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NOTICE AREA

Application No.

76H 30171414

Regional Office # 09

Applicant's Name **Peak Health Management Company LLC**

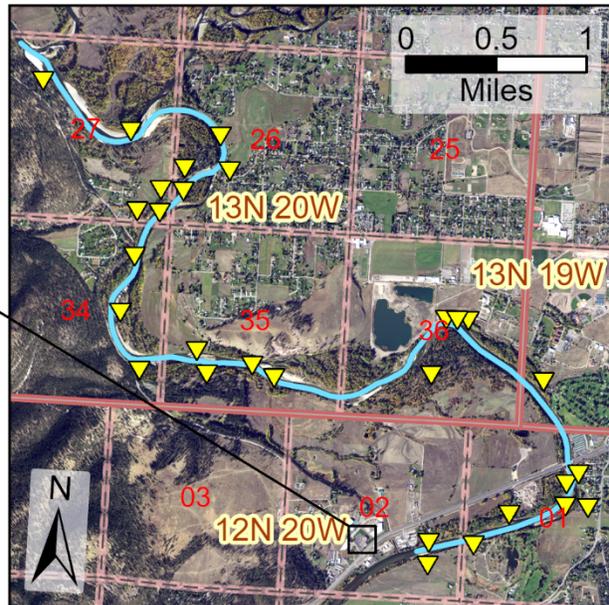
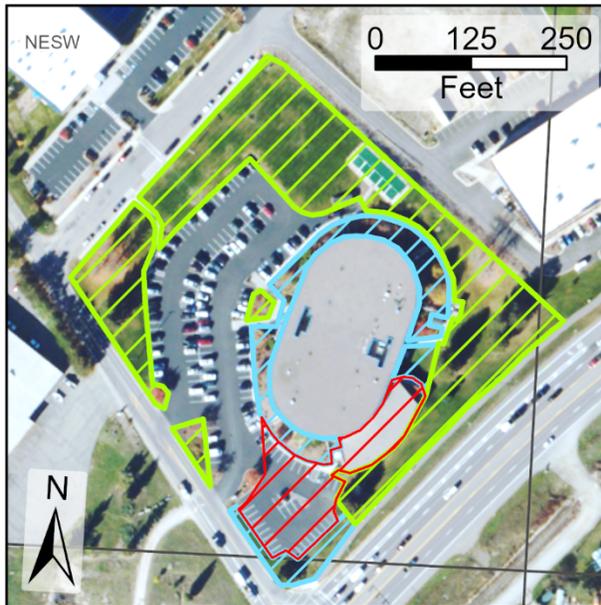
Indian Reservation Yes No If yes, Reservation _____

Irrigation District Yes No If yes, District _____

Specialist **Benjamin Thomas**

Date **2/11/2026**

Change Application 76H 30171414 - Peak Health Management Company



Legend

Remaining (Full Service)	Mitigation POU
Remaining (Supplemental)	Public Notice Right
Retired	



Map of surface water diversions downstream of the point where mitigation to the Bitterroot begins. Locations are approximate, and some water rights may be displayed as having overlapping points of diversion.

Interested Party	
Applicant: Peak Health Management Company, LLC	
Consultant: Julie Merritt, WGM Group	
Avista Corporation	
Bureau of Indian Affairs	
Clark Fork Coalition	
Department of Environmental Quality	
Department of Fish Wildlife & Parks	
Lolo National Forest	
Missoula County Clerk & Recorder	
Missoula County Clerk of Court	
Missoula County Conservation District	
Missoulia	
Montana Board of Land Commissioners	
Northwestern Energy	
PPL Montana LLC	
Trout Unlimited	
U.S. Forest Service	
Water Right Owner	Water Right #
DEBORAH P COLE; ROBERT J COLE; VICTORIA GORDON	76H 560 00
1905 SUSSEX LLC	76H 633 00
DEBORAH P COLE; ROBERT J COLE; VICTORIA GORDON	76H 6445 00
GORDON, DENNIS D ESTATE; DAVID R YUHAS	76H 29206 00
WILLIAM R MACLAY	76H 31299 00
GRAYS MINI RANCH LLC	76H 35713 00
EARL M PRUYN	76H 43060 00
DORIS W SHERICK	76H 45872 00
SUSAN M WOLF	76H 47443 00
DEBORAH P COLE; ROBERT J COLE	76H 52092 00
WESTERN MONTANA RETRIEVER CLUB INC	76H 87103 00
JOY E TWITE; SCOTT A TWITE	76H 105168 00
USA (DEPT OF ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS)	76H 111267 00
USA (DEPT OF ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS)	76H 111268 00
BRUCE B BARRETT; HOWARD J HICKINGBOTHAM; SANDRA B HICKINGBOTHAM	76H 125091 00
BRAD A BENIGER; CAROL M BENIGER; MICHAEL A KENNEDY; JON T MCROBERTS; KATRINA MCROBERTS; SHARI F MONTANA	76H 149983 00
ADAM BARTELS; KARIN BARTELS	76H 150826 00
KYMRA ARCHIBALD; MATTHEW ARCHIBALD	76H 150956 00
CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES; MONTANA DEPT OF FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS	76H 151306 00
CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES; MONTANA DEPT OF FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS	76H 151311 00
CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES; MONTANA DEPT OF FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS	76H 151312 00
CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES; MONTANA DEPT OF FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS	76H 151313 00
CAPRI FOSEID; REID FOSEID	76H 151394 00
CARTER E BECK; SUSAN M BECK	76H 151743 00
PEAK HEALTH MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC	76H 30122609

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Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Water Resources Division
Water Rights Bureau

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
For Routine Actions with Limited Environmental Impact

Part I. Proposed Action Description

- 1. Applicant/Contact name and address:**
Peak Health Management Company LLC
3565 Pattee Canyon Rd
Missoula, MT 59803-1826
- 2. Type of action:** Change Application 76H 30171414
- 3. Water source name:** Groundwater
- 4. Location affected by project:** Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West, Missoula County. Bitterroot River from the southern boundary of the SESW Section 2, T12N, R20W to the confluence of the Bitterroot and Clark Fork Rivers in the NWNW Sec. 27, T13N, R20W.
- 5. Narrative summary of the proposed project, purpose, action to be taken, and benefits:** Peak Health Management Company LLC proposes to reduce diversion of water from two wells in the NWSE Sec. 2 T12N, R20W and to cease irrigation on 0.46 acres of lawn and garden. The reduction in water use will result in the elimination of 0.78 AF of historical depletions to the Bitterroot River. This water, made newly available in the Bitterroot, will be used to mitigate depletions arising from proposed Permit Application 76H 30150412.
The DNRC shall issue a change authorization if an applicant proves the criteria in 85-2-402 MCA are met.
- 6. Agencies consulted during preparation of the Environmental Assessment:**
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (DFWP)
Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Montana Natural Heritage Program Species of Concern Report
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey

Part II. Environmental Review

Environmental Impact Checklist:

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUANTITY, QUALITY AND DISTRIBUTION

Water quantity - *Assess whether the source of supply is identified as a chronically or periodically dewatered stream by DFWP. Assess whether the proposed use will worsen the already dewatered condition.*

This reach of the Bitterroot River is not identified as a chronically or periodically dewatered stream by DFWP. This application is for aquifer recharge to offset depletions to the Bitterroot River by another application. The total consumptive use of water under this Statement of Claim will decrease if this change application is approved.

Determination: No significant impact

Water quality - *Assess whether the stream is listed as water quality impaired or threatened by DEQ, and whether the proposed project will affect water quality.*

The Bitterroot River is not considered to have impaired water quality by DEQ. The proposed application for aquifer recharge is not expected to negatively affect water quality.

Determination: No significant impact

Groundwater - *Assess if the proposed project impacts ground water quality or supply. If this is a groundwater appropriation, assess if it could impact adjacent surface water flows.*

This application is for a reduction in groundwater appropriation, which will result in 0.78AF of water historically depleted from the Bitterroot River being left undiverted. No negative effects on groundwater quality or supply are anticipated as a result of this change.

Determination: No significant impact

DIVERSION WORKS - *Assess whether the means of diversion, construction and operation of the appropriation works of the proposed project will impact any of the following: channel impacts, flow modifications, barriers, riparian areas, dams, well construction.*

The diversion works already exist. No new construction will occur.

Determination: No significant impacts.

UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Endangered and threatened species - Assess whether the proposed project will impact any threatened or endangered fish, wildlife, plants or aquatic species or any "species of special concern," or create a barrier to the migration or movement of fish or wildlife. For groundwater, assess whether the proposed project, including impacts on adjacent surface flows, would impact any threatened or endangered species or "species of special concern."

The Montana Natural Heritage Program website was reviewed to determine if there are any "threatened" or "endangered" fish, wildlife, plants, or aquatic species that could potentially be impacted by this project. "Species of special concern" were also included in this search.

According to the Montana Natural Heritage Program, observations from the past 50 years indicate that 13 animal species of concern may be found in the area of potential impact. Of these, 2 species are listed as threatened by the USFWS in this area: the Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*) and the Bull Trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*).

Animal species of concern include:

Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*)
Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*)
Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*)
Cassin's Finch (*Haemorhous cassinii*)
Clark's Nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*)
Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*)
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)
Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*)
Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)
Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*)
Westslope Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus lewisi*)
Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)
Northern Hoary Bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*)
Cassin's Finch (*Haemorhous cassinii*)
Clark's Nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*)
Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*)
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)
Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)
Bull Trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*)
Westslope Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus lewisi*)

The reduction of irrigation proposed in this project is not anticipated to adversely affect any of these species.

Determination: No significant impact.

Wetlands - Consult and assess whether the apparent wetland is a functional wetland (according to COE definitions), and whether the wetland resource would be impacted.

The area in which the diversion and conveyance structures will be constructed contain riparian emergent and freshwater emergent wetland. The diversion and conveyance structures are not anticipated to disrupt these ecosystems. The proposed aquifer recharge plan may raise groundwater levels in the area.

Determination: No significant impact.

Ponds - For ponds, consult and assess whether existing wildlife, waterfowl, or fisheries resources would be impacted.

Determination: N/A – This project does not involve ponds.

GEOLOGY/SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE - Assess whether there will be degradation of soil quality, alteration of soil stability, or moisture content. Assess whether the soils are heavy in salts that could cause saline seep.

No new construction or development is proposed to occur. This change is to reduce permitted irrigation on land which has already been developed into new buildings and parking lots. No change to the soils is expected.

Determination: No significant impact

VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY/NOXIOUS WEEDS - Assess impacts to existing vegetative cover. Assess whether the proposed project would result in the establishment or spread of noxious weeds.

No new construction or development is proposed to occur. The areas no longer irrigated have already been replaced with new impermeable surfaces (parking lot, buildings). No spread of noxious weeds will occur.

Determination: No significant impact

AIR QUALITY - Assess whether there will be a deterioration of air quality or adverse effects on vegetation due to increased air pollutants.

No negative effects to air quality are expected as a result of this proposal.

Determination: No significant impact

HISTORICAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES - Assess whether there will be degradation of unique archeological or historical sites in the vicinity of the proposed project if it is on State or Federal Lands. If it is not on State or Federal Lands simply state NA-project not located on State or Federal Lands.

Determination: N/A – Project not located on State or Federal Lands

DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AND ENERGY - Assess any other impacts on environmental resources of land, water and energy not already addressed.

No additional impacts to land, water, or energy are anticipated.

Determination: No significant impact

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS - Assess whether the proposed project is inconsistent with any locally adopted environmental plans and goals.

This project does not violate any known locally adopted environmental plans or regulations.

Determination: No significant impact

ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES - Assess whether the proposed project will impact access to or the quality of recreational and wilderness activities.

The proposed project will not inhibit, alter, or impair access to present recreational opportunities in the area. The project is not expected to create any significant pollution, noise, or traffic congestion in the area that may alter the quality of recreational opportunities. The proposed place of use and diversion do not exist on land designated as wilderness.

Determination: No significant impact

HUMAN HEALTH - Assess whether the proposed project impacts on human health.

No impacts on human health are anticipated as a result of this project.

Determination: No significant impact

PRIVATE PROPERTY - Assess whether there are any government regulatory impacts on private property rights.

Yes ___ No X If yes, analyze any alternatives considered that could reduce, minimize, or eliminate the regulation of private property rights.

Determination: No significant impact

OTHER HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES - For routine actions of limited environmental impact, the following may be addressed in a checklist fashion.

Impacts on:

- (a) Cultural uniqueness and diversity? None identified
 - (b) Local and state tax base and tax revenues? None identified
 - (c) Existing land uses? None identified
 - (d) Quantity and distribution of employment? None identified
 - (e) Distribution and density of population and housing? None identified
 - (f) Demands for government services? None identified
 - (g) Industrial and commercial activity? None identified
 - (h) Utilities? None identified
 - (i) Transportation? None identified
 - (j) Safety? None identified
 - (k) Other appropriate social and economic circumstances? None identified
2. ***Secondary and cumulative impacts on the physical environment and human population:***
- Secondary Impacts: None identified
- Cumulative Impacts: None identified
3. ***Describe any mitigation/stipulation measures:*** None
4. ***Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, including the no action alternative, if an alternative is reasonably available and prudent to consider:*** None identified

PART III. Conclusion

- 1. ***Preferred Alternative***
Issue a water use permit if the Applicant proves the criteria in 85-2-402 MCA are met.
- 2 ***Comments and Responses***
None.

3. Finding:

Yes ___ No X Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this EA, is an EIS required?

If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for this proposed action:

No significant environmental impacts were identified as a result of the EA.

Name of person(s) responsible for preparation of EA:

Name: Benjamin Thomas

Title: Water Conservation Specialist

Date: 1/12/2026

Draft Preliminary Determinations

- Draft PD
- Draft PD cover letter
- Updated Draft PD
- Updated Draft PD cover letter
- Any correspondence with the applicant regarding the draft PDs

Draft Preliminary Determinations

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

APPLICATION TO CHANGE WATER RIGHT) NO. 76H 30171414 BY PEAK HEALTH) MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC)	DRAFT PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO GRANT CHANGE
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On October 3, 2025, Peak Health Management Company LLC (Applicant) submitted Application to Change Water Right No. 76H 30171414 to change Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00 to the Missoula Regional Office of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Department or DNRC). The Department published receipt of the application on its website. The Department sent Applicant a deficiency letter under § 85-2-302, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), dated October 24, 2025. The Applicant responded with information dated October 24, 2025. A preapplication meeting was held between the Department and the Applicant on July 22, 2025, in which the Applicant designated that the technical analyses for this application would be completed by the Department. The Applicant returned the completed Preapplication Meeting Form on July 29, 2025. The Department delivered the Department-completed technical analysis on September 19, 2025. The Application was determined to be correct and complete as of November 19, 2025. An Environmental Assessment for this application was completed on January 12, 2026.

INFORMATION

The Department considered the following information submitted by the Applicant, which is contained in the administrative record.

Application as filed:

- Application to Change a Water Right, Form 606
- Addenda:
 - Mitigation Addendum, Form 600/606-MIT
- Maps:
 - REVISED Map IR.2.E Proposed POD and POU (2023 Aerial Photo)
 - 606 Item 17. Hist Use Map (2004 Aerial Photo)
 - 606 Item 18. Proposed Use Map (2017 Aerial Photo)
 - 606 Item 18 Proposed POD and POU (2023 Aerial Photo)

- Department-completed technical analyses based on information provided in the Preapplication Meeting Form, dated September 19, 2025

Information within the Department's Possession/Knowledge

- DNRC Depletion and Mitigation Report for Permit Application No. 76H 30150412, dated November 16, 2021
- Revised Depletion and Mitigation Report for Permit Application No. 76H 30150412, dated June 5, 2024
- Surface Water Change Technical Analysis Report for Permit Application No. 76H 30150414, dated November 3, 2025
- The Department also routinely considers the following information. The following information is not included in the administrative file for this Application, but is available upon request. Please contact the Missoula Regional Office at (406) 721-4284 to request copies of the following documents.
 - DNRC Consumptive Use Methodology – Turf Grass (New Projects), dated March 23, 2010

The Department has fully reviewed and considered the evidence and argument submitted in this Application and preliminarily determines the following pursuant to the Montana Water Use Act (Title 85, chapter 2, part 3, part 4, MCA).

For the purposes of this document, Department or DNRC means the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation; CFS means cubic feet per second; GPM means gallons per minute; AF means acre-feet; AC means acres; and AF/YR means acre-feet per year.

WATER RIGHTS TO BE CHANGED

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Applicant seeks to change the point of diversion, place of use, and purpose of Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00 in this Application. Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00 is authorized for a flow rate of 120 GPM, diverted volume of 3.5 AF from the groundwater aquifer via means of two wells (GWICs 67088 and 67089), for the purposes of commercial use and lawn & garden irrigation on 3 acres. The period of use for the commercial purpose is January 1 through December 31, and the period of use for the lawn & garden irrigation purpose is April 15 through October 15. The points of diversion are located in the NWNWSE and the SWNWSE of Section 2, T12N, R20W, Missoula County and water is conveyed to the place of use by means of a pipeline.

Table 1: Water Right Proposed for Change

Water Right Number	Flow Rate	Purpose	Volume	Period Of Use	Place Of Use	Points Of Diversion	Priority Date
76H 62593-00	120 GPM	Commercial	N/A – Flow Rate Only	Jan. 1– Dec. 31	SENE SW Section 2, T12N, R20W, Missoula County	NWNWSE & SWNWSE Section 2, T12N, R20W, Missoula County	May 5, 1986
		Irrigation (Lawn & Garden)	3.5 AF	Apr. 15 – Oct. 15			

2. Ground Water Certificate No. 76H 65902-00 is supplemental to Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00, sharing a common place of use and one well as a common point of diversion. Of the three acres of lawn & garden serviced by Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00, two are supplemented by Ground Water Certificate No. 76H 65902-00. Both rights also share the commercial purpose and place of use, however, the whole volume for this purpose has been supplied by the ground water certificate, with the permit only providing additional flow rate.

Table 2. Water Rights Supplemental to 76H 62593-00

Water Right Number	Flow Rate	Purpose	Volume	Period Of Use	Place Of Use	Points Of Diversion	Priority Date
76H 65902-00	96.6 GPM	Commercial	9 AF	Jan. 1– Dec. 31	SENE SW Section 2, T12N, R20W, Missoula County	SWNWSE Section 2, T12N, R20W, Missoula County	May 5, 1986
		Irrigation (Lawn & Garden)	5 AF	Apr. 15 – Oct. 15			

3. The Applicant submitted Change Application No. 76H 30150413 for Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 on March 26, 2021. This Application was similar in scope and intent, in that the Applicant sought to provide mitigation water to Permit Application 76H 30150412 by retiring irrigation. On October 12, 2023, the Applicant requested to withdraw Change Application No. 76H 30150413. As this change was never completed and the Applicant’s plans have evolved, the Department has not relied on the findings made in the technical analysis for the previous change.

CHANGE PROPOSAL

FINDINGS OF FACT

4. The Applicant proposes to change the purpose and place of use of Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00. Currently, the purposes for this permit are commercial use and irrigation of 3 acres

of lawn and garden. Under the proposed change, irrigation would be retired on 0.46 acres and the water previously diverted for this purpose would be given a new mitigation purpose to help offset the depletions identified in Permit Application 76H 30150412. The place of use for the mitigation purpose would be the Bitterroot River from the southern boundary of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West (the point where depletions from the groundwater diversion historically accrued) to the confluence of the Clark Fork and Bitterroot rivers. Map 1 shows the elements of the proposed change.

