

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-428, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to temporarily lease a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY LEASE OF APPROPRIATION RIGHT ON JUNE 18, 2026. THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE ACTION ON THIS APPLICATION ON JULY 17, 2026. IF THE ACTION IS TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT CORRECT AND COMPLETE OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED LEASE STARTING ON JULY 17, 2026 AND ENDING ON AUGUST 16, 2026. IF AUTHORIZED, THE AMOUNT OF WATER LEASED MAY NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL CONSUMPTIVE USE OF THE APPROPRIATION RIGHT AND THE LEASED WATER MUST BE MEASURED AND REPORTED ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. INFORMATION ABOUT DEPARTMENT ACTION ON THIS APPLICATION CAN BE ACCESSED HERE: <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/application-status-environmental-assessments/>.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: AUGUST 16, 2026. OBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. 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 AND THE \$50.00 FILING FEE TO: DNRC WATER RIGHTS BUREAU, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO: DNRCWATERRIGHTSCOMMENTOBJECTION@MT.GOV. IF YOU SUBMIT THE FORM ELECTRONICALLY, MAIL THE \$50.00 FILING FEE TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE OR PAY BY PHONE AT (406) 444-6610 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED.

CONTACT THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 222 SIXTH STREET SOUTH, PO BOX 1269, GLASGOW, MT 59230-1269 PHONE: 406-228-2561 WITH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION OR TO REQUEST AN OBJECTION FORM.

Application Number: 40S 30175730

Applicant: HARDY INVESTMENTS LP
13265 HWY 200
FAIRVIEW, MT 59221 9447

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

<u>Water Right Type</u>	<u>Water Right Number</u>	<u>Priority Date</u>
PROVISIONAL PERMIT	40S 96357-00	DECEMBER 4, 1995

PAST USE OF WATER

THE PAST USE OF WATER WAS IRRIGATION ON 446 ACRES IN W2SW SECTION 11, W2 SECTION 14, E2 SECTION 15, N2 & N2S2 SECTION 23, 27N, R55E IN RICHLAND COUNTY. WATER IS DIVERTED BY PUMP FROM THE MISSOURI RIVER IN NWNWSW SECTION 11, T27N, R55E IN RICHLAND COUNTY. PROVISIONAL PERMIT 40S 96357-00 WAS HISTORICALLY APPROPRIATED FOR 5.80 CFS AND 795 AF WITH A PERIOD OF DIVERSION AND PERIOD OF USE FROM APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 31.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THIS IS A TEMPORARY LEASE PROPOSED PURSUANT TO 85-2-428, MCA AND IS VALID FOR USE ONE YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2026 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026 FOR NO MORE THAN 40 DAYS. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO LEASE TO ASWS, LLC DBA HAMLIN WATER UP TO 460 AF OF WATER AT A MAXIMUM FLOW RATE OF 5.8 CFS FROM THE MISSOURI RIVER DIVERTED BY PUMP IN NWNWSW SECTION 11, T27N, R55E RICHLAND COUNTY FOR WATER MARKETING IN SESESW SECTION 31, T27N, R55E RICHLAND COUNTY. THE APPLICANT WILL CEASE IRRIGATION ON 358.44 ACRES IN W2SW SECTION 11, W2 SECTION 14, E2 SECTION 15, N2 & N2S2 SECTION 23, 27N, R55E RICHLAND COUNTY DURING 2026 WHEN LEASED WATER IS USED.