

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice to Water Users  
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to appropriate water in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT. 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: MAY 3, 2026.** 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: DNRC WATER RIGHTS BUREAU, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601. SUBMIT ELECTRONIC 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 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 1371 RIMTOP DRIVE, BILLINGS, MT 59105-1978, PHONE: 406-247-4415, FAX: 406-247-4416.

IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.

**Application Number:** 42L 30165296  
**Owners:** FALLON, COUNTY OF  
 PO BOX 846  
 BAKER, MT 59313  
**Priority Date:** OCTOBER 8, 2025 at 09:00 A.M.  
**Purpose (Use):** IRRIGATION  
**Maximum Flow Rate:** 200.00 GPM  
**Maximum Volume:** 80.45 AC-FT  
**Maximum Acres:** 29.00  
**Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SANDSTONE CREEK  
**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

**Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSESE	10	7N	59E	FALLON

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 31

**Diversion Means:** PUMP

**Reservoir:** OFF STREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	W2NWNE	24	7N	59E	FALLON

**Depth:** 8.50 FEET

**Surface Area:** 1.54 ACRES

**Current Capacity:** 5.20 ACRE-FEET

**Purpose (Use):** IRRIGATION  
**Irrigation Type:** SPRINKLER  
**Climatic Area:** 2 - MODERATELY HIGH  
**Volume:** 80.45 AC-FT  
**Period of Use:** JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31  
**Place of Use:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	7.00		NWNE	24	7N	59E	FALLON
2	17.10		SWNE	24	7N	59E	FALLON
3	4.90		SENE	24	7N	59E	FALLON

**Total:** 29.00

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