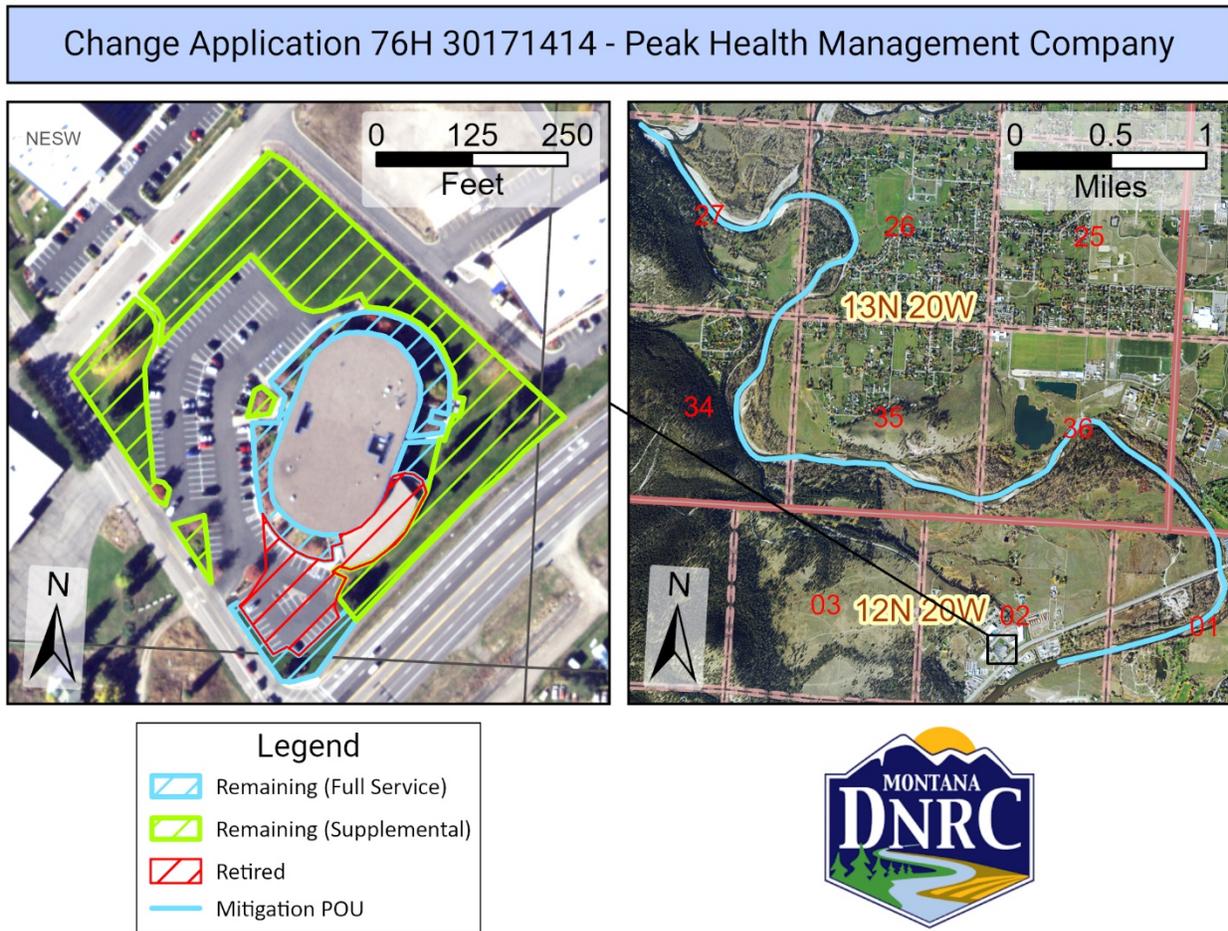


Figure 1. Map of the proposed change.

CHANGE CRITERIA

5. The Department is authorized to approve a change if the Applicant meets its burden to prove the applicable § 85-2-402, MCA, criteria by a preponderance of the evidence. *Matter of Royston*, 249 Mont. 425, 429, 816 P.2d 1054, 1057 (1991); *Hohenlohe v. DNRC*, 2010 MT 203, ¶¶ 33, 35, and 75, 357 Mont. 438, 240 P.3d 628 (an Applicant’s burden to prove change criteria by a preponderance of evidence is “more probable than not.”); *Town of Manhattan v. DNRC*, 2012

MT 81, ¶ 8, 364 Mont. 450, 276 P.3d 920. Under this Preliminary Determination, the relevant change criteria in § 85-2-402(2), MCA, are:

(2) Except as provided in subsections (4) through (6), (15), (16), and (18) and, if applicable, subject to subsection (17), the department shall approve a change in appropriation right if the appropriator proves by a preponderance of evidence that the following criteria are met:

(a) The proposed change in appropriation right will not adversely affect the use of the existing water rights of other persons or other perfected or planned uses or developments for which a permit or certificate has been issued or for which a state water reservation has been issued under part 3.

(b) The proposed means of diversion, construction, and operation of the appropriation works are adequate, except for: (i) a change in appropriation right for instream flow pursuant to 85-2-320 or 85-2-436; (ii) a temporary change in appropriation right for instream flow pursuant to 85-2-408; or (iii) a change in appropriation right pursuant to 85-2-420 for mitigation or marketing for mitigation.

(c) The proposed use of water is a beneficial use.

(d) The Applicant has a possessory interest, or the written consent of the person with the possessory interest, in the property where the water is to be put to beneficial use or, if the proposed change involves a point of diversion, conveyance, or place of use on national forest system lands, the Applicant has any written special use authorization required by federal law to occupy, use, or traverse national forest system lands for the purpose of diversion, impoundment, storage, transportation, withdrawal, use, or distribution of water. This subsection (2)(d) does not apply to: (i) a change in appropriation right for instream flow pursuant to 85-2-320 or 85-2-436; (ii) a temporary change in appropriation right for instream flow pursuant to 85-2-408; or (iii) a change in appropriation right pursuant to 85-2-420 for mitigation or marketing for mitigation.

6. The evaluation of a proposed change in appropriation does not adjudicate the underlying right(s). The Department's change process only addresses the water right holder's ability to make a different use of that existing right. *E.g., Hohenlohe*, ¶¶ 29-31; *Town of Manhattan*, ¶ 8; *In the Matter of Application to Change Appropriation Water Right No.41F-31227 by T-L Irrigation Company* (DNRC Final Order 1991).

HISTORICAL USE AND ADVERSE EFFECT

FINDINGS OF FACT - Historical Use

7. Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 has a priority date of May 5, 1986, and lists a 3-acre place of use for irrigation in the SENESW Section 2, T12N, R20W, Missoula County. The project completion notice for the permit was received on December 31, 1996, and the permit was certified on October 21, 1997. The verification abstract (verifab) confirmed 3 acres of irrigation. This number was corroborated by a review of Google Earth imagery from 2002, the earliest date after certification for which aerial photos could be found.

8. The purpose of Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 is listed in the Department's database as irrigation. This appears to be a coding error by the Department, as the original application specifies "lawn and landscaping shrubbery" as the purpose, and the notice of completion confirms lawn & garden, not irrigation, as the purpose. Historical aerial imagery confirms this classification. Therefore, to ensure a fair and accurate analysis, the Department has determined to evaluate the historical consumptive use of this Permit according to the guidelines set forth in the document *DNRC Consumptive Use Methodology – Turf Grass (New Projects)*, dated March 23, 2010, which describes Department standard practice for analyzing lawn and garden irrigation.

9. The Department calculated the historical consumptive use for Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 following the directives of ARM 36.12.1902(16) and the aforementioned guidance document for turf grass. Using the Missoula WSO AP weather station for climate data and the USDA's Irrigation Water Requirements (IWR) program calculating water consumption for pasture grass, a net irrigation requirement of 20.38 inches (1.7 ft) per acre was found. The total consumptive use for lawn and garden irrigation on 3 acres was calculated to be 5.1 AF ($1.7 \times 3.0 = 5.1$).

10. Diverted volume for irrigation is calculated by dividing consumptive volume by an irrigation efficiency value which estimates what percentage of water applied as irrigation is actually consumed by plants. The efficiency value for sprinkler irrigation is 70%. Thus, the diverted volume required to sprinkle irrigate 1 acre of lawn and garden is 2.43 AF ($1.7 \div 70\% = 2.43$) and the total diverted volume necessary to supply the full 3 acres of lawn and garden is 7.29 AF ($2.43 \times 3 = 7.29$).

11. Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 allows for 3.5 AF of water to be appropriated for irrigation, less than the 7.29 AF necessary to irrigate 3 acres of lawn and garden. However, of these three acres, only one is fully serviced by the subject water right; the remaining two are supplemented with water from Ground Water Certificate 76H 65902-00, a junior right. Accordingly, the Department calculated the distribution of the permit's 3.5 AF by first allocating 2.43 AF to the one acre serviced solely by the permit and then assigning the remaining 1.07 AF to the two acres supplementally serviced by 76H 65902-00, relying on water from that right to meet the full irrigation requirements. A breakdown of water on the 3 irrigated acres is shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Apportionment of Historical Consumed and Diverted Volume by Water Right

Location	Water Right No.	Apportioned Historic Consumed Volume	Apportioned Historic Diverted Volume	Percent of Volume Provided
1-acre plot	76H 62593-00	1.7 AF	2.43 AF	100%
2-acre plot	76H 62593-00	0.75 AF	1.07 AF	22%
2-acre plot	76H 65902-00	2.65 AF	3.79 AF	78%
Total		5.1 AF	7.29 AF	

12. The historical points of diversion for Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 are two wells in the SW and NW of the NWSE Section 2, T12N, R20W, Missoula County (GWICs 67088 and 67089, respectively). The historical period of diversion for these wells is year-round. The period of use for the irrigation purpose is April 15 through October 15, which is in accordance with Department standards, while the period of use for the commercial purpose is year-round. These elements of the water right were verified when the project completion notice was filed.

13. The Department finds the following historical use, as shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Summary of Historical Use Findings for Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00

WR #	Priority Date	Diverted Volume	Flow Rate	Purpose	Consumptive Use	Place of Use	Point of Diversion
76H 62593-00	May 5, 1986	3.5 AF	120 GPM	Irrigation (3 acres)	2.43 AF	SENE SW Sec. 2, T12N, R20W	SWNWSE & NWNWSE Sec. 2, T12N, R20W
				Commercial	N/A (Flow Rate Only)		

ADVERSE EFFECT

FINDINGS OF FACT

14. The Applicant proposes to reduce the irrigation place of use by 0.46 acres in the area serviced solely by Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00. The water historically consumed in this area will remain undiverted in the aquifer, resulting in the elimination of 0.78 AF and 0.5 GPM of historical depletions to the Bitterroot River. The Applicant will use this reduction in historical depletions for a new mitigation purpose to offset projected depletions from Permit Application No. 76H 30150412.

15. The historically consumed volume associated with 1 acre of lawn and garden irrigation is 1.7 AF, as calculated above. The historically consumed volume on 0.46 acres can therefore be found to be 0.78 AF ($1.7 * 0.46 = 0.78$).

16. A monthly breakdown of historical depletions associated with the 0.46 acres being retired under this change can be seen in Table 5. Historical consumption was calculated using the USDA Irrigation Water Requirements program, and depletions to the Bitterroot River were calculated by hydrologic modelling. A more complete description of the parameters used in the hydrologic model and the exact methodology used to arrive at these values can be found in the Department's Depletion and Mitigation Report, dated November 16, 2021.

Table 5: Monthly Depletions from Irrigation of 0.46 Acres by Permit No. 76H 62593-00

Month	Historical Consumption (AF)	Historical Depletion (AF)	Historical Depletion (GPM)
January	0.00	0.07	0.5
February	0.00	0.06	0.5
March	0.00	0.07	0.5
April	0.02	0.06	0.5
May	0.10	0.07	0.5
June	0.15	0.06	0.5
July	0.22	0.07	0.5
August	0.19	0.07	0.5
September	0.10	0.06	0.5
October	0.02	0.07	0.5
November	0.00	0.06	0.5
December	0.00	0.07	0.5
TOTAL	0.78	0.78	--

Note: Totals may not reflect an exact sum of displayed monthly values due to rounding.

17. The historical consumptive use for Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00 is 2.45 AF. The proposed change will result in 0.78 AF of historically consumed volume being left in the groundwater aquifer for the purpose of mitigation, reducing the irrigation purpose consumptive use to 1.67 AF.

18. There is no change in the historical timing or pattern of diversion, as 2.54 acres of authorized irrigation will persist. A return flow analysis was not conducted, in keeping with Department standard practice for lawn and garden irrigation.

19. The area proposed for retirement was historically irrigated only by the subject water right; no change has been proposed to the area jointly irrigated by the subject water right and Ground Water Certificate 76H 65902-00. As a result, this change is not expected to result in water consumption by the supplemental water right exceeding what was historically used.

20. The Department finds that no water rights will be adversely affected as a result of this change. There will be no change in the location or timing of depletions to the Bitterroot river, and the rate of depletions will decrease. The total consumed volume of water associated with the irrigation purpose under the subject water right will be reduced from 2.45 AF to 1.67 AF.

BENEFICIAL USE

FINDINGS OF FACT

21. This change application is intended to provide mitigation water for Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit No. 76H 30150412, which requires mitigation water to be made available in the Bitterroot River in the months of January, February, May, June, and December to offset its depletions. The mitigation water provided by this application, when combined with the mitigation and aquifer recharge water provided by Change Application 76H 30150414, is sufficient to offset the depletions from Permit Application 76H 30150412. A comprehensive breakdown of depletions, mitigation, and aquifer recharge can be found in Tables 6 and 7, below.

Table 6: Combined Effects of Permit and Changes to the Bitterroot River (Volume).

Month	76H 30150412	76H 30171414	76H 30150414		Net Volume Change in Bitterroot River (AF)
	Volume of Depletions (AF)	Mitigation Volume (AF)	Mitigation Volume (AF)	Aquifer Recharge Volume (AF)	
January	-0.17	0.07	0	0.24	0.14
February	-0.15	0.06	0	0.17	0.08
March	-0.17	0.07	0	0.15	0.05
April	-0.16	0.06	0	0.13	0.03
May	-0.17	0.07	0.05	0.11	0.06
June	-0.16	0.06	0.05	0.1	0.05
July	-0.17	0.07	0.05	0.09	0.04

August	-0.17	0.07	0.05	0.09	0.04
September	-0.16	0.06	0	2.86	2.76
October	-0.17	0.07	0	5.17	5.07
November	-0.16	0.06	0	0.64	0.54
December	-0.17	0.07	0	0.35	0.25
Total	-1.99	0.78	0.2	10.1	9.11

Table 7: Combined Effects of Permit and Changes the Bitterroot River (Flow Rate).

Month	76H 30150412	76H 30171414	76H 30150414		Net Flow Rate Change in Bitterroot River (GPM)
	Flow Rate of Depletions (GPM)	Mitigation Flow Rate (GPM)	Mitigation Flow Rate (GPM)	Aquifer Recharge Flow Rate (GPM)	
January	1.23	0.5	0	1.7	1.0
February	1.23	0.5	0	1.4	0.6
March	1.23	0.5	0	1.1	0.4
April	1.23	0.5	0	1.0	0.2
May	1.23	0.5	0.36	0.8	0.5
June	1.23	0.5	0.38	0.8	0.4
July	1.23	0.5	0.36	0.7	0.3
August	1.23	0.5	0.36	0.6	0.3
September	1.23	0.5	0	21.6	20.9
October	1.23	0.5	0	37.8	37.1
November	1.23	0.5	0	4.8	4.1
December	1.23	0.5	0	2.5	1.8

22. The Department’s technical analysis found that the location where depletions historically began to accrue is the Bitterroot River downstream of the southern boundary of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West, Missoula County. Mitigation water resulting from reduced water usage will begin to be available at this same point, which is also the location where depletions from Permit Application No. 76H 30150412 will begin to accrue. No part of the reach

depleted by the proposed Permit Application will lie outside of the reach mitigated by the proposed change.

23. The Department finds that the proposed water use is beneficial, and that the requested volume of 0.78 AF for mitigation is reasonably justified per ARM 36.12.1801(3).

24. The Applicant will be held to the following condition:

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 MONTHLY RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. IN THE EVENT THAT AUTHORIZED FLOW RATES AND/OR VOLUMES HAVE BEEN EXCEEDED DURING PERFECTION OF THE CHANGE AUTHORIZATION OR THE APPROPRIATOR FAILS TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTINUE TO REQUIRE ANNUAL SUBMISSIONS OF MONTHLY FLOW RATE AND VOLUME RECORDS. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT OR CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE MISSOULA WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

THIS CHANGE AUTHORIZATION PROVIDES MITIGATION WATER FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT NO. 76H 30150412 IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHANGE AUTHORIZATION NO. 76H 30150414. THE BENEFICIAL USE CRITERION OF THIS CHANGE AUTHORIZATION IS CONDITIONED UPON THE AUTHORIZATION OF BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT AUTHORIZATION NO. 76H 30150412 AND CHANGE AUTHORIZATION NO. 76H 30150414.

ADEQUATE DIVERSION

FINDINGS OF FACT

25. The proposed change of Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00 does not require a means of diversion or conveyance. Per § 85-2-402(2)(b)(iii), MCA, a change to mitigation pursuant to § 85-2-420, MCA, is exempt from the adequacy of diversion criterion.

POSSESSORY INTEREST

FINDINGS OF FACT

26. Pursuant to § 85-2-402(2)(d)(iii), MCA, the Applicant is not required to prove they have the possessory interest, or the written consent of the person with the possessory interest, in the property where the water is to be put to a beneficial use because this application involves mitigation per § 85-2-420, MCA.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

HISTORICAL USE AND ADVERSE EFFECT

27. Montana's change statute codifies the fundamental principles of the Prior Appropriation Doctrine. Sections 85-2-401 and -402(1)(a), MCA, authorize changes to existing water rights, permits, and water reservations subject to the fundamental tenet of Montana water law that one may change only that to which he or she has the right based upon beneficial use. A change to an existing water right may not expand the consumptive use of the underlying right or remove the well-established limit of the appropriator's right to water actually taken and beneficially used. An increase in consumptive use constitutes a new appropriation and is subject to the new water use permit requirements of the MWUA. *McDonald v. State*, 220 Mont. 519, 530, 722 P.2d 598, 605 (1986) (beneficial use constitutes the basis, measure, and limit of a water right); *Featherman v. Hennessy*, 43 Mont. 310, 316-17, 115 P. 983, 986 (1911) (increased consumption associated with expanded use of underlying right amounted to new appropriation rather than change in use); *Quigley v. McIntosh*, 110 Mont. 495, 103 P.2d 1067, 1072-74 (1940) (appropriator may not expand a water right through the guise of a change – expanded use constitutes a new use with a new priority date junior to intervening water uses); *Allen v. Petrick*, 69 Mont. 373, 222 P. 451(1924) (“quantity of water which may be claimed lawfully under a prior appropriation is limited to that quantity within the amount claimed which the appropriator has needed, and which within a reasonable time he has actually and economically applied to a beneficial use. . . . it may be said that the principle of beneficial use is the one of paramount importance . . . The appropriator does not own the water. He has a right of ownership in its use only”); *Town of Manhattan*, ¶ 10 (an appropriator's right only attaches to the amount of water actually taken and beneficially applied).¹

28. Sections 85-2-401(1) and -402(2)(a), MCA, codify the prior appropriation principles that Montana appropriators have a vested right to maintain surface and ground water conditions substantially as they existed at the time of their appropriation; subsequent appropriators may insist that prior appropriators confine their use to what was actually appropriated or necessary for

¹ DNRC decisions are available at: <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Directors-Office/HearingOrders>

their originally intended purpose of use; and, an appropriator may not change or alter its use in a manner that adversely affects another water user. *Spokane Ranch & Water Co. v. Beatty*, 37 Mont. 342, 96 P. 727, 731 (1908); *Quigley*, 110 Mont. at 505-11, 103 P.2d at 1072-74; *Matter of Royston*, 249 Mont. at 429, 816 P.2d at 1057; *Hohenlohe*, ¶¶ 43-45.²

29. The cornerstone of evaluating potential adverse effect to other appropriators is the determination of the “historic use” of the water right being changed. *Town of Manhattan*, ¶10 (recognizing that the Department’s obligation to ensure that change will not adversely affect other water rights requires analysis of the actual historic amount, pattern, and means of water use). A change Applicant must prove the extent and pattern of use for the underlying right proposed for change through evidence of the historic diverted amount, consumed amount, place of use, pattern of use, and return flow because a statement of claim, permit, or decree may not include the beneficial use information necessary to evaluate the amount of water available for change or potential for adverse effect.³ A comparative analysis of the historic use of the water right to the proposed change in use is necessary to prove the change will not result in expansion of the original right, or adversely affect water users who are entitled to rely upon maintenance of conditions on the source of supply for their water rights. *Quigley*, 103 P.2d at 1072-75 (it is necessary to ascertain historic use of a decreed water right to determine whether a change in use expands the underlying right to the detriment of other water user because a decree only provides a limited description of the right); *Royston*, 249 Mont. at 431-32, 816 P.2d at 1059-60 (record could not sustain a conclusion of no adverse effect because the Applicant failed to provide the Department with evidence of the historic diverted volume, consumption, and return flow); *Hohenlohe*, ¶ 44-45; *Town of Manhattan v. DNRC*, Cause No. DV-09-872C, Montana Eighteenth Judicial District Court, *Order Re Petition for Judicial Review*, Pgs. 11-12 (proof of historic use is required even when the right has been decreed because the decreed flow rate or volume establishes the maximum appropriation that may be diverted, and may exceed the historical

² See also *Holmstrom Land Co., Inc., v. Newlan Creek Water District*, 185 Mont. 409, 605 P.2d 1060 (1979); *Lokowich v. Helena*, 46 Mont. 575, 129 P. 1063 (1913); *Thompson v. Harvey*, 164 Mont. 133, 519 P.2d 963 (1974) (plaintiff could not change his diversion to a point upstream of the defendants because of the injury resulting to the defendants); *McIntosh v. Graveley*, 159 Mont. 72, 495 P.2d 186 (1972) (appropriator was entitled to move his point of diversion downstream, so long as he installed measuring devices to ensure that he took no more than would have been available at his original point of diversion); *Head v. Hale*, 38 Mont. 302, 100 P. 222 (1909) (successors of the appropriator of water appropriated for placer mining purposes cannot so change its use as to deprive lower appropriators of their rights, already acquired, in the use of it for irrigating purposes); and, *Gassert v. Noyes*, 18 Mont. 216, 44 P. 959 (1896) (change in place of use was unlawful where reduced the amount of water in the source of supply available which was subject to plaintiff’s subsequent right).

