

NOTICE OF RECEIPT

WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

(Pursuant to Section § 85-2-307(1), MCA)

Summarized below are the application details as described in an Application to Change of Appropriation Water Right received by the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation on APRIL 23, 2026. This notice reflects the application details only as originally submitted. The notice does not reflect changes to the application details made during the review process.

Application Number:40S 30175909

Applicant:RICHLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2745 W HOLLY ST
SIDNEY, MT 59270 9201

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
CONSERVATION DISTRICT RECORD	40S-30172430	JULY 1, 1985

PAST USE OF WATER

THIS APPLICATION IS TO CHANGE A PORTION OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER RESERVATION FROM THE MISSOURI RIVER THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN PUT TO USE AND THEREFORE NO HISTORICAL USE FOR THE AMOUNT OF WATER BEING CHANGED EXISTS.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THE APPLICANT PROPOSED TO ADD POINTS OF DIVERSION AND PLACES OF USE TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER RESERVATION, 40S 84500-00, THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL WATER RESERVATION PUBLIC NOTICE.

THIS IS A TEMPORARY CHANGE AUTHORIZATION THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY CHANGE AUTHORIZATIONS: 40S 30175907, 40S 30175908, AND THE FOLLOWING PERMANENT CHANGE AUTHORIZATIONS: 40S 30173545.

THE APPLICANT OBTAINED WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE DNRC TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO TEMPORARILY IRRIGATE AC ON THE STATE TRUST LAND FOR THE DURATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL & GRAZING LEASE OF STATE LANDS AGREEMENT NOS. 10540 AND 10576 EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL & GRAZING LEASE OF STATE LANDS AGREEMENT NOS. 10540 AND 10576 WILL RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY CHANGE AUTHORIZATION AND WILL REVERT TO THE APPLICABLE PREVIOUS ACTIVE CHANGE VERSION:
IF STATE LEASE AG-10540 EXPIRES OR IS TERMINATED, THE CHANGE VERSION WILL REVERT BACK TO CHG AUTHORIZATION VERSION 3 (APPLICATION NO. 40S 30175907).
IF STATE LEASE AG-10576 EXPIRES OR IS TERMINATED, THE CHANGE VERSION WILL REVERT BACK TO CHG AUTHORIZATION VERSION 4 (APPLICATION NO. 40S 30175908).
IF BOTH STATE LEASE AG-10540 AND STATE LEASE AG-10579 EXPIRE OR ARE TERMINATED, THE CHANGE VERSION WILL REVERT BACK TO CHG AUTHORIZATION VERSION 2 (APPLICATION NO. 40S 30173545).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THIS RIGHT IS SUBJECT TO THE TYPE OF WATER USE MEASURING DEVICE OR WATER USE ESTIMATION TECHNIQUE REQUIRED BY THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP WRITTEN RECORDS OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF WATER USED. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF THE CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. THE WATER USER SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

In general, the Department will make a draft preliminary determination to grant or deny this application within 60 or 120 days of the date the application is deemed and correct and complete (60 days if a preapplication meeting was held, 120 days if a preapplication meeting was not held). That date is currently unknown as the application has not yet been determined to be correct and complete. If the draft preliminary determination is to grant the application, the application will be published in the local newspaper and a notice will be sent to appropriators who, according to the department records, may be affected by the proposed appropriation. Individuals will have 30 days to submit a public comment about this application under §85-2-307, MCA, after the application has been published in the newspaper. If public comments are received, the Department will consider the public comments and update the preliminary determination. If the preliminary determination is to grant the application, the application will again be published in a local newspaper and a notice will be sent to anyone who submitted a public comment, along with appropriators who, according to the department records may be affected by the proposed appropriation. Individuals will have 30 days to submit an objection under §85-2-308, MCA, after the application has been published in the newspaper.