ESW	23	18N 32E	GARFIELD
15			NWS	WNW	24	18N 32E	GARFIELD
16			NEN	ENE	24	18N 32E	GARFIELD
17			NWS	WNW	19	18N 33E	GARFIELD
18			SW	NESW	13	18N 32E	GARFIELD
19			NWN	ENE	11	18N 32E	GARFIELD
20			SE	NESW	2	18N 32E	GARFIELD
21			SE	ENE	20	18N 32E	GARFIELD
22			NEN	ENW	20	18N 32E	GARFIELD
23			NEN	ESW	17	18N 32E	GARFIELD
24			SE	ENE	8	18N 32E	GARFIELD
25			NEN	WNE	8	18N 32E	GARFIELD
26			NWN	WSE	9	18N 32E	GARFIELD
27			SE	ENW	5	18N 32E	GARFIELD
28			NWN	ENE	5	18N 32E	GARFIELD
29			NWN	WSW	4	18N 32E	GARFIELD
30			SW	SENW	14	18N 32E	GARFIELD
31			SWS	WNW	15	18N 32E	GARFIELD
32			NWN	WNE	10	18N 32E	GARFIELD
33			SW	SESW	3	18N 32E	GARFIELD
34			SW	NESE	4	18N 32E	GARFIELD
35			NEN	WNE	4	18N 32E	GARFIELD
36			NEN	ENW	33	19N 32E	GARFIELD
37			NEN	WSE	28	19N 32E	GARFIELD
38			NWN	WNE	28	19N 32E	GARFIELD

39	NWNWNE	29	19N	32E	GARFIELD
40	NESWNE	21	19N	32E	GARFIELD
41	NWSENE	20	19N	32E	GARFIELD
42	NWSWNW	20	19N	32E	GARFIELD
43	SESWNE	17	19N	32E	GARFIELD
44	NESENW	17	19N	32E	GARFIELD
45	SWSENE	18	19N	32E	GARFIELD
46	NWSESW	18	19N	32E	GARFIELD
47	NWSENE	35	19N	32E	GARFIELD
48	NENWNW	35	19N	32E	GARFIELD
49	NENWSW	31	19N	33E	GARFIELD
50	NESESE	26	19N	32E	GARFIELD
51	NWSENW	26	19N	32E	GARFIELD
52	NESESE	27	19N	32E	GARFIELD
53	SWSWSE	27	19N	32E	GARFIELD
54	NESWNW	27	19N	32E	GARFIELD
55	NWNWNE	27	19N	32E	GARFIELD

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