³A claim only constitutes *prima facie* evidence for the purposes of the adjudication under § 85-2-221, MCA. The claim does not constitute *prima facie* evidence of historical use in a change proceeding under § 85-2-402, MCA. For example, most water rights decreed for irrigation are not decreed with a volume and provide limited evidence of actual historic beneficial use. Section 85-2-234, MCA

pattern of use, amount diverted or amount consumed through actual use); Matter of Application For Beneficial Water Use Permit By City of Bozeman, Memorandum, Pgs. 8-22 (Adopted by DNRC *Final Order* January 9, 1985)(evidence of historic use must be compared to the proposed change in use to give effect to the implied limitations read into every decreed right that an appropriator has no right to expand his appropriation or change his use to the detriment of juniors).⁴

30. An Applicant must also analyze the extent to which a proposed change may alter historic return flows for purposes of establishing that the proposed change will not result in adverse effect. The requisite return flow analysis reflects the fundamental tenant of Montana water law that once water leaves the control of the original appropriator, the original appropriator has no right to its use and the water is subject to appropriation by others. *E.g., Hohenlohe*, ¶ 44; *Rock Creek Ditch & Flume Co. v. Miller*, 93 Mont. 248, 17 P.2d 1074, 1077 (1933); *Newton v. Weiler*, 87 Mont. 164, 286 P. 133 (1930); *Popham v. Holloron*, 84 Mont. 442, 275 P. 1099, 1102 (1929); *Galiger v. McNulty*, 80 Mont. 339, 260 P. 401 (1927); *Head v. Hale*, 38 Mont. 302, 100 P. 222 (1909); *Spokane Ranch & Water Co.*, 37 Mont. at 351-52, 96 P. at 731; *Hidden Hollow Ranch v. Fields*, 2004 MT 153, 321 Mont. 505, 92 P.3d 1185; ARM 36.12.101(56) (Return flow - that part of a diverted flow which is not consumed by the appropriator and returns underground to its original source or another source of water - is not part of a water right and is subject to appropriation by

⁴ Other western states likewise rely upon the doctrine of historic use as a critical component in evaluating changes in appropriation rights for expansion and adverse effect: Pueblo West Metropolitan District v. Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, 717 P.2d 955, 959 (Colo. 1986)("[O]nce an appropriator exercises his or her privilege to change a water right ... the appropriator runs a real risk of requantification of the water right based on actual historical consumptive use. In such a change proceeding a junior water right ... which had been strictly administered throughout its existence would, in all probability, be reduced to a lesser quantity because of the relatively limited actual historic use of the right."); Santa Fe Trail Ranches Property Owners Ass'n v. Simpson, 990 P.2d 46, 55 -57 (Colo., 1999); Farmers Reservoir and Irr. Co. v. City of Golden, 44 P.3d 241, 245 (Colo. 2002)("We [Colorado Supreme Court] have stated time and again that the need for security and predictability in the prior appropriation system dictates that holders of vested water rights are entitled to the continuation of stream conditions as they existed at the time they first made their appropriation); Application for Water Rights in Rio Grande County, 53 P.3d 1165, 1170 (Colo. 2002); Wyo. Stat. § 41-3-104 (When an owner of a water right wishes to change a water right ... he shall file a petition requesting permission to make such a change The change ... may be allowed provided that the quantity of water transferred ... shall not exceed the amount of water historically diverted under the existing use, nor increase the historic rate of diversion under the existing use, nor increase the historic amount consumptively used under the existing use, nor decrease the historic amount of return flow, nor in any manner injure other existing lawful appropriators.); Basin Elec. Power Co-op. v. State Bd. of Control, 578 P.2d 557, 564 -566 (Wyo, 1978) (a water right holder may not effect a change of use transferring more water than he had historically consumptively used; regardless of the lack of injury to other appropriators, the amount of water historically diverted under the existing use, the historic rate of diversion under the existing use, the historic amount consumptively used under the existing use, and the historic amount of return flow must be considered.)

subsequent water users).⁵

31. Although the level of analysis may vary, analysis of the extent to which a proposed change may alter the amount, location, or timing return flows is critical in order to prove that the proposed change will not adversely affect other appropriators who rely on those return flows as part of the source of supply for their water rights. *Royston*, 249 Mont. at 431, 816 P.2d at 1059-60; *Hohenlohe*, at ¶¶ 45-46 and 55-6; *Spokane Ranch & Water Co.*, 37 Mont. at 351-52, 96 P. at 731.

32. In *Royston*, the Montana Supreme Court confirmed that an Applicant is required to prove lack of adverse effect through comparison of the proposed change to the historic use, historic consumption, and historic return flows of the original right. 249 Mont. at 431, 816 P.2d at 1059-60. More recently, the Montana Supreme Court explained the relationship between the fundamental principles of historic beneficial use, return flow, and the rights of subsequent appropriators as they relate to the adverse effect analysis in a change proceeding in the following manner:

The question of adverse effect under §§ 85-2-402(2) and -408(3), MCA, implicates return flows. A change in the amount of return flow, or to the hydrogeologic pattern of return flow, has the potential to affect adversely downstream water rights. There consequently exists an inextricable link between the “amount historically consumed” and the water that re-enters the stream as return flow. . . .

An appropriator historically has been entitled to the greatest quantity of water he can put to use. The requirement that the use be both beneficial and reasonable, however, proscribes this tenet. This limitation springs from a fundamental tenet of western water law-that an appropriator has a right only to that amount of water historically put to beneficial use-developed in concert with the rationale that each subsequent appropriator “is entitled to have the water flow in the same manner as when he located,” and the appropriator may insist that prior appropriators do not affect adversely his rights.

This fundamental rule of Montana water law has dictated the Department’s determinations in numerous prior change proceedings. The Department claims that historic consumptive use, as quantified in part by return flow analysis, represents a key element of proving historic beneficial use.

We do not dispute this interrelationship between historic consumptive use, return flow, and the amount of water to which an appropriator is entitled as limited by his past beneficial use.

Hohenlohe, at ¶¶ 42-45 (internal citations omitted).

⁵ The Montana Supreme Court recently recognized the fundamental nature of return flows to Montana’s water sources in addressing whether the Mitchell Slough was a perennial flowing stream, given the large amount of irrigation return flow which feeds the stream. The Court acknowledged that the Mitchell’s flows are fed by irrigation return flows available for appropriation. *Bitterroot River Protective Ass’n, Inc. v. Bitterroot Conservation Dist.*, 2008 MT 377, ¶¶ 22, 31, 43, 346 Mont. 508, 198 P.3d 219,(citing *Hidden Hollow Ranch v. Fields*, 2004 MT 153, 321 Mont. 505, 92 P.3d 1185).

33. The Department's rules reflect the above fundamental principles of Montana water law and are designed to itemize the type evidence and analysis required for an Applicant to meet its burden of proof. ARM 36.12.1901 through 1903. These rules forth specific evidence and analysis required to establish the parameters of historic use of the water right being changed. ARM 36.12.1901 and 1902. The rules also outline the analysis required to establish a lack of adverse effect based upon a comparison of historic use of the water rights being changed to the proposed use under the changed conditions along with evaluation of the potential impacts of the change on other water users caused by changes in the amount, timing, or location of historic diversions and return flows. ARM 36.12.1901 and 1903.

34. While evidence may be provided that a particular parcel was irrigated, the actual amount of water historically diverted and consumed is critical. *E.g., In the Matter of Application to Change Water Right No. 41H 1223599 by MGRR #1, LLC.*, DNRC Proposal for Decision adopted by Final Order (2005). The Department cannot assume that a parcel received the full duty of water or that it received sufficient water to constitute full-service irrigation for optimum plant growth. Even when it seems clear that no other rights could be affected solely by a particular change in the location of diversion, it is essential that the change also not enlarge an existing right. *See MacDonald*, 220 Mont. at 529, 722 P.2d at 604; *Featherman*, 43 Mont. at 316-17, 115 P. at 986; *Trail's End Ranch, L.L.C. v. Colorado Div. of Water Resources*, 91 P.3d 1058, 1063 (Colo., 2004).

35. The Department has adopted a rule providing for the calculation of historic consumptive use where the Applicant proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the acreage was historically irrigated. ARM 36.12.1902(16). In the alternative an Applicant may present its own evidence of historic beneficial use. In this case Applicant has elected to proceed under ARM 36.12.1902. (FOF Nos. 8-9).

36. If an Applicant seeks more than the historic consumptive use as calculated by ARM 36.12.1902(16), the Applicant bears the burden of proof to demonstrate the amount of historic consumptive use by a preponderance of the evidence. The actual historic use of water could be less than the optimum utilization represented by the calculated duty of water in any particular case. *E.g., Application for Water Rights in Rio Grande County*, 53 P.3d 1165 (Colo., 2002) (historical use must be quantified to ensure no enlargement); *In the Matter of Application to Change Water Right No. 41H 1223599 by MGRR #1, LLC.*; *Orr v. Arapahoe Water and Sanitation Dist.*, 753 P.2d 1217, 1223-1224 (Colo., 1988) (historical use of a water right could very well be less than the duty of water); *Weibert v. Rothe Bros., Inc.*, 200 Colo. 310, 317, 618 P.2d 1367, 1371 - 1372 (Colo. 1980) (historical use could be less than the optimum utilization "duty of water").

37. Based upon the Applicant's evidence of historic use, the Applicant has proven by a preponderance of the evidence the historic use of Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00 to be a diverted volume of 3.5 AF, a historically consumed volume of 2.43 AF, and flow rate of 120 GPM. (FOF Nos. 9-13)

38. Based upon the Applicant's comparative analysis of historic water use and return flows to water use and return flows under the proposed change, the Applicant has proven that the proposed change in appropriation right will not adversely affect the use of the existing water rights of other persons or other perfected or planned uses or developments for which a permit or certificate has been issued or for which a state water reservation has been issued. Section 85-2-402(2)(a), MCA. (FOF Nos. 14-20)

BENEFICIAL USE

39. A change Applicant must prove by a preponderance of the evidence the proposed use is a beneficial use. Sections 85-2-102(4) and -402(2)(c), MCA. Beneficial use is and has always been the hallmark of a valid Montana water right: "[T]he amount actually needed for beneficial use within the appropriation will be the basis, measure, and the limit of all water rights in Montana . . ." McDonald, 220 Mont. at 532, 722 P.2d at 606. The analysis of the beneficial use criterion is the same for change authorizations under §85-2-402, MCA, and new beneficial permits under §85-2-311, MCA. ARM 36.12.1801. The amount of water that may be authorized for change is limited to the amount of water necessary to sustain the beneficial use. *E.g., Bitterroot River Protective Association v. Siebel, Order on Petition for Judicial Review*, Cause No. BDV-2002-519 (Mont. 1st Jud. Dist. Ct.) (2003) (*affirmed on other grounds*, 2005 MT 60, 326 Mont. 241, 108 P.3d 518); *Worden v. Alexander*, 108 Mont. 208, 90 P.2d 160 (1939); *Allen v. Petrick*, 69 Mont. 373, 222 P. 451(1924); *Sitz Ranch v. DNRC*, DV-10-13390,, *Order Affirming DNRC Decision*, Pg. 3 (Mont. 5th Jud. Dist. Ct.) (2011) (citing *BRPA v. Siebel*, 2005 MT 60, and rejecting Applicant's argument that it be allowed to appropriate 800 acre-feet when a typical year would require 200-300 acre-feet); *Toohey v. Campbell*, 24 Mont. 13, 60 P. 396 (1900) ("The policy of the law is to prevent a person from acquiring exclusive control of a stream, or any part thereof, not for present and actual beneficial use, but for mere future speculative profit or advantage, without regard to existing or contemplated beneficial uses. He is restricted in the amount that he can appropriate to the quantity needed for such beneficial purposes."); § 85-2-312(1)(a), MCA (DNRC is statutorily prohibited from issuing a permit for more water than can be beneficially used).

40. Applicant proposes to use water for mitigation which is a recognized beneficial use. Section 85-2-102(5), MCA. Applicant has proven by a preponderance of the evidence mitigation is a beneficial use and that the 0.78 acre-feet of diverted volume requested is the amount needed to sustain the beneficial use. Section 85-2-402(2)(c), MCA (FOF Nos. 21-23).

ADEQUATE MEANS OF DIVERSION

41. Pursuant to § 85-2-402 (2)(b), MCA, the Applicant must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed means of diversion, construction, and operation of the appropriation works are adequate. This codifies the prior appropriation principle that the means of diversion must be reasonably effective for the contemplated use and may not result in a waste of the resource. *Crowley v. 6th Judicial District Court*, 108 Mont. 89, 88 P.2d 23 (1939); *In the Matter of Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit No. 41C-11339900 by Three Creeks Ranch of Wyoming LLC* (DNRC Final Order 2002) (information needed to prove that proposed means of diversion, construction, and operation of the appropriation works are adequate varies based upon project complexity; design by licensed engineer adequate).

42. Pursuant to § 85-2-402 (2)(b), MCA, the Applicant is not required to prove that the proposed means of diversion, construction, and operation of the appropriation works are adequate because this application involves a change in appropriation right pursuant to § 85-2-420, MCA, for mitigation or marketing for mitigation.

POSSESSORY INTEREST

43. Pursuant to § 85-2-402(2)(d), MCA, the Applicant is not required to prove that it has a possessory interest, or the written consent of the person with the possessory interest, in the property where the water is to be put to beneficial use because this application involves a change in appropriation right pursuant to § 85-2-420, MCA, for mitigation or marketing for mitigation.

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Subject to the terms and analysis in this Preliminary Determination Order, the Department preliminarily determines that this Application to Change Water Right No. 76H 30171414 should be GRANTED subject to the following.

The Applicant may retire 0.46 acres of irrigated lawn and garden in the SENESW Sec. 2, T12N, R20W, Missoula County. The reduced depletions to the Bitterroot River of 0.78 AF resulting from this retirement may be used for mitigating the depletions identified in Permit Application No. 76H 30150412. The place of use for mitigation will be the Bitterroot River from the southern boundary of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West, Missoula County, to the confluence of the Clark Fork and Bitterroot rivers.

Change Application No. 76H 30171414 will be subject to the following conditions, limitations, or restrictions to meet the beneficial use criterion:

1. 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 MONTHLY RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. IN THE EVENT THAT AUTHORIZED FLOW RATES AND/OR VOLUMES HAVE BEEN EXCEEDED DURING PERFECTION OF THE CHANGE AUTHORIZATION OR THE APPROPRIATOR FAILS TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTINUE TO REQUIRE ANNUAL SUBMISSIONS OF MONTHLY FLOW RATE AND VOLUME RECORDS. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT OR CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE MISSOULA WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

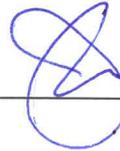
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AUTHORIZATION NO. 76H 30150412 AND CHANGE AUTHORIZATION NO.
76H 30150414.

NOTICE

The Department will provide a notice of opportunity for public comment on this Application and the Department's Draft Preliminary Determination to Grant pursuant to § 85-2-307, MCA. The Department will set a deadline for public comments to this Application pursuant to §§ 85-2-307, and -308, MCA. If this Application receives public comment, the Department shall consider the public comments, respond to the public comments, and issue a preliminary determination to grant the application, grant the application in modified form, or deny the application. If no public comments are received pursuant to § 85-2-307(4), MCA, the Department's preliminary determination will be adopted as the final determination.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2026.



Jim Nave, Manager
Missoula Regional Office

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Processing Materials

- Work copies of applicant-submitted information
- Deficiency letter
- Deficiency response
- Correct & complete determination
- Any correspondence with the applicant after application receipt and prior to sending the Draft PD

Processing Materials



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November 19, 2025

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Subject: Correct and Complete Application for Change No. 76H 30171414

Dear Applicant,

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Department) has determined that your application is correct and complete pursuant to ARM 36.12.1601. Please remember that correct and complete **does not mean that your application will be granted.** The purpose of this letter is to indicate that the Department has enough information to analyze your water right application.

The Department will issue a Draft Preliminary Determination within 60 days of the date of this letter per §85-2-307(2)(b), MCA. Following issuance of the Draft Preliminary Determination, you (Applicant) will have 15 business days to request an extension of time to submit additional information, if desired pursuant to §85-2-307(3)(a), MCA.

If no extension of time is requested and the Draft Preliminary Determination decision is to grant your application or grant your application in modified form, the Department will prepare a notice of opportunity to provide public comment, per §85-2-307(4)(a), MCA. If no extension of time is requested and the Draft Preliminary Determination decision is to deny your application, the Department will adopt the Draft Preliminary Determination as the final determination per §85-2-307(3)(d)(ii), MCA.



If you have any questions or concerns about the application process, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Thomas

Water Conservation Specialist

Missoula Regional Office

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cc: Julie Merritt, WGM Group





Groundwater Permit Technical Analyses Report – Part A – Notice of Erratum

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
Water Resources Division

Kim Bolhuis, Groundwater Hydrologist, Water Sciences Bureau (WSB)

Table with 2 columns: Field Name and Value. Fields include Applicant Name (Peak Health Management Company LLC), Application No. (76H 30171414), and Point of Diversion Legal Land Description (2 Wells in Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West, Missoula County).

Overview

This Notice of Erratum documents a correction to the Groundwater Permit Technical Analyses Report-Part A prepared for the above-mentioned water right permit application.

