

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 JULY 10, 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: 42K 30172434

Applicant: SWOPE RANCH LLC
1110 KINSEY RD
MILES CITY, MT 59301 8740

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	42K-175169	MAY 1, 1910

PAST USE OF WATER

WATER WAS HISTORICALLY PUMPED FROM A SIDE CHANNEL OF THE YELLOWSTONE RIVER FROM A POD LOCATED IN THE SWSWSW SEC. 14, T8N, R47E, CUSTER COUNTY AND PIPED TO THE PLACE OF USE TO IRRIGATE 98.8 ACRES.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION (POD) TO A LOCATION DOWNSTREAM ON THE MAINSTEM OF THE YELLOWSTONE RIVER, IN GOVERNMENT LOT 6 (SWNWSE) SEC. 14, T8N, 47E, CUSTER COUNTY. WATER WILL BE PUMPED AND PIPED TO THE PLACE OF USE TO IRRIGATE 98.8 ACRES. THE APPLICANT WILL RETIRE THE HISTORICAL POD LOCATED IN THE SWSWSW SEC. 14, T8N, R47E, CUSTER 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, 1371 RIMTOP DRIVE, BILLINGS, MT 59105-1978 FAX: 406-247-4416 PHONE: 406-247-4419