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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: NOVEMBER 21, 2025. 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: 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 THER 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 613 NE MAIN, SUITE E, LEWISTOWN, MT 59457-2020 PHONE: 406-538-7459.

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WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right TypeWater Right NumberPriority DateSTATEMENT OF CLAIM41K 5004-00OCTOBER 7, 1892

PAST USE OF WATER

HISTORICALLY, A TOTAL OF 6.20 ACRES WAS IRRIGATED, VIA SPRINKLER, WITH THE SOURCE OF WATER BEING SUN RIVER. THE HISTORICAL POINT OF DIVERSION IS LOCATED IN SESENE SEC 31, TWP 21N, RGE 2E, CASCADE COUNTY. FOUR PLACES OF USE, ALL WITHIN T21N, R 2E, CASCADE COUNTY, WERE CLAIMED. THE HISTORICAL PLACES OF USE INCLUDE 2.12 ACRES IN THE SESENE SEC 31; 3.78 ACRES IN THE SESENW SEC 32; 0.12 ACRES IN THE NWNWSW SEC 32; AND 0.18 ACRES IN THE NENESE SEC 31. THE FOUR HISTORIC PLACES OF USE ARE WITHIN LOTS 1, 2, 3 OF BLOCK 5 OF TWIN SILOS RANCHETTES SUBDIVISION. THE HISTORICAL FLOW RATE IS 38.40 GPM AND THE VOLUMES (DIVERTED AND CONSUMED) WERE UNQUANTIFIED PRIOR TO THIS CHANGE APPLICATION. THE HISORICAL PERIOD OF USE AS WELL AS PERDIOD OF DIVERSION IS MAY 1 TO OCTOBER 31.

PROPOSED CHANGE

 FLOW RATE: 38.40 GPM
 VOLUME: 7.20 AC-FT
 ACRES: 2.88

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR A TEMPORARY CHANGE TO BOTH THE PLACE OF USE AND THE PURPOSE OF USE FOR STATEMENT OF CLAIM NO. 41K 5004-00. THE DURATION OF THE TEMPORARY CHANGE IS PROPOSED TO BE 10 YEARS, SUBJECT TO THE RENEWAL PROCESS OUTLINED IN MCA 85-2-407(3). THE PROPOSED PLACE OF USE CONSISTS OF A TOTAL OF 2.88 AC IN THE SESENE SEC 31, T 21N, R 2E AND S2SWNW SEC 32, T 21N, R 2E, CASCADE COUNTY. THE PLACES OF USE EMCOPASSES PORTIONS OF LOTS 021, 023, AND 025, BLOCK 004 TWIN SILOS RANCHETTES SUBDIVISION AS WELL AS LOT 003, BLOCK 005 TWIN SILOS RANCHATTES SUBDIVISION. THE PURPOSE OF USE IS PROPOSED TO BE TEMPORARILY CHANGED FROM IRRIGATION TO LAWN & GARDEN. THE CHANGE SEEKS TO PROTECT THE HISTORICALLY DIVERTED FLOW RATE OF 38.40 GPM AND THE DEPARTMENT CALCULATED HISTORICAL VOLUMES OF 9.35 ACRE-FEET (DIVERTED) AND 7.48 ACRE-FEET (CONSUMED).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THIS IS A TEMPORARY CHANGE, WITH THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY CHANGE DURATION BEING 10 YEARS, SUBJECT TO THE RENEWAL PROCESS OUTLINED IN MCA 85-2-407(3).

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