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Executive Summary

An error was identified in Table 1 of the Technical Analysis concerning the flow rates associated with the monthly historical and proposed net depletions and the net effect from the proposed groundwater use change. The monthly and annual volumetric depletions for the historical and proposed uses and the net effect from the change are correct, however, the flow rate for each use and the difference were incorrect.

The following information has been corrected from the original Groundwater Permit Technical Analyses Report:

- The monthly rate of depletions for the historical and proposed use and the net effect of the proposed change in Table 1.

Due to the depth of the pumped aquifer, adverse effects to the Bitterroot River from groundwater withdrawal were and would be considered to be year-round from both the historical and proposed uses. As the volumes used in the original Technical Analysis are correct and net effect to the Bitterroot River was calculated using those volumes, no change in the findings of the original Technical Analysis will occur from this correction to the depletion rates and net effect. The updated Table 1 is illustrated below.



Table 1: Net effect to the Bitterroot River from historical and proposed uses.

Month	HISTORICAL USE			PROPOSED			DIFFERENCE	
	Consumed Volume (AF)	Net Depletion (AF)	Net Depletion (gpm)	Consumed Volume (AF)	Net Depletion (AF)	Net Depletion (gpm)	Net Effect (AF)	Net Effect (gpm)
January	0.00	0.14	1.1	0.00	0.08	0.6	0.07	0.5
February	0.00	0.13	1.1	0.00	0.07	0.6	0.06	0.5
March	0.00	0.14	1.1	0.00	0.08	0.6	0.07	0.5
April	0.04	0.14	1.1	0.02	0.08	0.6	0.06	0.5
May	0.21	0.14	1.1	0.11	0.08	0.6	0.07	0.5
June	0.34	0.14	1.1	0.18	0.08	0.6	0.06	0.5
July	0.47	0.14	1.1	0.26	0.08	0.6	0.07	0.5
August	0.41	0.14	1.1	0.22	0.08	0.6	0.07	0.5
September	0.21	0.14	1.1	0.12	0.08	0.6	0.06	0.5
October	0.02	0.14	1.1	0.01	0.08	0.6	0.07	0.5
November	0.00	0.14	1.1	0.00	0.08	0.6	0.06	0.5
December	0.00	0.14	1.1	0.00	0.08	0.6	0.07	0.5
Total	1.70	1.70		0.92	0.92		0.78	

Review

This document has been reviewed on October 28, 2025, in accordance with Category 7 of [DNRC’s Water Sciences Bureau Minimum Standards of Review](#), Version 2, February 2024.

References

DNRC, 2018. Technical Memorandum: Net Surface Water Depletion from Ground Water Pumping, dated July 6, 2018.

DNRC, 2019. Technical Memorandum: Physical and Legal Availability of Ground Water, dated April 22, 2019.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2025

TO: Benjamin Thomas, Water Conservation Specialist II, MRO WRD DNRC

FROM: Julie A. Merritt, Sr. Water Resource Specialist, WGM Group, Inc.

CC: Charlie Eiseman, Owner Peak Health Management Co, LLC
Ross Miller, Attorney for Peak Health Management Co, LLC

RE: Response to Deficiency Letter for Change Application No. 76H 30171414

Following are the Applicant's responses to the deficiencies identified by the Department in its Oct 24, 2025 communication.

Q. 2.a Submit the Technical Analyses Addendum (Form 606-TAA).

The Department did not receive Form 606-TAA in the filing. Q.2.a-b should be left blank if you intend to go through the technical analysis process after the application is filed, while Q.2.c-e should be filled if you intend to use the technical analysis from the preapplication process. Please clarify which route you are seeking and provide the TAA if you intend to go forwards with a TA other than the one from the preapplication process.

Regarding items 2.a. and 2.b on the application form, boxes under these items were checked inadvertently. The Applicant elects for the Department technical analyses to be used for the criteria assessment.

Q. 21.a.ii. For each supplemental or overlapping water right, please list the average period of diversion and use (MM/DD-MM/DD), flow rate (GPM or CFS), and the volume of water (AF) contributed.

The volumes provided do not match those in the Department's technical analysis. Please use the values found by the Department if you intend to use the DNRC analysis. If you do not intend to use the DNRC analysis, please correct the answers to Q. 2.

Please revise the table in item 21.a.ii. to read as follows per the Department's technical analyses:

Water Right No.	Avg. Period of Diversion	Avg. Period of Use	Flow Rate			Volume Contributed
	MM/DD-MM/DD	MM/DD-MM/DD	Flow	GPM	CFS	AF
76H 65902	1/1-12/31	1/1-12/31	96.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.79
76H 62593	1/1-12/31	1/1-12/31	23.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.5 (2.43+1.07 see TA)
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

606-MIT Q.2 Which of the following scenarios best describes the proposed project? Check all that apply and answer the questions specific to each scenario; then answer question 6 and 7. *On the form you submitted, you identify the first and third scenario (i.e. that you require mitigation/aquifer recharge and that you also intend to market mitigation/aquifer recharge water). However, you mark Q. 5, which deals with marketing, as not applicable. If you intend to apply for a marketing for mitigation purpose, please answer question 5. If not, please alter your response to Q. 2.*

The form is somewhat ambiguous as the bold face type of the third scenario under item 2 reads "Marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge:" The third box was checked because the application does indeed include aquifer recharge. Upon closer reading, it appears the actual meaning of the bold face type is 'Marketing for Mitigation and/or Marketing for Aquifer Recharge'. With that understanding, it is clear that the third scenario box should not have been checked as this application is not intended to include any marketing for any purpose.

606-MIT Q.3 If the hydrogeologic report conducted pursuant to §85-2-361, MCA predicts a net depletion for surface water, submit an aquifer recharge or mitigation plan.

The submitted mitigation plan is nearly entirely devoted to describing Change Application 76H 30150414. This is relevant information per 606-MIT 1.a.i., however, it also necessary to answer all parts of 606-MIT Q3 for the mitigation plan for water left instream via retirement.

See below for responses to all parts of 606-MIT Q3.b.

3.b.i. where and how the water in the plan will be put to beneficial use;

At the location of the existing points of diversion in NWNWSE SEC 2, TWP 12N, RGE 20W the water for this part of the plan will be left in the aquifer.

3.b.ii. when and where, generally, water for aquifer recharge or mitigation will be required;

Per the Depletion and Mitigation Report dated 11/16/2021 (emphasis added);

- "Depletion by pumping in the bedrock aquifer primarily occurs through propagation of drawdown through fractures in the confining unit to the Bitterroot River alluvium and to the Bitterroot River. The new use from the existing wells is assumed to be constant year-round for commercial use; therefore, depletions are expected to be constant year-round" and
- "...stream depletion from the proposed use [Permit Application 76H 30150412] is expected to accumulate in the Bitterroot River downstream of the southern boundary of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West."

3.b.iii. the amount of water that is required for aquifer recharge or mitigation;

The total amount of water required for mitigation of Permit Application 76H 30150412 is 1.99 AF.

3.b.iv. how the proposed project or beneficial use for which the aquifer recharge or mitigation plan is required will be operated;

The water for this part of the plan will be left in the aquifer.

3.b.v. evidence that an application for a change in appropriation right, if necessary, has been submitted;

The Department records show that this application was submitted on 10/3/2025 and the associated change application no. 76H 30150414 was submitted on 3/26/2021.

3.b.vi. evidence of water availability;

The Department’s Groundwater Permit Application Technical Report dated 7/11/2022 discusses physical and legal availability. See permit application file 76H 30150412.

3.b.vii. evidence of how the aquifer recharge or mitigation plan will offset the required amount of net depletion of surface water in a manner that will offset an adverse effect on a prior appropriator; and

Table 1 below lists the monthly volume and flow rate associated with the practice of leaving the water under this application in the aquifer as per the Department’s technical analyses. This is one part of the overall mitigation plan that is intended to offset any potential adverse effects to prior appropriators.

TABLE 1. PROPOSED PERMIT DEPLETIONS, ACCRETIONS FROM CHANGE APPLICATION 76H 30171414 AND REMAINING VOLUME AND FLOW RATE NEEDED FOR FULL MITIGATION

Month	Permit Application Depletions (AF)	Accretions from CHG 76H 30171414 (AF)	Remaining Mitigation Vol Needed (AF)	Remaining Mitigation Flow Needed (GPM)
January	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
February	-0.15	0.06	-0.09	-0.75
March	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
April	-0.16	0.06	-0.10	-0.75
May	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
June	-0.16	0.06	-0.10	-0.75
July	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
August	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
September	-0.16	0.06	-0.10	-0.75
October	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
November	-0.16	0.06	-0.10	-0.75
December	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
TOTAL	-1.99	0.78	1.21	

3.b.viii. evidence that the appropriate water quality permits have been granted pursuant to Title 75, chapter 5, as required by § 75-5-410, MCA, and § 85-2-364, MCA.

NA

3.b.ix. In addition to 3.b.i through 3.b.viii, an aquifer recharge plan must include a description of the process by which water will be reintroduced to the aquifer.

Technically speaking, water will not be “reintroduced” to the aquifer, it will merely be left in the aquifer to offset a portion of the depletion anticipated by proposed permit 76H 30150412.

Finally, an attachment that is referenced in the application multiple times was inadvertently omitted from the packet of information that was submitted with the application. It is attached to this deficiency response to complete the record.

Peak Health Management Co LLC
Application to Change 76H 30171414 Attachment

ITEM 13. FLOW RATE NEEDED FOR PROJECT FOR WATER RIGHT 76H 30122609

Month	Remaining Net Depletion (GPM)	Flow Infiltrated (GPM)	Accretions from Infiltration (GPM)	Flow Left Instream (GPM)
Jan	0.75		1.13	
Feb	0.75		1.11	
Mar	0.75		0.90	
Apr	0.75		0.77	
May	0.75		0.67	0.36
Jun	0.75		0.60	0.38
Jul	0.75		0.55	0.36
Aug	0.75		0.50	0.36
Sep	0.75	27.91	22.64	
Oct	0.75	46.72	39.35	
Nov	0.75		4.06	
Dec	0.75		2.11	

ITEMS 19.a. PROPOSED NEW AND UNCHANGED POD FOR CHANGE TO 76H 62593

POD ID	¼	¼	¼	SEC	TWP	RGE	NEW OR UNCHANGED
P-1	NW	NW	SE	2	12N	20W	UNCHANGED
P-2	NW	NW	SE	2	12N	20W	UNCHANGED
		SE	SW	2	12N	20W	NEW
		SW	SE	2	12N	20W	NEW
		N2	SE	2	12N	20W	NEW
		N2	SW	1	12N	20W	NEW
		W2	NE	1	12N	20W	NEW
		SW	SW	31	13N	19W	NEW
		N2	SE	36	13N	20W	NEW
		SW	NE	36	13N	20W	NEW
		NE	SW	36	13N	20W	NEW
		SW	SW	36	13N	20W	NEW
			S2	35	13N	20W	NEW
			E2	34	13N	20W	NEW
		SE	SE	27	13N	20W	NEW
			SW	26	13N	20W	NEW
		SW	NW	26	13N	20W	NEW
		S2	NE	27	13N	20W	NEW
		E2	NW	27	13N	20W	NEW
		NW	NW	27	13N	20W	NEW

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ITEM 20.b. PROPOSED POU FOR CHANGE TO 76H 62593

AC	¼	¼	¼	SEC	TWP	RGE
0.54	SE	NE	SW	2	12N	20W
2.00	SE	NE	SW	2	12N	20W
		SE	SW	2	12N	20W
		SW	SE	2	12N	20W
		N2	SE	2	12N	20W
		N2	SW	1	12N	20W
		W2	NE	1	12N	20W
		SW	SW	31	13N	19W
		N2	SE	36	13N	20W
		SW	NE	36	13N	20W
		NE	SW	36	13N	20W
		SW	SW	36	13N	20W
			S2	35	13N	20W
			E2	34	13N	20W
		SE	SE	27	13N	20W
			SW	26	13N	20W
		SW	NW	26	13N	20W
		S2	NE	27	13N	20W
		E2	NW	27	13N	20W
		NW	NW	27	13N	20W

ITEM 21.a.i

There are two water rights that allow for use from the Peak’s Public Water Supply (PWS) wells. These water rights are Groundwater Certificate 76H 65902 (GWCT) and Provisional Permit 76H 62593 (PRPM). The relationship between the two existing water rights requires some explanation. The GWCT was the first water right issued for the Peak’s PWS. It was issued for 96.6 gallons per minute (gpm) and a total of 14.0 AF per year. At the time this GWCT was issued, the permit exemption limited groundwater uses to 99 gpm. Nine (9.0) AF of the volume on the GWCT were for Commercial (CM) uses and 5.0 AF were for Lawn & Garden irrigation (LG IR). The PRPM application was submitted around the same time as the GWCT because the system required more than 99 gpm.

The PRPM was necessary to allow additional flow rate and volume for LG IR purposes (but no additional volume for CM purposes). The initial engineering estimates indicated that the system required 130 gpm so the flow rate on the PRPM was set at 33.4 gpm. This flow, in addition to the 96.6 gpm on the GWCT, achieved the total 130 gpm for both the CM and LG IR uses. However, when the PRPM was verified, it was determined that the system capacity was 120 gpm and the flow rate on the PRPM was reduced to 23.4 gpm.

The Project Completion Notice for the PRPM was filed in 1996. At this time the total LG IR use was reduced to 3.5 AF. The Department’s technical analyses for Application No. 76H 30171414

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estimated the historical diverted volume for the LG IR as 2.43 AF/ac for the full-service acre and 1.07 AF for the 2.0 supplemental acres.

Going forward, the volume of water used for LG IR under the PRPM will be 2.38 AF. No changes will be made to the CM use or the LG IR use under the GWCT.



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October 24, 2025

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Subject: Deficiency letter for Change Application No. 76H 30171414

Dear Applicant,

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC or Department) has begun reviewing your application. This letter is to notify you of the deficiencies in your application as required in ARM 36.12.1501(1) and §85-2-302(5)(b), MCA. An Applicant is required to submit substantial and credible information addressing the rules and statutes that are relative to your application. You must provide the information specified below for your application to be considered correct and complete. "Correct and complete" means all of the information provided is substantial and credible and provides all of the information as required by applicable rules and statutes. The application as submitted contains deficiencies in the following section(s):

- Q. 2.a Submit the Technical Analyses Addendum (Form 606-TAA).

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As stated above, the information submitted to address the rules and statutes listed in this deficiency letter must be substantial credible information to be acceptable at the correct and complete determination. §§85-2-102 (9) and (26), MCA.

Please submit the information specified above to the Missoula Regional Office by February 21, 2026. This is the only deficiency letter that will be sent. An application not corrected or



completed within 120 days from the date of this letter is terminated per ARM 36.12.1501(2) and §85-2-302(6)(a), MCA.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Benjamin Thomas

Water Conservation Specialist II

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cc: Julie Merritt, WGM Group



Application Materials

- Application
- Any information submitted with Application including maps

Application Materials



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TRANSMITTAL

TO: Montana DNRC Water Resources Missoula Regional Office 2705 Spurgin Rd Missoula, MT 59804 <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Hand Delivered</p>	DATE: <p style="text-align: center;">10-03-2025</p> PROJECT NAME: <p style="text-align: center;">Peak Health Management Water Right Permitting</p> PROJECT NO: <p style="text-align: center;">WGM 19-03-01.1</p>
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ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION
1.	Form No. 606 - Application to Change Water Right
2.	Application fee check No. 2719 in the amount of \$1,100.00

COMMENTS:

SIGNED: Julie Merritt, Water Resource Specialist



**APPLICATION TO
CHANGE A WATER RIGHT**
§ 85-2-302, MCA
Form No. 606 (Revised 2/2025)

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FILING FEE

- \$2500/\$1500 – Without/with filing fee reduction.**
\$400 – (The following types do not qualify for a filing fee reduction)
- Replacement well that exceeds 35 GPM or 10 AF per year
 - Replacement municipal well that exceeds 450 GPM
 - Replacement reservoir on the same source

INFORMATION

An application will be eligible for a filing fee reduction and expedited timelines if the applicant completes a preapplication meeting with the Department (ARM 36.12.1302(1)), which includes submitting any follow-up information identified by the Department (ARM 36.12.1302(3)(c)) and receiving either Department-completed technical analyses or Department review of applicant-submitted technical analyses (ARM 36.12.1302(4) and (5)). An application for the proposed project also must be submitted within 180 days of delivery of Department technical analyses or scientific credibility review and no element on the submitted application can be changed from the completed preapplication meeting form (ARM 36.12.1302(6)). If application is eligible for a filing fee reduction, \$500 paid for Form 606P-B will be credited toward filing fees shown above.

Application # 30171414 Basin 76H
Priority Date 10-3-2025 Time 4:00 AM/PM
Rec'd By T.S.
Fee Rec'd \$ 1,100 Check # 2719
Deposit Receipt # MSS2605875
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Refund \$ _____ Date _____

Applicant Information: Add more as necessary.

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NOTE: If a contact person is identified as an attorney, all communication will be sent only to the attorney unless the attorney provides written instruction to the contrary (ARM 36.12.122(2)). If a contact person is identified as a consultant, employee, or lessee, the individual filing the water right form or objection form will receive all correspondence and a copy may be sent to the contact person (ARM 36.12.122(3)).



Answer every question and applicable follow-up questions. Use the checkboxes to denote yes ("Y"), no ("N"), or not applicable ("NA"). Questions that require items to be submitted to the Department have a submitted ("S") checkbox, which is marked when the required item is attached to the Application. Label all submitted items with the question number for which they were submitted. Narrative responses that are larger than the space provided can be answered in an attachment. If an attachment is used, specify "see attachment" on this form, and label the attachment with the question number. Constrain narrative responses to the specific question as is asked on the form; do not respond to multiple questions in one narrative. Responses in the form of a table may be entered into the table provided on this form or in an attachment. If an attachment is used, the table must have the exact headings found on this form, and "see attachment" must be entered as a response to the relevant question. Clearly label all units in tables and narrative responses.

PREAPPLICATION AND TECHNICAL ANALYSES INFORMATION

1. Y N Do you elect for Department technical analyses to be used for criteria assessment?

2. Y N Did you have a preapplication meeting AND complete a Change Preapplication Meeting Form Part A and Part B (Form 606P-A and 606P-B)?

IF QUESTION 2 IS NO, answer 2.a and 2.b:

2.a. S Submit the Technical Analyses Addendum (Form 606-TAA).

2.b. S NA Submit the technical analyses, if you elected in question 1 for Applicant technical analyses to be used for criteria assessment. Select "NA" if you elected for Departmental technical analyses.

IF QUESTION 2 IS YES, answer 2.c, 2.d, and 2.e:

2.c. Y N Has any element of the project described in this application changed from the mandatory elements of the project described in the completed Form 606P? **If yes,**

2.c.i. Please explain.

2.c.ii. S Submit the Technical Analyses Addendum (Form 606-TAA).

2.d. Y N Are the technical analyses to be used for criteria assessment exactly the same as those completed during the preapplication process? **If no:**

2.d.i. Please explain.

2.d.ii. S Submit the Technical Analyses Addendum (Form 606-TAA).

2.e. Y N Did you elect in question 1 for Department technical analyses to be used for criteria assessment? **If no:**

2.e.i. S Submit the technical analyses.



