

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: FEBRUARY 2, 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:	40P 30171180									
Owners:	WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS LLC 5810 TENNYSON PKWY SUITE 500 PLANO, TX 75024-3523									
Priority Date:	SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.									
Purpose (Use):	INDUSTRIAL									
Maximum Flow Rate:	240.00 GPM									
Maximum Volume:	100.00 AC-FT									
Source Name:	GROUNDWATER									
Source Type:	GROUNDWATER									
Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:										
<u>ID</u>			<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>		
1			NEN	NW	35	25N	52E	RICHLAND		
Period of Diversion:	MARCH 1 TO NOVEMBER 30							Flow Rate:	240.00 GPM	
Diversion Means:	WELL									
Well Depth:	1,128.00 FEET									
Static Water Level:	443.00 FEET									
Casing Diameter:	8.00 INCHES									
Reservoir:	OFF STREAM									
			<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>		
			S2N	NW	35	25N	52E	RICHLAND		
Depth:	20.00 FEET									
Surface Area:	3.44 ACRES									
Current Capacity:	34.40 ACRE-FEET									
Purpose (Use):	INDUSTRIAL					Purpose Clarification: OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT				
Volume:	100.00 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</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>		
1			SE	SE	2	24N	52E	RICHLAND		
2			SE	SE	13	24N	52E	RICHLAND		
3		1	NEN	E	6	24N	53E	RICHLAND		
4			NEN	E	17	24N	53E	RICHLAND		

5		SESE	3	25N	52E	RICHLAND
6	1	NENE	6	25N	52E	RICHLAND
7		NENE	9	25N	52E	RICHLAND
8		NENW	10	25N	52E	RICHLAND
9		SESE	15	25N	52E	RICHLAND
10		SESE	17	25N	52E	RICHLAND
11		NENE	21	25N	52E	RICHLAND
12		NENW	21	25N	52E	RICHLAND
13		SESE	23	25N	52E	RICHLAND
14		SESE	27	25N	52E	RICHLAND
15		SESW	27	25N	52E	RICHLAND
16		NENE	32	25N	52E	RICHLAND
17		NENE	33	25N	52E	RICHLAND
18		NENW	33	25N	52E	RICHLAND
19		NENE	35	25N	52E	RICHLAND
20		NENE	35	25N	52E	RICHLAND
21		NWNE	35	25N	52E	RICHLAND
22		NENW	35	25N	52E	RICHLAND
23		NENE	36	25N	52E	RICHLAND
24		NENW	36	25N	52E	RICHLAND

Remarks:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL INSTALL A DEPARTMENT APPROVED IN-LINE FLOW METER AT A POINT IN THE DELIVERY LINE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WATER MUST NOT BE DIVERTED UNTIL THE REQUIRED MEASURING DEVICE IS IN PLACE AND OPERATING. ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP A WRITTEN MONTHLY RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. 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 REGIONAL OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SUBJECT TO THE OUTCOME OF THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR CASE #24786, IF THE APPLICATION FOR 40P 30163275 IS ISSUED, THIS APPLICATION MUST BE WITHDRAWN.

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