

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: AUGUST 4, 2025. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENTS FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. 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:	43QJ 30165052						
Owners:	STILLWATER MINING CO PO BOX 1330 COLUMBUS, MT 59019						
Priority Date:	MARCH 20, 2025 at 10:30 A.M.						
Purpose (Use):	INDUSTRIAL OTHER PURPOSE						
Maximum Flow Rate:	385.00 GPM						
Maximum Volume:	115.20 AC-FT						
Source Name:	GROUNDWATER						
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			S	27	2S	20E	STILLWATER
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means:	WELL						
Well Depth:	32.00 FEET						
Static Water Level:	8.50 FEET						
Casing Diameter:	12.00 INCHES						
2			N	27	2S	20E	STILLWATER
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means:	WELL						
Well Depth:	35.00 FEET						
Static Water Level:	8.37 FEET						
Casing Diameter:	12.00 INCHES						
Purpose (Use):	INDUSTRIAL			Purpose Clarification: SMELTING			
Volume:	115.15 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>
1			S	27	2S	20E	STILLWATER
Subdivision:	INDUSTRIAL SITES ADD COL. TRACT/LOT: BLOCK: 7-11						
2			N	27	2S	20E	STILLWATER
Subdivision:	INDUSTRIAL SITES ADD COL. TRACT/LOT: BLOCK: 7-11						
3			N	26	2S	20E	STILLWATER

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4		SWSWNW 26 2S 20E STILLWATER						
	Subdivision:	INDUSTRIAL SITES ADD COL. TRACT/LOT: BLOCK: 7-11						
Purpose (Use):	OTHER PURPOSE		Purpose Clarification: DUST ABATEMENT					
Volume:	0.05 AC-FT							
Period of Use:	JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31							
Place of Use:								
ID	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>	
1			N	26	2S	20E	STILLWATER	
	Subdivision:	INDUSTRIAL SITES ADD COL. TRACT/LOT: BLOCK: 7-11						
2		N2N2NESE 27 2S 20E STILLWATER						
	Subdivision:	INDUSTRIAL SITES ADD COL. TRACT/LOT: BLOCK: 7-11						
3		S2S2NE 27 2S 20E STILLWATER						
	Subdivision:	INDUSTRIAL SITES ADD COL. TRACT/LOT: BLOCK: 7-11						
4		SWSWNW 26 2S 20E STILLWATER						
	Subdivision:	INDUSTRIAL SITES ADD COL. TRACT/LOT: BLOCK: 7-11						

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