APPLICATION ADDENDA AND REVIEW

- 3. S NA If the proposed change involves one or more places of storage, submit a Change Storage Addendum (Form 606-SA). This does not include reservoirs, pits, pit-dams, or ponds with a capacity less than 0.1 AF; water tanks; or cisterns (ARM 36.12.113(6)).
- 4. S NA If the project involves an appropriation that is greater than 5.5 CFS and 4,000 acre-feet, submit a Reasonable Use Addendum (Form 606-B).
- 5. S NA If the project involves out-of-state water use, submit an Out-of-State Use Addendum (Form 600/606-OSA).
- 6. S NA If the proposed purposes include marketing or selling water, submit a Water Marketing Purpose Addendum (Form 600/606-WMA). This doesn't include marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge.
- 7. S NA If the proposed purpose includes instream flow, submit a Change to Instream Flow Addendum (Form 606-IFA).
- 8. S NA If the proposed purposes include mitigation, aquifer recharge, or marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge, submit a Mitigation Purpose Addendum (Form 606/606-MIT).
- 9. S NA If the project is in designated sage grouse habitat, submit a review letter from the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program.
- 10. S NA If you propose to add a point of diversion or place of use on State of Montana Trust Land, submit documentation of consent from DRNC Trust Lands Management Division. If you propose to add a place of use on Trust Land with all points of diversion on private land, then, at a minimum, that component of the change authorization will be temporary for the duration of the lease term (§ 85-2-441, MCA).
- 11. Y NA You must provide a written notice of the application to each owner of an appropriation right sharing a point of diversion or means of conveyance (e.g., canal, ditch, flume, pipeline, or constructed waterway) pursuant to § 85-2-302(4)(c), MCA. Submit a copy of this notice and the recipient list.

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12. How many change applications will be needed for this project? Refer to ARM 36.12.1305 for more information. 2

13. Fill out the table below for the water rights proposed for change.

Water Right No.	Current Authorized Flow Rate			Flow Rate Needed for Project			Means of Diversion
	Flow	GPM	CFS	Flow	GPM	CFS	
76H 62593	120	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.48	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaving volume undiverted (0.48 is flow that will accumulate to stream)
76H 30122609	2.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See attached		<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



14. Is the source surface water or groundwater? GW

15. What is the source name? Groundwater

16. Identify the water right elements proposed for change, with a checkmark, for each water right proposed for change.

Water Right No.	76H 62593				
Point of Diversion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place of Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose of Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place of Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. **S** Submit a historical use map created on an aerial photograph or topographic map that shows the following: section corners, township and range, scale bar, north arrow, all historical points of diversion (POD) labeled with a unique POD ID ("H" followed by a number), all historical places of use (POU), all historical conveyance structures, all historical places of storage, and historical place of use for all overlapping water rights. More than one map may be submitted, if necessary, to clearly convey all required information.

18. **S** Submit a proposed use map created on an aerial photograph or topographic map that shows section corners, township and range, scale bar, north arrow, and the following elements: points of diversion labeled with a unique POD ID ("P" followed by a number), places of use, conveyance structures, places of storage, and place of use for all overlapping water rights. Include all elements that will be on the water rights after the proposed change, regardless of whether the element will be modified by the change. The map should fully depict the water rights, as proposed, after the change. More than one map may be submitted, if necessary, to clearly convey all required information.

19. **Y** **N** Does the proposed change involve a change in point of diversion?

IF YES, See attached

19.a. Describe the location for all *new* and *unchanged* points of diversion to the nearest 10 acres. Label POD ID with the same POD ID number assigned for the proposed use map (question 18).

POD ID	¼	¼	¼	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	County	Lot	Block	Tract	Subdivision	Gov. Lot	New or Unchanged

19.b. **NA** Describe the location of all historical PODs you propose to *retire*. Label POD ID with the same POD ID assigned for the historical use map (question 17). If none are proposed for retirement, select "NA" checkbox.

POD ID	¼	¼	¼	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	County	Lot	Block	Tract	Subdivision	Gov. Lot

19.c. What is the means of diversion for all *new* PODs? Means of diversion for surface water includes headgate, pump, dam, and others. Means of diversion for groundwater includes well, developed spring, pit pond, and others.
Instream

20. **Y** **N** Does the proposed change involve a change in place of use?

IF YES,

20.a. What are the geocodes of the proposed place of use?

NO GEOCODES INSTREAM MITIGATION

20.b. Describe the legal land description of the proposed place of use, and if the water rights being changed will have an irrigation or lawn and garden purpose, list the number of irrigated acres.

Acres	Gov't Lot	¼	¼	¼	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	County
Total								

See attached



21. Y N Does the proposed change involve a change in place of use or purpose?

IF YES,

21.a. Y N Do other water rights supplement or overlap the proposed place of use?

IF YES,

21.a.i. How will the water rights be operated to serve the proposed purposes?

See attached

21.a.ii. For each supplemental or overlapping water right, please list the average period of diversion and use (MM/DD-MM/DD), flow rate (GPM or CFS), and the volume of water (AF) contributed.

Water Right No.	Avg. Period of Diversion	Avg. Period of Use	Flow Rate			Volume Contributed
	MM/DD-MM/DD	MM/DD-MM/DD	Flow	GPM	CFS	AF
76H 65902	1/1-12/31	1/1-12/31	96.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14.0
76H 62593	1/1-12/31	1/1-12/31	23.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.35
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

22. Y N Are you filing on behalf of another entity? If yes, describe.

23. Y N Do you own the entire historical place of use for all water rights proposed for change?

IF QUESTION 23 IS NO,

23.a. Y N Was the water historically used for sale, rental, distribution, municipal use, or any other context in which water is being supplied to another and it is clear that the ultimate user would not accept the supply without consenting to the use of water on the user's place of use?

IF QUESTION 23.a IS NO,

23.a.i. Y N List the water rights for which you do not own the entire historical place of use.

23.a.ii. Y N Are the water rights listed in question 23.a.i severed from the historical place of use?

IF QUESTION 23.a.ii IS YES,

23.a.ii.1. Y N Do you own the entirety of the severed water rights proposed for change? If yes, skip to question 24. If no, answer question 23.a.iii.

IF QUESTION 23.a.ii OR 23.a.ii.1 IS NO,

23.a.iii. Y N NA Are all owners of the historical place of use or, if applicable, owners of the severed water rights, willing to sign the application?



IF QUESTION 23.a.iii IS NO,

23.a.iii.1. **S** Submit a Form 641 or 642 to split the water rights being changed for which all owners will not sign.

ADVERSE EFFECT

24. Explain how you can control your diversion in response to a call being made.

The proposed change involves water being left instream/in the aquifer so there is no diversion to control. Nothing will change about the ability of senior water right holders to make a call on the underlying water right.

25. Describe any plans you have for ensuring existing water rights will be satisfied during times of water shortage.

The point of this application is to offset potential effects to other water right holders. By definition, it ensures existing water rights will be satisfied in times of water shortage.

26. **Y** **N** Are you aware of any calls that have been made on the source of supply or, if groundwater, on nearby surface water sources?

26.a. If yes, explain.

Calls are made in the the upper end of the Bitterroot River which is under administration by a water commissioner. However, administration has never extended to the reach of the river below Florence.

27. Describe how the proposed change will or will not affect your ability to make call.

The proposed change of leaving water in the aquifer in no way affects the ability of the applicant to make call.



28. Y N Does a water commissioner distribute water or oversee water distribution on your proposed source, or if groundwater, on nearby surface water sources?

28.a. If yes, list the sources.

The upper end of the Bitterroot River is under administration by a water commissioner. However, administration has never extended to the reach of the river below Florence.

29. When was the last time each water right proposed for change was appropriated and used beneficially?

The water right proposed for change has been in continuous operation since it was issued in 1986

IF THERE HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF NONUSE,

29.a. Why was the water right not used?

29.b. Why will a resumption of use not adversely affect other water users?

29.c. Y N Is the period of nonuse greater than 10 years for any of the water rights proposed for change? If yes, list which water rights.

29.d. Y N Have new water rights been authorized to use the source during the period of nonuse for any of the water rights proposed for change? If yes, explain.



30. Y N Do you propose to add one or more points of diversion or use new or existing conveyance infrastructure that will be shared with one or more existing water rights?

30.a. If yes, describe how the capacity of the shared points of diversion and/or conveyance infrastructure is sufficient for all water rights and how the proposed project will not adversely affect these water rights.

31. NA Answer questions 31.a to 31.b for point of diversion changes. If you do not propose a point of diversion change, mark "NA" instead.

31.a. Are the proposed points of diversion upstream or downstream of the historical points of diversion? The proposed points of diversion are instream at and downstream from the location of the historical points of diversion.

31.b. Y N Are there intervening water users between the historical and proposed points of diversion?

31.b.i. If yes, list the water rights.

Yes, but the proposal is to leave water instream not take it out. There are no users that can be adversely affected by this change.

ADEQUATE MEANS OF DIVERSION AND OPERATION

32. S Submit a diagram of how you will operate your system from all proposed points of diversion to all proposed places of use. NA

Under the provisions of 85-2-402(2)(b)(iii), MCA, the adequate means of diversion and operation criterium is not applicable to changes for mitigation or marketing for mitigation.



36. Describe your plan of operations, including specific information about how water is delivered within the place of use. This may include, where applicable, the range of flow rates needed for a pivot.

NA

37. Y N NA If you propose to add one or more points of diversion, do you own the land where all proposed points of diversion are located? If you do not propose to add one or more points of diversion, mark "NA" instead.

37.a. S If no, submit documentation to show you have the right to use all points of diversion located on each property you do not own. This may include, but is not limited to, a well agreement, an easement, or permission of the party that owns the property where the proposed point(s) of diversion are located.

38. Y N Will your system be designed to discharge water from the project? NA

38.a. If yes, explain the wastewater disposal method.

38.b. Y N NA Have the necessary permits been obtained to comply with §§ 75-5-410 and/or 85-2-364, MCA?

39. Y N Is the means of diversion for any proposed point of diversion a well?

IF YES,

39.a. Y N Have all wells been drilled?

39.b. For all wells that have been drilled, what is the name of the well driller and, if available, what is their license number?

39.c. Y N NA For all wells yet to be drilled, will a licensed well driller construct the wells? If no wells are yet to be drilled, mark "NA" instead.

39.d. S NA Submit any well logs not yet submitted to the Department, such as for wells drilled after submittal of Form 606P. If all well logs have been submitted to the Department, mark "NA."



POSSESSORY INTEREST

43. Y N Do you meet one of the exceptions to possessory interest requirements, pursuant to ARM 36.12.1802 and § 85-2-402(2)(d), MCA? Exceptions include cases where the application is for sale, rental, distribution, or is a municipal use, or in any other context in which water is being supplied to another and it is clear that the ultimate user will not accept the supply without consenting to the use of water on the user's place of use, and applications for the purposes of instream flow, mitigation, and marketing for mitigation.

43.a. If yes, explain.
Mitigation

44. Y N NA Do you own all proposed places of use? Mark "NA" if you meet one of the exceptions to the possessory interest requirement.

44.a. S If no, explain and submit documentation that shows you either have possessory interest or written permission of the parties with possessory interest of the proposed place of use.

PROPOSED COMPLETION PERIOD

45. How many years will be needed to complete this project and to submit to the DNRC a Project Completion Notice (Form 618)? 20

46. Describe why this amount of time is needed to complete this project.

The Applicant requests the full 20 years allowed under the statute, 85-2-420, MCA. This time is needed because, the pace at which water may be put to use for Mitigation is unknown. The Peak anticipates growth in membership that will increase over the next 10-20 years. If the entire change is perfected before the 20-year completion period, the Applicant will file the PCN at that time.



AFFIDAVIT & CERTIFICATION

Read carefully before you sign and review with legal counsel if you have any questions. All owners (or trustees) must sign the form. ***If the owner is a business or trust, include the title of the representative(s) signing the form (i.e., president, trustee, managing partner, etc.) and provide documentation that establishes the authority of the representative to sign the application.*

I affirm the information provided for this application is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. If a preapplication meeting form was submitted, I am aware that my application for this project will not qualify for a discounted filing fee and expedited timelines if upon submittal of the application to the Department, I changed any element of the proposed application from the preapplication meeting form and follow-up materials (ARM 36.12.1302(6)(a)).

I affirm I have possessory interest, or the written consent of the person with the possessory interest, in the property where the water is to be put to beneficial use, unless this application meets an exception to the possessory interest requirements in ARM 36.12.1802(1)(b).

I understand that making a false statement under oath or affirmation in this application and official proceedings throughout the examination of my application may subject me to prosecution under § 45-7-202, MCA, a misdemeanor punishable by a jail term not to exceed 6 months or a fine not to exceed \$500, or both. I have read this Affidavit and understand the terms and conditions.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Printed Name _____

Applicant Signature Charles Eiseman Charles Eiseman (Oct 3, 2025 13:03:33 MDT) Date: _____

Printed Name _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Printed Name _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____





APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT OR APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT MITIGATION ADDENDUM

§§ 85-2-420, 85-2-362, 85-2-402, 85-2-311, MCA

Answer every applicable question and use the prompts to craft a plan for mitigation, aquifer recharge, or marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge. Use the checkboxes to denote yes ("Y") or no ("N"). Narrative responses that are larger than the space provided can be answered in an attachment. If an attachment is used, specify "see attachment" on this form. Label all attachments and submitted items with the question number. Label all units in tables and narrative responses.

In some cases, the information required to correctly and completely answer the questions on this form will not be available until technical analyses are completed. It is highly recommended all technical analyses required for the project are completed before filling out this form.

1. How many applications will you need to file with the Department for this project? Applications include Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit (Form 600) and Application to Change a Water Right (Form 606). 1 permit and 2 change applications are part of this project

1.a. [X] Y [] N Will you need to file more than one application with the Department for this project?

If yes,

1.a.i. [] Y [X] N You are only required to answer the remaining questions on Form 600/606-MIT one time per project. The Department cannot begin criteria assessment for any application required for the project until you have submitted a completed Form 600/606-MIT, including answers to the remaining questions. Will you answer the remaining questions on a Form 600/606-MIT submitted with another application?

1.a.ii. If yes, briefly explain, then this form is complete.

The other 2 applications were submitted before Form 600/606-MIT was part of the process.

This form is being submitted now for this application and the 2 applications that are already under review.

1.a.iii. If no, move on to question 2.



2. Which of the following scenarios best describes the proposed project? Check all that apply and answer the questions specific to each scenario; then answer question 6 and 7.

Identified need for mitigation/aquifer recharge water AND change application(s) to supply the mitigation/aquifer recharge water: Mitigation or aquifer recharge water is required to meet the criteria of issuance for a project, which is either in the preapplication meeting stage or has a pending Application for Beneficial Water Use or Application to Change a Water Right, and is proposed to be made available through a change in purpose of one or more water rights to mitigation or aquifer recharge. Answer question 3.

Identified need for mitigation/aquifer recharge water AND water contract(s) to supply the mitigation/aquifer recharge water: Mitigation and aquifer recharge water is required to meet the criteria of issuance for a project, which is either in the preapplication meeting stage or has a pending Application for Beneficial Water Use or Application to Change a Water Right, and is proposed to be made available through one or more contracts for water, such as from water with a marketing for mitigation purpose. Answer questions 3 and 4.

Marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge: Water right(s) being changed to a marketing for mitigation or marketing for aquifer recharge purpose that will be sold or leased to other entities. Answer question 5.

3. Will the proposed diversion and/or net depletions to surface water occur in an open or closed basin? Answer question 3.a for open basins or question 3.b for closed basins.

Open Closed

If an open basin:

3.a. Submit an aquifer recharge or mitigation plan with sufficient detail to explain why the plan is adequate to offset the net depletions of the proposed new appropriation in an amount greater than the difference between the amount of water physically available and legal demands, on a monthly timestep. The plan must include:

3.a.i. description of the method by which water will be made available for aquifer recharge or mitigation purpose(s);

3.a.ii. the amount, timing, and location of mitigation water delivery and/or net accretions to the depleted source;

3.a.iii. comparison of the elements of 3.a.ii to the amount, timing, and location of the net depletions of the proposed new appropriation.



If a closed basin:

3.b. If the hydrogeologic report conducted pursuant to § 85-2-361, MCA, predicts a net depletion of surface water, submit an aquifer recharge or mitigation plan. Per § 85-2-362, MCA, the plan must include:

See attached

- 3.b.i.** where and how the water in the plan will be put to beneficial use;
- 3.b.ii.** when and where, generally, water for aquifer recharge or mitigation will be required;
- 3.b.iii.** the amount of water that is required for aquifer recharge or mitigation;
- 3.b.iv.** how the proposed project or beneficial use for which the aquifer recharge or mitigation plan is required will be operated;
- 3.b.v.** evidence that an application for a change in appropriation right, if necessary, has been submitted;
- 3.b.vi.** evidence of water availability;
- 3.b.vii.** evidence of how the aquifer recharge or mitigation plan will offset the required amount of net depletion of surface water in a manner that will offset an adverse effect on a prior appropriator; and
- 3.b.viii.** evidence that the appropriate water quality permits have been granted pursuant to Title 75, chapter 5, as required by § 75-5-410, MCA, and § 85-2-364, MCA.
- 3.b.ix.** In addition to 3.b.i through 3.b.viii, an aquifer recharge plan must include a description of the process by which water will be reintroduced to the aquifer.

4. Describe details about the contract(s) for water and submit a copy of the contract(s). In doing so, be sure to address the following sub-questions: **NA**

4.a. Is the contract a lease or sale?

4.a.i. If a lease, what is the duration of the contract and what is the process to renew the lease?

4.b. Does the contract water have a marketing for mitigation or marketing for aquifer recharge purpose? If yes,

4.b.i. What are the water right numbers with a marketing for mitigation or marketing for aquifer recharge purpose?

4.b.ii. What is the change authorization number that authorized the marketing for mitigation purpose?

4.b.iii. What is the mitigation reach identified in the change authorization?

5. Submit a marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge plan that addresses the following: **NA**

5.a. Describe your ability to measure and operate all existing diversions to adjust flow rate as water is sold or leased.

5.b. How will you cease diversions for the existing beneficial use of the water right(s) as water is sold or leased for the purpose of marketing for mitigation/ aquifer recharge?

5.c. Describe the need for mitigation water within the proposed place of use of the new appropriation.



6. How do the priority dates of the water rights proposed for change to mitigation, aquifer recharge, and/or marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge purpose(s) compare to other water rights on the source?

One of the rights proposed for change to mitigation (76H 30122609) is junior to many irrigation water rights on the Bitterroot River but it is senior to the FWP/CSKT Recreation rights that protect instream flows in the river. The other right proposed for mitigation has a priority date of 05/05/1986 and is junior to the FWP/CSKT Recreation rights. There are 199 GW Certificates junior to this permit within 1/4 of the BR River in the depleted reach with approx 484 AF vol.

7. Y N Do you have measurement records or Water Commissioner records that show the reliability of the water rights proposed for change to mitigation, aquifer recharge, and/or marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge? If yes, submit them to the Department.



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The details of the proposed aquifer recharge/mitigation plan are as follows:

The plan to fully mitigate the timing, location and amount of the new depletions expected from proposed Permit Application 76H 30150412 will be achieved through:

- Application to Change Provisional Permit 76H 62593 No. 76H 30171414
 - Leaving groundwater in the ground (aka “instream”) by retiring 0.46 acres of Lawn & Garden irrigation
- Application to Change Statement of Claim 76H 30122609 No. 76H 30150414
 - Pumping Bitterroot River water into the aquifer recharge site at Miller Creek and
 - Leaving water instream in the Bitterroot River

Per the Depletion and Mitigation Report dated 11/16/2021, “...stream depletion from the proposed use [Permit Application 76H 30150412] is expected to accumulate in the Bitterroot River downstream of the southern boundary of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West.”

