

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 NOVEMBER 24, 2025. 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:41S 30171580

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WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
STOCKWATER PERMIT	41S-30043918	NOVEMBER 5, 2008

PAST USE OF WATER

APPLICANT HAS HISTORICALLY APPROPRIATED THIS WATER RIGHT FOR STOCK USE. THE WATER RIGHT IS FOR A RESERVOIR SERVING 20 AU YEAR-ROUND. SOURCE IS UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SPRING CREEK.

PROPOSED CHANGE

APPLICANT IS PROPOSED TO ADD A FISHERY PURPOSE TO THE CURRENT PLACE OF USE. LOCATED SE SE SW SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP 15N RANGE 18E FERGUS COUNTY.

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.

Direct questions regarding this application to the Water Resources Regional Office, 613 NE MAIN, SUITE E, LEWISTOWN, MT 59457-2020 PHONE: 406-538-7459