

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: DECEMBER 29, 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 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 222 SIXTH STREET SOUTH, PO BOX 1269, GLASGOW, MT 59230-1269, PHONE: 406-228-2561, .

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

Application Number:	42M 30163788							
Owners:	WILLIAM B VAN HOOK JR 12670 COUNTY ROAD 352 SIDNEY, MT 59270-4215 EXPLORATION DRILLING INC 12670 COUNTY RD 352 SIDNEY, MT 59270-4215							
Priority Date:	MAY 22, 2025 at 08:30 A.M.							
Purpose (Use):	WATER MARKETING							
Maximum Flow Rate:	240.00 GPM							
Maximum Volume:	387.00 AC-FT							
Source Name:	GROUND WATER							
Source Type:	GROUNDWATER							
Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:								
<u>ID</u>		<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>	
1			NWN	23	23N	59E	RICHLAND	
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						Flow Rate:	240.00 GPM
Diversion Means:	WELL							
Well Depth:	100.00 FEET							
Static Water Level:	14.00 FEET							
Casing Diameter:	8.00 INCHES							
Purpose (Use):	WATER MARKETING			Purpose Clarification:				OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT
Volume:	387.00 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</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>	
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Remarks:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WATER APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS PERMIT SHALL NOT BE TRANSPORTED OUTSIDE THE STATE OF MONTANA. CUSTOMERS SHALL BE INFORMED OF THIS CONDITION BY THE LANGUAGE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT AND SIGNS POSTED AT THE DEPOT.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ACCESS AT THE DEPOT SHALL BE CONTROLLED ENSURING ONLY THOSE USERS WITH CONTRACTS ARE ABLE TO ACQUIRE WATER.

WATER MEASUREMENT-INLINE FLOW METER REQUIRED

THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL INSTALL A DEPARTMENT APPROVED IN-LINE FLOW METER AT A POINT IN THE DELIVERY LINE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WATER MUST NOT BE DIVERTED UNTIL THE REQUIRED MEASURING DEVICE IS IN PLACE AND OPERATING. ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP A WRITTEN RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT OR CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

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