TABLE 1. PROPOSED PERMIT DEPLETIONS, ACCRETIONS FROM CHANGE APPLICATION 76H 30171414 AND REMAINING VOLUME AND FLOW RATE NEEDED FOR FULL MITIGATION

Month	Permit Application Depletions (AF)	Accretions from CHG 76H 30171414 (AF)	Remaining Mitigation Vol Needed (AF)	Remaining Mitigation Flow Needed (GPM)
January	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
February	-0.15	0.06	-0.09	-0.75
March	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
April	-0.16	0.06	-0.10	-0.75
May	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
June	-0.16	0.06	-0.10	-0.75
July	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
August	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
September	-0.16	0.06	-0.10	-0.75
October	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
November	-0.16	0.06	-0.10	-0.75
December	-0.17	0.07	-0.10	-0.75
TOTAL	-1.99	0.78	1.21	

APPLICATION 76H 30150414

The Applicant has reached an agreement with the City of Missoula to allow the Applicant to add its water to the amount which will be used in the Miller Creek aquifer recharge facility proposed under Change Application 76H 30165219. Application 76H 30150414 was determined to be Correct & Complete on 7/11/2022 and a waiver of the statutory deadlines was submitted on 8/10/2022. Change Application 76H 30150414 contains two components of the Applicant’s mitigation plan, aquifer recharge and water left instream for mitigation.

The proposal is to replace the historical point of diversion (POD) on water right 76H 30122609 with a pump in a side channel of the Bitterroot River located in the SENWNE Sec 15 Twp 12N Rge 20W. Water will be discharged into the Miller Creek stream bed at the location identified on the attached revised map IR.2.E and will infiltrate into the Bitterroot alluvial aquifer. Additionally, a portion of water

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right 76H 30122609 will be left instream in the months of May-Aug. In combination with Change Application 76H 30171414, the aquifer recharge and instream mitigation will fully mitigate the timing, location and amount of depletions expected from Permit Application 76H 30150412.

For the aquifer recharge component, water will be diverted from the Bitterroot River and discharged into the natural streambed of Miller Creek. Attached map IR.2.E depicts the locations of the new POD, the aquifer recharge site, the conveyance pipeline and the proposed POD/POU for aquifer recharge/mitigation. Under this aquifer recharge plan, discharged water would return to a shallow (Quaternary-age) aquifer and result in accretions to the Bitterroot River.

From the new POD in SENWNE Section 15, T12N-R20W, a volume of 10.1 AF and a maximum flow rate of 46.7 GPM will be diverted from beneath a south channel of the Bitterroot River using three 30-foot sections of 12-in horizontal, slotted, HPDE infiltration pipe installed at a depth of about 10 feet below the river channel bed. From this horizontal well, a solid 12-inch HPDE pipe will extend about 800 feet to the southeast to a 5-foot diameter wet well located adjacent (southeast) of an active oxbow.

This POD to wet well pipeline is designed with a siphon so that flows from the river cannot reach the wet well without pumping. The wet well will receive diverted water during pumping. A turbine pump and 4-inch totalizing inline flow meter will be installed in a pump house located above and adjacent to the wet well.

The expected pump will be a 20 HP 5TMH-375, Berkeley submersible turbine pump, which can convey the flow requested by the Peak in addition to the flow rate already contemplated under Change Application 76H 30165219. The vertical elevation lift is about 45 feet over the horizontal distance of about 1,820 feet. Total dynamic head is about 170 feet to the aquifer recharge site on lower Miller Creek. Water will be discharged to an effluent outfall at the aquifer recharge site on lower Miller Creek, a known losing stream (Change Application 76H 30165219 DNRC Change Technical Report). Water will infiltrate through the streambed of Miller Creek into the underlying alluvial aquifer where it will then migrate downgradient to the northwest and accrete to the Bitterroot River, offsetting a portion of the depletions expected from Permit Application 76H 30150412.

Using the same model used for Change Application 76H 30165219, the Applicant has identified a pumping/infiltration plan that is explained in **Table 2** and **Table 3** below. Given the properties of the alluvial aquifer and the distance between the recharge site and the Bitterroot River, modeling indicates the timing of depletions expected from Permit Application 76H 30150412 may not be mitigated through aquifer recharge alone with the volume available.

Specifically, infiltrating all of the Applicant's 10.3 AF of consumptive use in the months of September and October leaves a deficit in the months of May through August. To make up this deficit, the Applicant proposes to infiltrate 10.1 AF and leave 0.2 AF of its right instream during these months. **Table 2** and **Table 3** below contain the monthly breakdown of projected accretions in flow rate (**Table 2**) and volume (**Table 3**). Under this plan, the full timing, location and amount of the depletions are mitigated.

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TABLE 2. DEPLETIONS, ACCRETIONS AND NET EFFECT IN GPM

Month	Remaining Net Depletion (GPM)	Flow Infiltrated (GPM)	Accretions from Infiltration (GPM)	Flow Left Instream (GPM)	Total Accretions (GPM)	Net Effect (GPM)
Jan	-0.75		1.13		1.13	0.38
Feb	-0.75		1.11		1.11	0.36
Mar	-0.75		0.90		0.90	0.15
Apr	-0.75		0.77		0.77	0.02
May	-0.75		0.67	0.36	1.04	0.29
Jun	-0.75		0.60	0.38	0.98	0.23
Jul	-0.75		0.55	0.36	0.91	0.16
Aug	-0.75		0.50	0.36	0.87	0.12
Sep	-0.75	27.91	22.64		22.64	21.89
Oct	-0.75	46.72	39.35		39.35	38.60
Nov	-0.75		4.06		4.06	3.31
Dec	-0.75		2.11		2.11	1.36

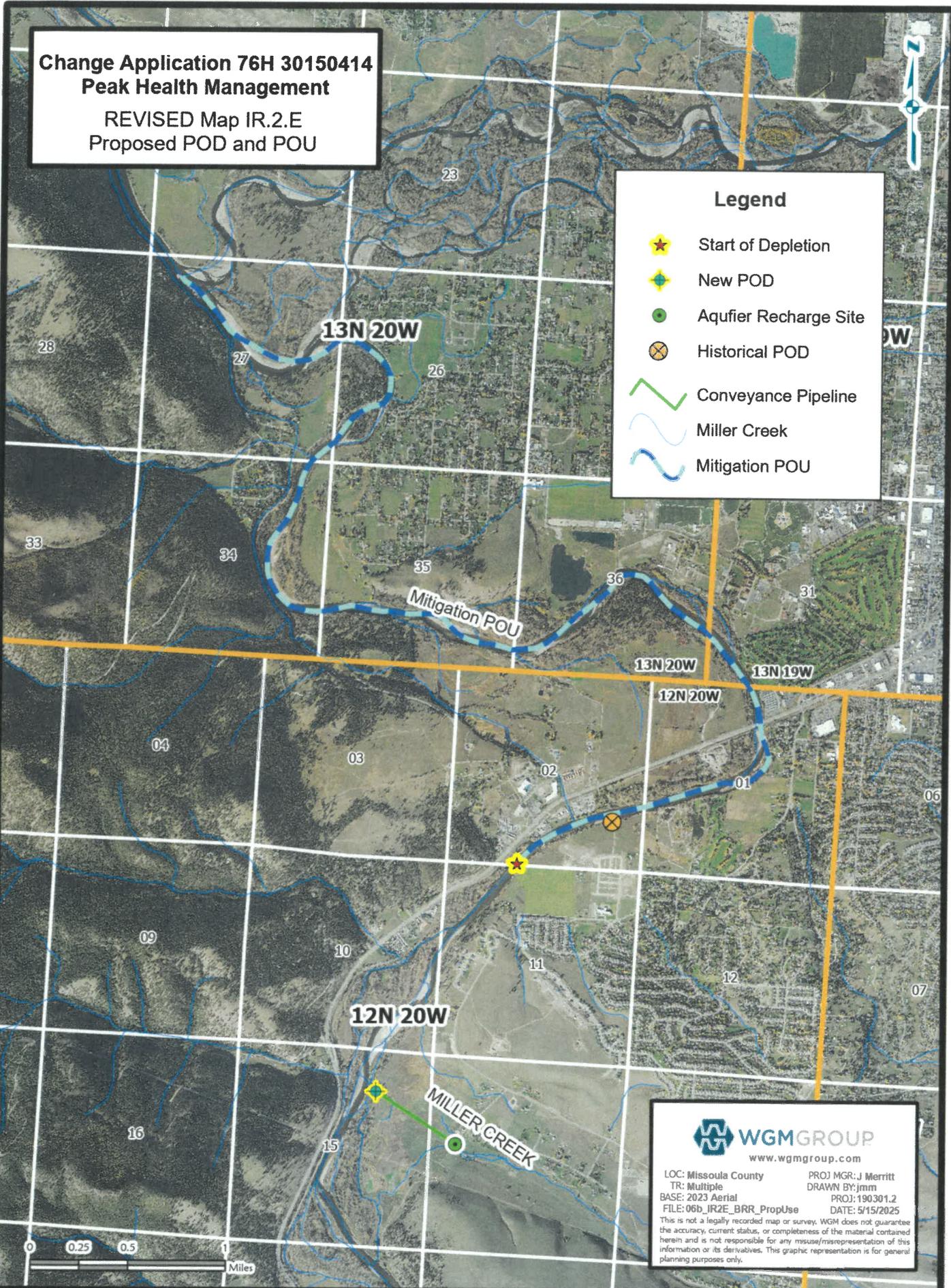
TABLE 1. DEPLETIONS, ACCRETIONS AND NET EFFECT IN AF

Month	Remaining Net Depletion (AF)	Volume Infiltrated (AF)	Accretions from Infiltration (AF)	Flow left instream (AF)	Total Accretions (AF)	Net Effect (AF)
Jan	-0.10		0.15		0.15	0.05
Feb	-0.09		0.14		0.14	0.05
Mar	-0.10		0.12		0.12	0.02
Apr	-0.10		0.10		0.10	0.00
May	-0.10		0.14	0.05	0.19	0.19
Jun	-0.10		0.13	0.05	0.18	0.18
Jul	-0.10		0.12	0.05	0.17	0.07
Aug	-0.10		0.12	0.05	0.17	0.07
Sep	-0.10	3.70	3.00		3.00	2.90
Oct	-0.10	6.40	5.39		5.39	5.29
Nov	-0.10		0.54		0.54	0.44
Dec	-0.10		0.29		0.29	0.19
Total		10.10		0.20		

Change Application 76H 30150414
Peak Health Management
 REVISED Map IR.2.E
 Proposed POD and POU

Legend

-  Start of Depletion
-  New POD
-  Aquifer Recharge Site
-  Historical POD
-  Conveyance Pipeline
-  Miller Creek
-  Mitigation POU



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 2004 Aerial Historical POD, POU &
 Conveyance

 Point of Diversion
 Water Service Line
 Historical Place of Use
 PRPM Full-Service, 1 ac
 Supplemental, 2 ac

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POD H-2

POD H-1

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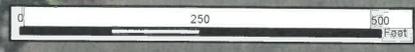


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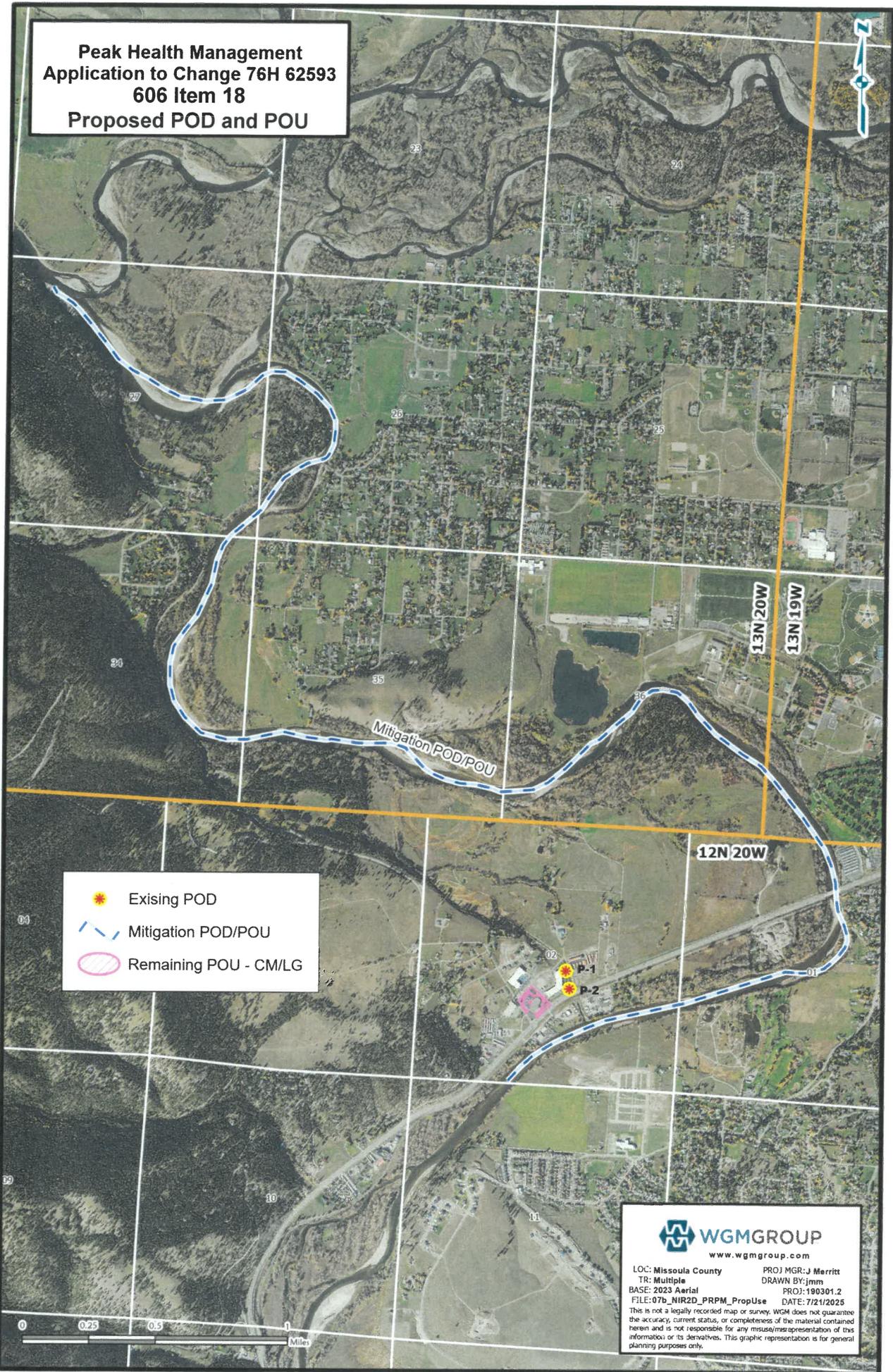
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-  Existing POD
-  Mitigation POD/POU
-  Remaining POU - CM/LG

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Subject: Completed Technical Analysis for Change Preapplication No. 76H 30171414

Dear Applicant,

As designated on the submitted Preapplication Meeting Form per §85-2-302(3)(b), MCA, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC or Department) has completed the technical analyses for Change Preapplication No. 76H 30171414 based on the information provided in your Preapplication Meeting Form accepted by the Department on July 22, 2025. The technical analyses can be found in the attached report. Please note this Change Technical Analyses Report is a two-part publication, comprised of a Part A completed by Benjamin Thomas, and a Part B completed by Kimberly Bolhuis.

This Technical Analyses Report IS: A collection of facts that the DNRC has gathered, including content provided in the Preapplication Meeting Form materials. The Department will use these data to analyze the criteria in §85-2-402, MCA if you submit an application for the project described in the completed Preapplication Meeting Form.

This Technical Analyses Report IS NOT: An analysis or discussion of whether the Preapplication Meeting Form as filed meets the criteria (§85-2-402, MCA).



You have 180 days to submit the Water Right Change Application Form 606 considering the information provided in the technical analyses and Preapplication Meeting Form. If the Application Form is not submitted to the Missoula Regional Office by March 18, 2026, a new preapplication meeting will be required to process the Application with expedited timelines (ARM 36.12.1302(6)(b)). If any details described in the submitted Application are changed from that of the submitted Preapplication Meeting Form, the discounted filing fee and expedited timelines will not apply (ARM 36.12.1302(6)(a)). Please note that the technical analyses will expire one year from the date of this letter (ARM 36.12.1302(8)).

Sincerely,



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Groundwater Change Technical Analyses Report – Part A
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC/ Department)
Water Resources Division

Benjamin Thomas, Water Conservation Specialist, Missoula Regional Office

Table with 2 columns: Field Name and Value. Fields include Applicant (Peak Health Management Company LLC), Application No. (76H 30171414), and Proposed Point of Diversion (SWNWSE & NWNWSE Section 2, T12N, R20W, Missoula County).

Overview

This report is Part A of a two-part publication which analyzes data submitted by the Applicant in support of the above-mentioned water right application. This report provides technical analyses as required under the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 36.12.1303 in support of the water rights criteria assessment as required in §85-2-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

This Groundwater Change Technical Analyses Report – Part A contains the following sections:

Table listing sections and page numbers: Overview (1), Variances (1), 1.0 Application Details (1), 2.0 Historical Use Analysis (3), 2.1 Historical Field Consumed and Applied Volumes (3), 2.2 Historical Diverted Volume (4), 2.3 Summary of Historical Use (4), Review (5), References (5).

Variances

No variances were requested for this application.

1.0 Application Details

The Applicant proposes to change the point of diversion, place of use, and purpose for Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00. The proposed purpose is mitigation water for Permit



Application 76H 30150412. The proposed place of use is the Bitterroot River from the southern boundary of Section 2, T12N, R20W to the confluence of the Bitterroot and Clark Fork rivers in Section 27 T13N, R20W. Instream points of diversion will be added along the same reach. The project is located in Missoula County, and the source is groundwater.

Table 1: Water Right(s) Proposed for Change

Water Right Number	Flow Rate	Purpose	Volume	Period Of Use	Place Of Use	Points Of Diversion	Priority Date
76H 62593-00	120 GPM	Commercial	N/A - Flow Rate Only	1/1 to 12/31	SENEW Sec. 2, T12N, R20W	SWNWSE & NWNWSE Sec. 2 T12N R20W	5/5/1986
		Irrigation (Lawn & Garden)	3.5 AF	4/15 to 10/15	SENEW Sec. 2, T12N, R20W		

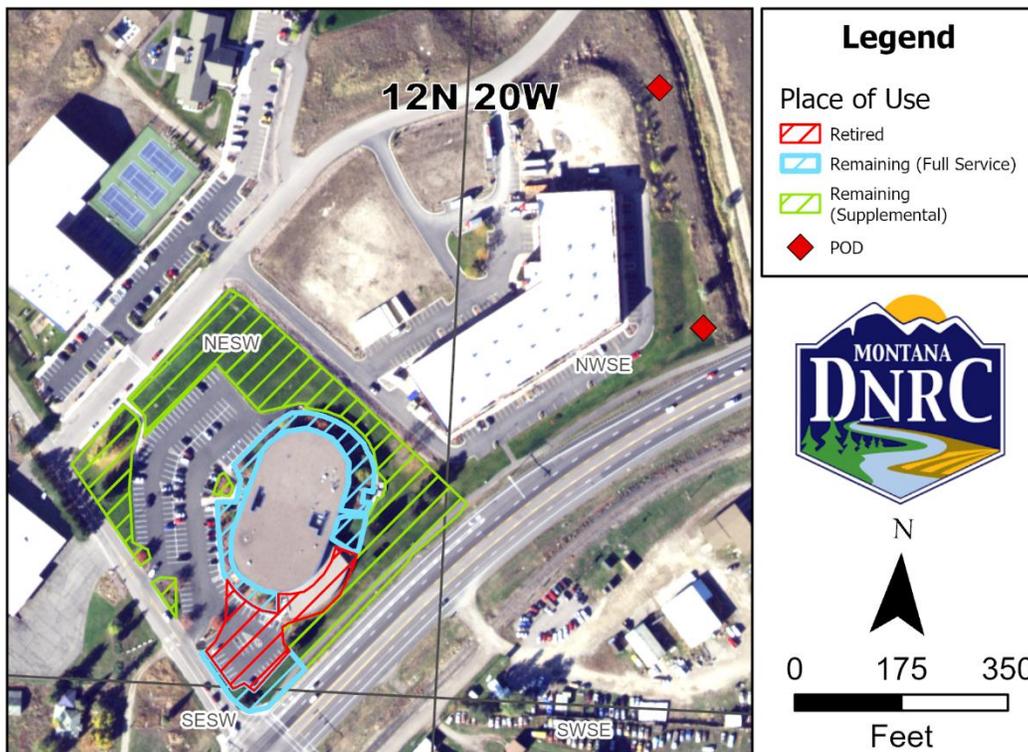


Figure 1: Map of the Applicant's proposed POD on the source and proposed place of use.



