

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)
The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. 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: SEPTEMBER 26, 2025. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENTS FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. 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 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 FAX: 406-587-9726 PHONE: 406-586-3136.

Application Number: 41H 30163442

Applicant: GREAT NORTHERN GOLF CO OF MONTANA
2710 MCILHATTAN RD
BOZEMAN, MT 59715 8717

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41H 115640-00	APRIL 30, 1869
Historical Flow Rate: 1.38 CFS	Historical Consumptive Volume: 29.50 AC-FT	
	Historical Diverted Volume: 98.20 AC-FT	

PAST USE OF WATER

STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41H 115640-00 WAS HISTORICALLY DIVERTED FROM BRIDGER CREEK BY THE VOGEL DITCH HEADGATE IN SWNESW SECTION 33, T1S, R6E, GALLATIN COUNTY, FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 FOR IRRIGATION USE. THE DEPARTMENT FOUND THIS PERIOD OF DIVERSION AND USE FELL OUTSIDE THE STANDARD FOUND IN ARM 36.12.112 FOR IRRIGATION USE IN CLIMATIC AREA IV. THE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIED THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION AND USE TO BE THE STANDARD APRIL 20 TO OCTOBER 10. CLAIM 41H 115640-00 HAS A MAXIMUM CLAIMED FLOW RATE OF 1.38 CFS. BRIDGER CREEK WATER WAS HISTORICALLY USED TO FLOOD/SPRINKLER IRRIGATE 28.54 ACRES IN SWSE AND S2SW SECTION 32, T1S, R6E, GALLATIN COUNTY. THE HISTORICAL FLOW RATE OF CLAIM 41H 115640-00 IS 1.38 CFS, THE HISTORICAL DIVERTED VOLUME IS 98.2 AF , AND THE HISTORICAL CONSUMED VOLUME IS 29.5 AF.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION, PLACE OF USE, AND PURPOSE OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41H 115640-00 TO MARKETING FOR MITIGATION USE. THE PROJECT IS IN GALLATIN COUNTY, AND THE SOURCE IS BRIDGER CREEK. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO RETIRE 28.54 ACRES OF IRRIGATION AND CONVEYANCE DITCH (VOGEL DITCH), SEEN ON THE MAP PROVIDED AS FIGURE 1, AS PART OF THIS CHANGE APPLICATION. THE PROPOSED MARKETING FOR MITIGATION POU BEGINS AT THE HISTORICAL VOGEL DITCH DIVERSION IN BRIDGER CREEK IN THE SWNESW SECTION 33, T1S, R6E, AND ENDS AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE GALLATIN RIVER AND THE MISSOURI RIVER IN NWNWSW SECTION 9, T2N, R2E, ALL WITHIN GALLATIN COUNTY. THE PROPOSED PODS ARE AT THE START AND END OF THE PROPOSED MARKETING FOR MITIGATION REACH IN SWNESW SECTION 33, T1S, R6E AND NWNWSW SECTION 9, T2N, R2E, ALL WITHIN GALLATIN COUNTY THE PROTECTED REACH IS APPROXIMATELY 53.8 MILES, ALL WITHIN GALLATIN COUNTY. THE APPLICANT MAY PROTECT UP TO A MAXIMUM DIVERTED VOLUME OF 98.2 AF, A MAXIMUM CONSUMED VOLUME OF 29.5 AF, AND A FLOW RATE OF 1.38 CFS FOR MARKETING FOR MITIGATION PURPOSE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41H 115640-00 WAS PREVIOUSLY CHANGED TO INSTREAM FISHERY USE IN 2011 IN CHANGE AUTHORIZATION 41H 30044526. CHANGE AUTHORIZATION 41H 30044526 WAS NOT RENEWED AND EXPIRED IN 2021.

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