2.0 Historical Use Analysis

2.1 Historical Field Consumed and Applied Volumes

The consumed volume for turf grass is based on the net irrigation requirement (NIR) from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Irrigation Water Requirements (IWR) at a representative weather station. The IWR parameters for turf grass are described in the DNRC Turf Grass Memo. The NIR, provided by the IWR program in inches, is converted to feet. This is equivalent to the consumptive volume in acre-feet per acre for the irrigated area. To calculate the field applied volume, the consumed volume is divided by a 70% sprinkler field application efficiency value.

The Department’s 1997 verification of Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 confirmed that 3.0 acres of lawn and garden were sprinkler irrigated, and Google Earth aerial imagery from 2002 confirms the lawn surrounding the parking lot and building to be irrigated. The Missoula WSO AP weather station was used, and the NIR was calculated to be 20.38 inches (1.70 AF/ac).

One acre is fully serviced by Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00. The other two acres are irrigated by the remaining volume on the Permit and supplementarily supplied by Ground Water Certificate 76H 65902-00. The flow rate for the Permit was verified at 23.4 GPM for the commercial purpose, resulting in a total flow rate of 120 GPM for the commercial purpose when used with the supplemental right. The irrigation purpose was verified at 120 GPM, however, implying that the full 120 GPM is necessary to run the sprinkler system on the 1 acre that was not supplementally supplied. The relationship between the Permit and Ground Water Certificate is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Apportionment of Historical Consumptive Use by Water Right and Irrigated Area

Water Right No.	Apportioned HCV	Apportioned Field Application Volume	Percent of Volume Provided	Apportioned Flow Rate	Percent of Flow Rate Provided
Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 (1 ac)	1.7 AF	2.43 AF	100%	120 GPM	100%
Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 (2 ac)	0.75 AF	1.07 AF	22%	23.4 GPM	19.5%
Ground Water Certificate 76H 65902-00 (2 ac)	2.65 AF	3.79 AF	78%	96.6 GPM	80.1%
Total	5.1 AF	7.29 AF	--	--	--



2.2 Historical Diverted Volume

Per ARM 36.12.1902(10), the historically diverted volume is equal to the sum of the historical field application volume and historical conveyance loss volume. The irrigation of the Peak Health property is done by a sprinkler system sourced from a well; as such, there are no meaningful conveyance losses, and historical diverted volume is equal to the historical field application volume. Table 3 below summarizes the historical field applied and conveyance loss volumes.

Table 3: Apportionment of Historical Diverted Volume by Water Right and Irrigated Area

Water Right No.	Apportioned Historical Diverted Volume	Service Percentage of Irrigated Area
Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 (1 ac)	2.43 AF	100%
Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 (2 ac)	1.07 AF	22%
Ground Water Certificate 76H 65902-00 (2 ac)	3.79 AF	78%
Total	7.29 AF	--

2.3 Summary of Historical Use

The Department will consider the following values when evaluating the historical use of Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00 for the adverse effect criterion:

Table 4: Summary of historical use of Provisional Permit 76H 62593-00

Water Right No.	Historical Purpose	Maximum Historical Acres	Historical Place of Use	Historical Point of Diversion	Maximum Historical Flow Rate	Historically Consumed Volume	Historically Diverted Volume
76H 62593-00	Commercial	N/A	SENE SW Sec. 2, T12N, R20W	SWNWSE & NWNWSE Sec. 2 T12N R20W	120 GPM	N/A – Flow Rate Only	N/A – Flow Rate Only
	Irrigation (Lawn & Garden)	3.0				2.45 AF	3.5 AF



Review

This document has been reviewed by the Department on September 19, 2025.

References

Department Standard Practice for Determining Historical Use

DNRC Consumptive Use Methodology – Turf Grass Memo, dated March 23, 2010

Groundwater Change Technical Analyses Report- Part B
The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
Water Resources Division

Kim Bolhuis, Groundwater Hydrologist, Water Sciences Bureau (WSB)

Applicant Name	Peak Health Management Company LLC
Application No.	76H 30171414
Point of Diversion Legal Land Description	2 Wells in Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West, Missoula County

Overview

This report is Part B of a two-part publication which analyzes data submitted by the Applicant in support of the above-mentioned water right change application. This report provides technical analyses as required under the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM 36.12.1303) in support of the water rights criteria assessment as required in §85-2-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

This Groundwater Change Technical Analyses Report – Part B contains the following sections:

Overview 1

1.0 Executive Summary..... 1

2.0 Hydrogeologic Setting..... 3

7.2 Surface Water - Net Depletions (Consumed Water) 5

Review 10

References 10

1.0 Executive Summary

Application Details

The Applicant proposes to change a portion of the historical place of use (3-acres) of Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593 00 by retiring 0.46 acres of the 1-full service acre associated sole with Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593 00. The Provisional Permit is supplemental to Ground Water Certificate No. 76H 65902 00 for 2 acres of lawn and garden. Of the 1-full-service acre, 0.54 acres would be retained for lawn and garden irrigation.

The retired acreage and associated volume would be left in the aquifer and would offset a portion of the net depletions associated with Provisional Permit No. 76H 30150412. As part of the proposed mitigation plan, Statement of Claim No. 76H 30122609 would also be changed and a total of 10.3 acre-feet (AF) used for

aquifer recharge and mitigation purposes to offset the balance of net depletions from Provisional Permit No. 76H 30150412 .

Aquifer Testing Variances from ARM 36.12.121

This groundwater change application did not propose to move the points of diversion (POD) associated with Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00. Therefore, no aquifer testing was required.

WSB Technical Analyses Findings

Based on information submitted, the effect of the proposed use on hydraulically connected surface water sources was evaluated by comparing net depletions to surface water for existing and proposed conditions. These analyses are in support of the criteria assessment for adverse effect. A summary of WSB findings described in subsequent sections are listed below.

TECHNICAL ANALYSES FINDINGS

AQUIFER TEST ANALYSIS	This application is for a change in place of use, no aquifer testing was required.
MODELING INPUTS	Groundwater modeling inputs were not necessary to complete this report.
ADEQUACY OF DIVERSION	This application is for a change in place of use, no adequacy of diversion analysis was required.
ADVERSE EFFECT (DRAWDOWN IN EXISTING WELLS)	This application is for a change in place of use, no analysis of drawdown in nearby wells was required.
ADVERSE EFFECT (NET DEPLETION TO SURFACE WATER)	The net depletions from historical lawn and garden irrigation on 1.0 full-service acre under Provisional Permit No. 76H 62593-00 is 1.70 AF/annum. The net depletions associated with the remaining 0.54 acres of lawn and garden would be 0.92 AF/annum. The net effect to the Bitterroot River from retiring 0.46 acres of lawn and garden is 0.78 AF/annum.
ADVERSE EFFECT (RETURN FLOWS)	Return flows are not evaluated for applications proposing a change in the lawn and garden place of use.

Table 1: Net effect to the Bitterroot River from historical and proposed uses.

Month	HISTORICAL USE			PROPOSED			DIFFERENCE	
	Consumed Volume (AF)	Net Depletion (AF)	Net Depletion (gpm)	Consumed Volume (AF)	Net Depletion (AF)	Net Depletion (gpm)	Net Effect (AF)	Net Effect (gpm)
January	0.00	0.14	32.1	0.00	0.08	17.4	0.07	14.7
February	0.00	0.13	32.1	0.00	0.07	17.4	0.06	14.7
March	0.00	0.14	32.1	0.00	0.08	17.4	0.07	14.7
April	0.04	0.14	32.1	0.02	0.08	17.4	0.06	14.7
May	0.21	0.14	32.1	0.11	0.08	17.4	0.07	14.7
June	0.34	0.14	32.1	0.18	0.08	17.4	0.06	14.7
July	0.47	0.14	32.1	0.26	0.08	17.4	0.07	14.7
August	0.41	0.14	32.1	0.22	0.08	17.4	0.07	14.7
September	0.21	0.14	32.1	0.12	0.08	17.4	0.06	14.7
October	0.02	0.14	32.1	0.01	0.08	17.4	0.07	14.7
November	0.00	0.14	32.1	0.00	0.08	17.4	0.06	14.7
December	0.00	0.14	32.1	0.00	0.08	17.4	0.07	14.7
Total	1.70	1.70		0.92	0.92		0.78	

2.0 Hydrogeologic Setting

The Missoula Valley consists of Quaternary alluvial sands and gravels overlying bedrock of the Precambrian Belt Supergroup (LaFave, 2006). The alluvial aquifer is largely unconfined, with locally confined aquifer sequences due to laterally discontinuous clay layers. The bedrock aquifer occurs along the valley margin, where the overlying alluvial sediments are thin and the bedrock is close to the surface (LaFave, 2006). The southern end of the valley, along the Bitterroot River, is characterized by shallow alluvium overlying bedrock. There is sufficient fracture permeability in the Belt Supergroup rocks to yield water to wells (LaFave, 2006; Smith et al., 2013). However, the permeability is variable due to irregular fracture distribution and differing capabilities of the fractures to transmit water. This results in large variations in well yield from place to place. The aquifer is primarily recharged from infiltration of snowmelt and precipitation in areas where the bedrock is exposed, and from leakage from overlying or adjacent deposits. Potentiometric-surface mapping shows that groundwater in the bedrock along valley margins is in hydraulic communication with the basin-fill aquifer (LaFave, 2006).

As identified in **Figure 1**, the existing PODs are located in the SENWSE ¼ of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West, 1.3 miles southwest of Missoula in Missoula County. The existing Production Wells, Groundwater Information Center (GWIC) IDs 67088 and 67089, are approximately 790 feet (ft) east of the



place of use (POU) and separated by 360 ft. Well 1 (GWIC 67088) is completed to 120 ft below ground surface (bgs), screened from 55 to 118 ft bgs, and has a static water level (swl) of 10.94 ft below the top of the casing (btc). Well 2 (GWIC 67089) is completed to a depth of 118.5 ft bgs, screened between 40 to 118 ft bgs, and has a swl of 9.52 ft btc. Well 1 is screened entirely within bedrock of the Belt Supergroup (aquifer code: 400BELT). The top 8 ft of the screen of Well 2 is in the Missoula Valley alluvium, and the rest of the screen in bedrock (aquifer code: 400BELT). The lithologic logs of both Production Wells, along with several nearby wells completed in the bedrock, indicate clays mixed with gravels, sand, and cobbles in the overlying alluvium, possible representing a semi-confining layer.

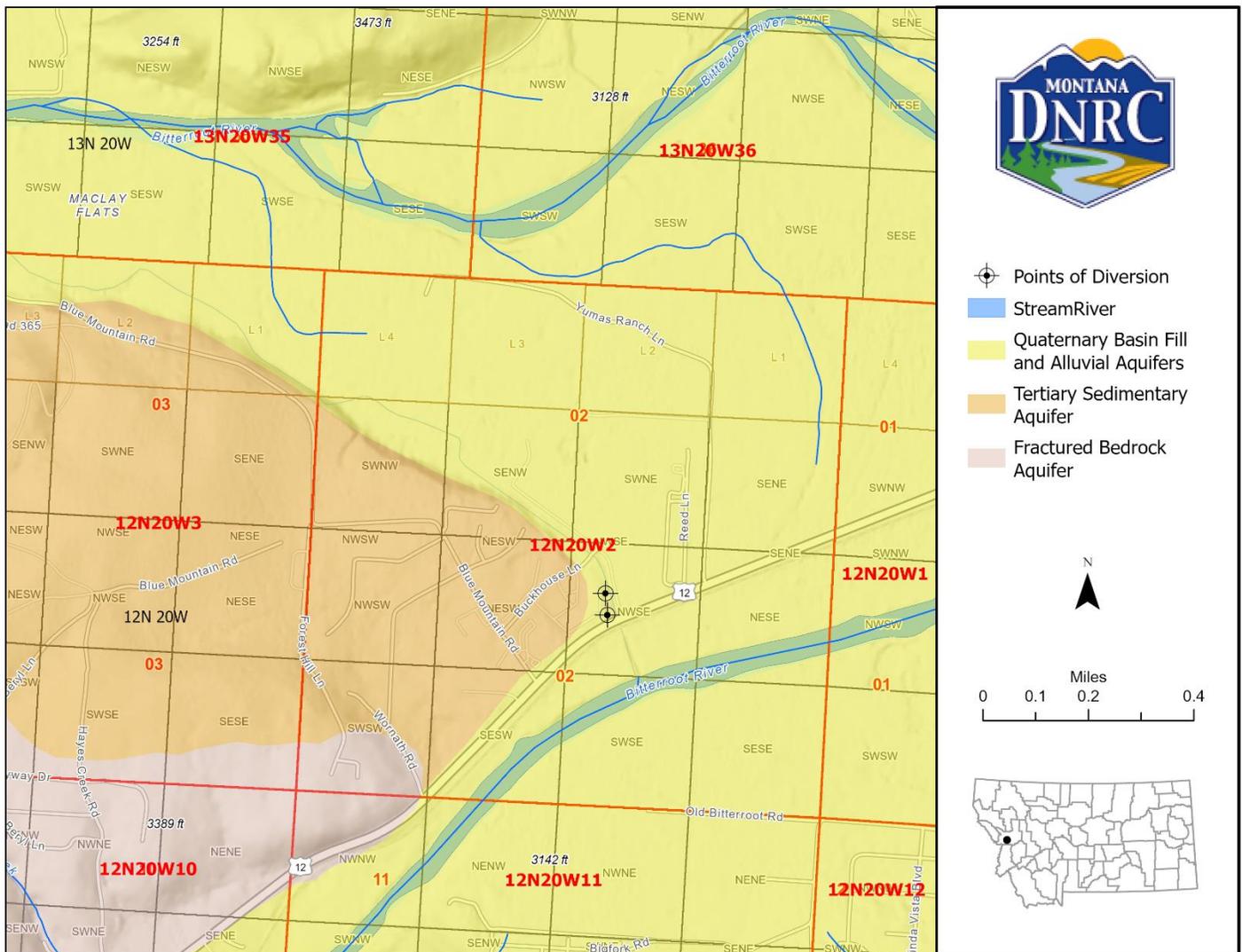


Figure 1: Map of the Applicant's existing Production Wells.

7.2 Surface Water - Net Depletions (Consumed Water)

Pursuant to *Montana Trout Unlimited v. DNRC*, 2006 MT 72, 331 Mont. 483, 133 P.3d 224, the DNRC recognizes the connection between surface water and groundwater, and the effect of pre-stream capture and induced infiltration on surface waters.

Net depletions to surface water depend on propagation of drawdown to areas of the aquifer from which water can be captured. Captured water consists of two possible sources – a reduction in the natural discharge (outflow) rate of groundwater from the aquifer (pre-stream capture) or an increase in the natural/artificial recharge (inflow) rate to the aquifer (e.g. induced infiltration). Two important assumptions are made when evaluating net depletions: first the stream and underlying aquifer remain hydraulically connected by a continuous saturated zone, and second, the stream does not become dry. In addition, net depletion is not a function of groundwater flow rate or direction (Theis, 1938; Leake, 2011) and drawdown from pumping can propagate through the entire thickness of the confining layer to overlying aquifers or surface waters (Konikow and Neuzil, 2007).

As such, net depletions are identified for hydraulically connected surface water sources, not including ditches or ephemeral streams. Net depletion is equal to consumption for proposed groundwater use and is described as the calculated volume, rate, timing, and location of reductions to surface water that are offset by return flows (non-consumed water). Net depletion is evaluated by 1.) quantifying the consumed volume associated with the proposed use; 2.) identifying hydraulically connected surface waters; and 3.) calculating the monthly rate and timing of net depletions to affected surface water(s).

1. Consumed Volume

Consumed groundwater does not return to the source aquifer. Consumed volume depends on the proposed use and its associated percentage of known consumption. Depletion is assumed to be equivalent to consumption on an annual basis unless return flows do not accrete to the potentially affected surface water.

Monthly consumption for irrigation of turf grass (lawns) is calculated using the minimum efficiency value of 70% and net irrigation requirement (NIR) from the Irrigation Water Requirement (IWR) program (NRCS, 2003) with inputs consistent with DNRC (2010) Consumptive Use Methodology for turf grass. The NIR, given in inches, is converted to feet and then multiplied by the proposed acreage to be irrigated, resulting in the consumptive volume.

WSB Findings

The monthly consumed volume for sprinkler irrigation for lawn and garden use is based on the NIR for a dry year calculated using the IWR program (NRCS, 2003), coupled with a net irrigation depth applied each season of 1 inch and carryover moisture of 0.25 inches at both the start and end of the irrigation season (DNRC, 2010). Annual start and end dates of April 14 and October 13 were computed in IWR based on the mean daily temperature of 45 degrees Fahrenheit, which is considered the minimum mean daily temperature for the growing season. These inputs are consistent with DNRC consumptive use rules in ARM 36.12.1902. The NIR for pasture grass using the Missoula WSO AP (MT5745) weather station is 20.38 inches.

The historically consumed volume for Statement of Claim No 76H 62593 00 for lawn and garden sprinkler irrigation historical POU was 1.70 AF, leaving a non-consumed volume of 0.73 acres (**Table 2**). The proposed change, which involves retiring 0.46 acres from the historical 1.0-acre full-service POU and irrigating the remaining 0.54 acres, would have a consumed volume of 0.92 AF and non-consumed volume of 0.39 AF (**Table 3**).

Table 2: Historical use for irrigating 1.0 acre of lawn and garden.

Irrigation Method	Acres	IWR (in) ¹	Diverted Volume (AF) ²	Total Consumed Volume (AF) ²	Non-Consumed Volume (AF)
Sprinkler	1.0	20.38	2.43	1.70	0.73

¹IWR Flood Irrigation, Wheeline & Handline Seasonal ET (inches)- Missoula Airport Weather Station

²The diverted volume is calculated by dividing the consumed volume by the standard sprinkler efficiency of 70% (0.70).

Table 3: Proposed use, retiring 0.46 acres, irrigating 0.54 acres of lawn and garden.

Irrigation Method	Acres	IWR (in) ¹	Diverted Volume (AF) ²	Total Consumed Volume (AF) ²	Non-Consumed Volume (AF)
Sprinkler	0.54	20.38	1.31	0.92	0.39

¹IWR Flood Irrigation, Wheeline & Handline Seasonal ET (inches)- Missoula Airport Weather Station

²The diverted volume is calculated by dividing the consumed volume by the standard sprinkler efficiency of 70% (0.70).

2. Hydraulically Connected Surface Water(s) and Location of Net Depletions

Potentially affected surface waters in a net depletion evaluation are identified by their hydraulic connection, both direct and indirect, to the source aquifer of a proposed groundwater diversion. Hydraulic connection depends on the depth to groundwater beneath the beds of surface waters, connection between deep and overlying shallow aquifers, vertical gradients, and can vary along a reach and with time of year.

Procedures for evaluating hydraulic connection and identifying one or more potentially affected surface water(s) for a proposed well in an unconfined/confined aquifer or regional bedrock aquifer can be found in DNRC (2018) and DNRC (2019), respectively. Net depletion is apportioned between multiple potentially affected surface waters generally following procedures described in Section 3.2 of a guidance document developed by the Province of British Columbia (2016) for determining the effect of groundwater diversion on specific streams.

Following protocols in DNRC (2018), **Table 4** identifies published information used to assess hydraulically connected surface water(s) and suggests the Bitterroot River is the only perennial surface water source that would be depleted. Not all data may be available for each project and is noted as “NA” when that occurs.

Table 4: Published information used to identify hydraulically connected surface water(s).

Published Information	Surface Water Source: Bitterroot River
USGS National Hydrographic Dataset (NHD) ¹	Perennial
USGS PROSPER Dataset ²	Perennial (rating 0.6-0.8)
MBMG GWIC wells, less than 50 ft deep, within 1,000 ft of surface water, static water levels above or within 10 ft of elevation of stream bed (DNRC, 2018) ³	Mapped: GWIC ID Nos. 67090, 67122, 321912, 321908, 321911, 246089 (Figure 2)
Published Water Table Maps, Publications, Previous Water Rights, etc. ⁴	LaFave, 2006; Smith et al. (2013)
Gridded National Soil Survey Geographic Database ⁵	Hydric conditions mapped along river (Figure 2)
Aerial imagery	Wet channel (NAIP 2013-2024)
Affidavits, photographs, etc.	NA

¹ Review NHD to identify perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral classifications for surface water sources most proximal to the proposed diversion(s).

² USGS PROSPER probability of streamflow permanence (greater than 50 percent of the time it flows).

³ Per DNRC (2018) hydraulic connection of individual stream reaches to ground water is evaluated by comparing streambed elevations to static ground water elevations measured in MBMG GWIC wells less than 50 ft deep and within 1,000 ft of surface water or from published water table maps. Surface water within that area is considered hydraulically connected to the unconfined aquifer if static ground water elevations are above or within 10 ft of the elevation of the stream bed.

⁴ Potentiometric-surface mapping shows that groundwater in the bedrock along valley margins is in hydraulic communication with the alluvial aquifer (LaFave, 2006).

⁵ Review Gridded National Soil Survey Geographic Database to identify hydric soils or shallow water tables near surface water sources.

WSB Findings

Based on the review of the published information in **Table 4**, the source aquifer is hydraulically connected to the Bitterroot River, a perennial surface water source. Potentiometric-surface mapping shows that groundwater in the bedrock along valley margins is in hydraulic communication with the alluvial aquifer



(LaFave, 2006); therefore, an examination of the alluvial aquifer hydraulic connection to the Bitterroot River will suffice for the bedrock aquifer. Based on the DNRC’s determination for Permit Application No. 76H 30046211 and 76H 30118748 and information from LaFave (2006) and Smith et al. (2013), net depletion from the proposed use is expected to accumulate in the Bitterroot River downstream of the southern boundary of Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 20 West, Missoula County (Figure 2).

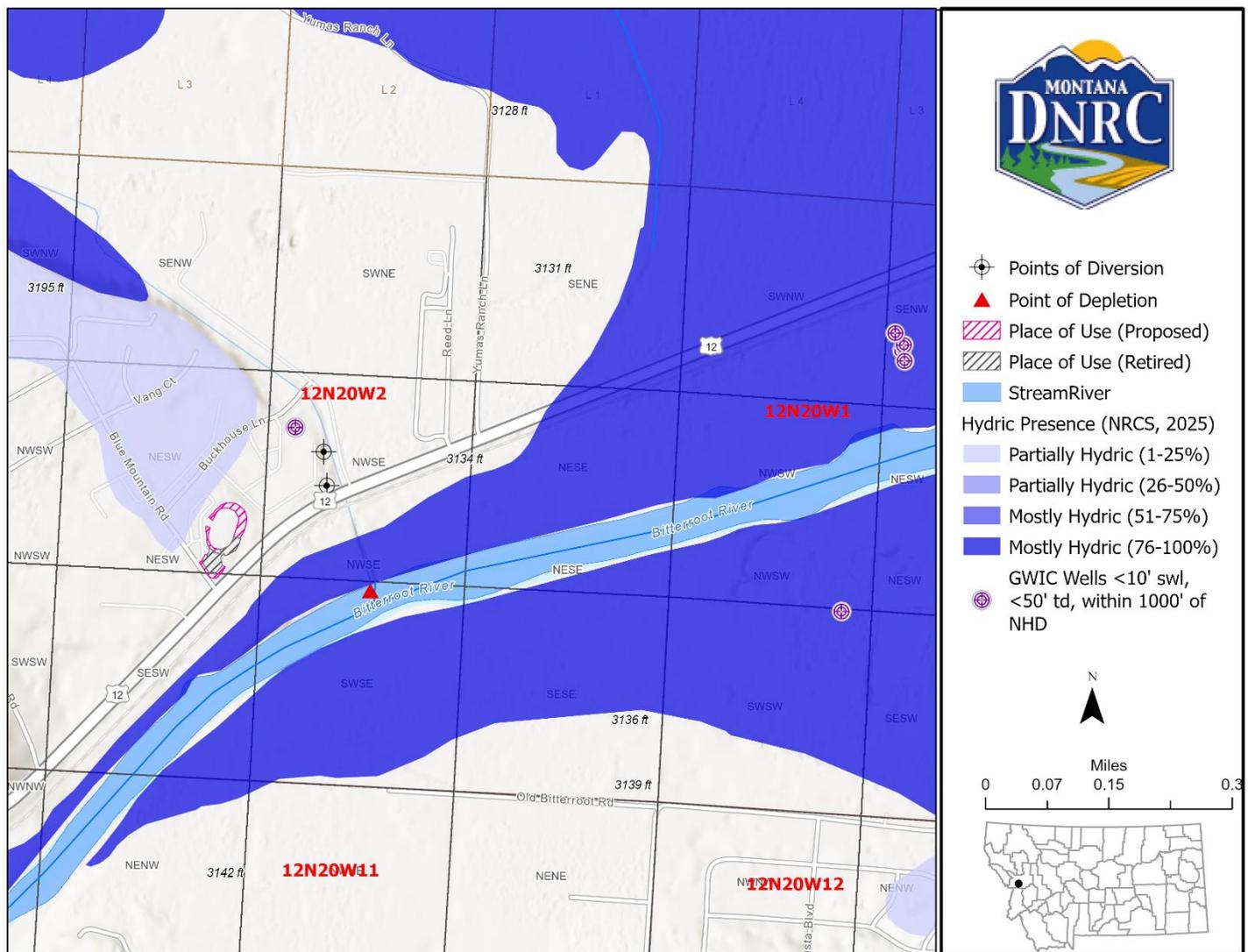


Figure 2: Location of wells used to assess hydrologic connection and starting point of the depleted reach for Change Application No. 76H 30171414.

3. Rate and Timing of Depletions

Evaluations of the rate and timing of depletions caused by pumping are based on the basic concept that groundwater pumping eventually is offset by an equivalent increase in recharge or decrease in discharge (Theis, 1940; Leake et al., 2008), a process defined as capture by Lohman (1972). Capture occurs as drawdown propagates to surface water and areas of phreatophyte vegetation that takes water directly from groundwater. In the absence of credible evidence to the contrary, capture of ET by phreatophytes is neglected and net depletion is assumed to equal total capture. This assumption is justified because published estimates for conditions common in Montana alluvial valleys indicate capture of ET generally is less than 10 percent of total capture (Xunhong, 2006). Capture of ET in ephemeral drainages may be significant and will be evaluated on an application-by-application basis.

The rate and timing of net depletion caused by pumping may be modeled using a variety of analytical and numerical models selected to fit site-specific conditions and needs. Simple models including the Alluvial Water Accounting System (AWAS), the Well Pumping Depletion Model (WPDM) or FWD:SOLV (HydroSOLVE, 2024) typically are used by DNRC to model depletions to one source with simple aquifer boundaries. Adjustments may be made for more complex conditions or multiple sources using methods like those described by Contor (2011), analytical models by Hunt (2003) and Butler et al. (2001) or a superposition numerical groundwater flow model.

Modeling is not necessary in some situations such as where the proposed use is constant year-round because of the depth to the source aquifer and a distance to potentially affected stream reaches. Modeling of depletions can be simplified if the proposed place of use is located the same relative distance from the potentially affected surface water as the proposed wells and all non-consumed water infiltrates the source aquifer and returns to the potentially affected surface water as return flows. Under those simplifying assumptions, depletion can be modeled based on withdrawal of the monthly consumed amounts. Otherwise, depletion by the full withdrawals and return flows need to be modeled separately with net depletion calculated as depletion minus return flows.

The net depletion is expected to be dampened due to a confining unit above the source aquifer and result in a constant year-round net depletion (**Table 1**). The calculated consumed volumes and monthly net depletions for Change Application No. 76H 30171414 are reported in **Table 1**. The rate and timing of historical net depletions to the Bitterroot River associated with 1-acre of full service lawn and garden irrigation, the proposed use (0.54-acres of lawn and garden), and net effect of the proposed change (retire 0.46 acres) is presented in **Table 1**. Positive values of net depletion correspond to increased flows while negative values correspond to reduced stream flows.

Mitigation Plan Assessment Provisional Permit No. 76H 30150412

The points of diversion associated with the water right proposed for change are the same as the wells authorized under Provisional Permit No. 76H 30150412. The retired acreage and associated volume would be left in the aquifer and would offset a portion of the net depletions associated with Provisional Permit No. 76H 30150412. As a result of retiring 0.46 acres, 0.78 AF/annum would not be depleted from the Bitterroot River as identified in **Table 1**.

Review

This document has been reviewed on September 18, 2025, in accordance with Category 7 of DNRC's Water Sciences Bureau Minimum Standards of Review, Version 2, February 2024.

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Preapplication Materials

- **Preapplication Meeting Request**
- **Preapplication Meeting Form**
- **All attachments**
- **All correspondence prior to application receipt**

Preapplication Materials



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August 5, 2025

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Subject: Complete Preapplication form for Change Application No. 76H 30171414

Dear Applicant,

The Missoula Regional Office of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC or Department) received your Preapplication Meeting Form and preapplication meeting fee on July 29, 2025, and the Department deemed the submitted Preapplication Meeting Form to be successfully completed per ARM 36.12.1302 on August 5, 2025.

As designated on the submitted Preapplication Meeting Form per § 85-2-302(3)(b), MCA, the Department will produce the technical analyses based on the parameters included in the Preapplication Meeting Form (ARM 36.12.1302(4)) within 45 days of August 5, 2025.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Benjamin Thomas'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Benjamin Thomas

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Missoula Regional Office

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cc: Julie Merritt, WGM Group





**PREAPPLICATION MEETING
FORM: PART B
CHANGE**
§ 85-2-302(3)(b), MCA
Form No. 606P-B (Revised 02/2025)

For Department Use Only

Application # 30171414 Basin 76H
Form Received 7-29-2025
Fee Rec'd \$ 100 + 400 Check # 83314 & 1232
Deposit Receipt # MSS2601685 & MSS2406279
Payor WGM Group Inc & Miller Law PLLC
Form Returned _____
Refund \$ _____ Date _____

PREAPPLICATION MEETING FEE

\$ 500

FILING FEE REDUCTION & EXPEDITED TIMELINE

An application will be eligible for a filing fee reduction and expedited timelines if the Applicant completes a preapplication meeting with the Department (ARM 36.12.1302(1)), which includes submitting any follow-up information identified by the Department (ARM 36.12.1302(3)(c)) and receiving either Department-completed technical analyses or Department review of Applicant-submitted technical analyses (ARM 36.12.1302(4) and (5)). An application for the proposed project also must be submitted within 180 days of delivery of Department technical analyses or scientific credibility review and no element on the submitted application can be changed from the completed preapplication meeting form (ARM 36.12.1302(6)).

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MISSOULA REGIONAL OFFICE

The Applicant is responsible for providing a "Follow-up Responses" document for all follow-up identified in Preapplication Meeting Form Part A (Form 606P-A). The Applicant may not alter Form 606P-A. If a response has changed to a question answered at the preapplication meeting, the Applicant can provide a new response in a separate document entitled "Amended Responses" with the question number labeled.

The following guidelines are applicable to both the "Follow-up Responses" and "Amended Responses" documents. Clearly label all question numbers. Answer questions in the same format as Form 606P-A. For responses in the form of checkboxes, write "Y", "N", or "S". Constrain narrative responses to the specific question as is asked on the form; do not respond to multiple questions in one narrative. Label units in narrative responses and tables. Tables must have the exact headings found on the form. Questions that require items to be submitted to the Department may be marked "S" when the required item is included with the document.

1. Y N Are you submitting this form in response to a determination by the Department that a previously submitted Form 606P-B was inadequately completed?

If yes,

- a. Date form was returned ("Form Returned" date found in "For Department Use Only" box on the previously submitted Form 606P-B): _____
- b. If a "Follow-up Responses" or "Amended Responses" document is required by questions 2 or 3, submit complete updated documents with responses that stand-alone. The Department will only use the most recently submitted "Follow-up Responses" and "Amended Responses" documents for departmental technical analyses or scientific credibility review; the Department will not use multiple versions of a document.

2. Y N Were any questions identified as requiring follow-up on Form 606P-A?

If yes,

- a. S Submit "Follow-up Responses" document for all questions requiring follow-up.



FOLLOW-UP AND AMENDED RESPONSES AFFIDAVIT & CERTIFICATION

"I attest that this preapplication meeting form (Form 606P-A and Form 606P-B), follow-up, and amended responses accurately portray the proposed project. I am aware that my application for this project will not qualify for a discounted filing fee and expedited timelines if, upon submittal of the application to the department, I change any element of the proposed application from the preapplication meeting form, amended responses, or follow-up materials (ARM 36.12.1302(6)(a))."

Charlie Eiseman

Jul 28, 2025

Charlie Eiseman (Jul 28, 2025 16:46:33 MDT)

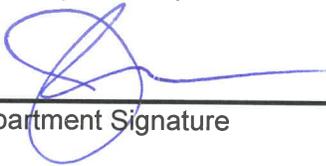
Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Signature

Date

"We confirm that the preapplication form (Form 606P-A and Form 606P-B), amended responses, and follow-up information are adequate for the Department to proceed with technical analyses in ARM 36.12.1303. Or, if the Applicant has elected to complete technical analyses, we confirm they have submitted each required element of technical analysis based on the proposed project and the Department is able to proceed with the scientific credibility review (ARM 36.12.1303(8))."



8-5-2025

Department Signature

Date

Department Signature

Date





**PREAPPLICATION MEETING FORM:
PART A
CHANGE**
§ 85-2-302(3)(b)
Form No. 606P-A (Revised 02/2025)

PREAPPLICATION MEETING FEE

\$ 500

FILING FEE REDUCTION & EXPEDITED TIMELINE

An application will be eligible for a filing fee reduction and expedited timelines if the applicant completes a preapplication meeting with the Department (ARM 36.12.1302(1)), which includes submitting any follow-up information identified by the Department (ARM 36.12.1302(3)(c)) and receiving either Department-completed technical analyses or Department review of applicant-submitted technical analyses (ARM 36.12.1302(4) and (5)). An application for the proposed project also must be submitted within 180 days of delivery of Department technical analyses or scientific credibility review and no element on the submitted application can be changed from the completed preapplication meeting form (ARM 36.12.1302(6)).

For Department Use Only

Application # 30171414 Basin 76H
 Meeting Date 7/22/2025 Time 11:00
 Variance Request Deadline _____
 Completed Form Deadline 1/18/2026

The Department will fill out Form 606P-A and will identify items for follow-up during the preapplication meeting. The Department and Applicant will sign the Preapplication Meeting Affidavit and Certification within 10 business days. Within 180 days of the preapplication meeting, the Applicant will complete Preapplication Meeting Form Part B (Form 606P-B), including identified follow-up, any amended responses, and the Follow-up and Amended Responses Affidavit & Certification.

Applicant Information: Add more as necessary.

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 Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Contact/Representative Information: Add more as necessary.

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NOTE: If a contact person is identified as an attorney, all communication will be sent only to the attorney unless the attorney provides written instruction to the contrary. If a contact person is identified as a consultant, employee, or lessee, the individual filing the water right form or objection form will receive all correspondence and a copy may be sent to the contact person. (ARM 36.12.122)

Meeting Attendees: Add more as necessary.

Name	Organization	Position
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Application Details

The following questions are mandatory and must be filled out before the Preapplication Meeting Form is determined to be complete. Narrative responses that are larger than the space provided can be answered in an attachment. If an attachment is used, mark the see attachment (“A”) checkbox on this form and label the attachment with the question number. Constrain narrative responses to the specific question as is asked on the form; do not respond to multiple questions in one narrative. Responses in the form of a table may be entered into the table provided on this form or in an attachment. If an attachment is used, the table must have the exact headings found on this form, and the see attachment (“A”) checkbox must be marked. Label units in narrative responses and tables. Questions that require Applicant to submit items to the Department have a submitted (“S”) checkbox, which is marked when the required item is attached to the Preapplication Meeting Form. Label all submitted items with the question number for which they were submitted. For all questions where follow-up is necessary, mark the “F” checkbox in the “Follow-Up” column and write the question number on the “Follow-Up Page”.

S = Submitted. Use when required item is included with form.

A = See attachment. Use when additional space is needed to answer a question.

F = Follow-up. Use when follow-up is necessary.

<u>Questions, Narrative Responses, and Tables</u>							<u>Check-boxes</u>	<u>Follow-Up</u>
1. Do you elect to have DNRC conduct technical analyses?							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
2. How many change applications will be needed for this project? Please refer to ARM 36.12.1305 for more information. 2 Changes are needed for the overall project but only 1 application is needed for this specific part								<input type="checkbox"/> F
3. Which water right(s) are proposed for change?							<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
Water Right No.	Current Authorized Flow Rate			Flow Rate Needed for Project			Means of Diversion	
	Flow	GPM	CFS	Flow	GPM	CFS		
76H 62593	120	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.48	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LEAVING VOLUME UNDIVERTED	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(0.48 is flow that will accumulate to stream)	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Is the proposed change on a non-filed water project?							<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, please submit a Non-Filed Water Project Addendum (Form 606/634-NFWPA). The project must meet the requirements of the addendum. The addendum is required before the Preapplication Meeting Form is completed.							<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F



5. Is the source surface water or groundwater? <u>GROUNDWATER</u>		
6. What is the source name? <u>GROUNDWATER</u>		
7. Identify the water right elements proposed for change, with a checkmark, for each water right proposed for change.	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

Water Right #	76H 62593					
Point of diversion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Place of use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Purpose of use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Place of storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Submit a historical use map created on an aerial photograph or topographic map that shows the following: section corners, township and range, scale bar, north arrow, all historical points of diversion (POD) labeled with a unique POD ID (“H” followed by a number), all historical places of use (POU), all historical conveyance structures, all historical places of storage, and historical place of use for all overlapping water rights. More than one map may be submitted, if necessary to clearly convey all required information.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
9. Submit a proposed use map created on an aerial photograph or topographic map that shows the following: section corners, township and range, scale bar, north arrow, all proposed points of diversion labeled with a unique POD ID (“P” followed by a number), all proposed places of use, all proposed conveyance structures, all proposed places of storage, and proposed place of use for all overlapping water rights. More than one map may be submitted, if necessary to clearly convey all required information.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
10. Does the change involve a change in point of diversion?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, describe the location for all <i>new</i> and <i>unchanged</i> points of diversion to the nearest 10 acres. Label POD ID with the POD ID assigned for the proposed use map (question 9).	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

POD ID	1/4	1/4	1/4	Sec	Twp	Rge	County	Lot	Block	Tract	Subdivision	Gov. Lot	New or Unchanged
											See attached		



iii. Do other water rights supplement or overlap the historical and/or proposed place of use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
1. If yes,		
a. How were the water rights operated to serve the historical purposes and how will they be operated to serve the proposed purposes? <u>SEE ATTACHED</u> _____ _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. For each supplemental or overlapping water right, please list whether they contribute water for historical use, proposed use, or both; the average period of contribution (MM/DD-MM/DD); flow rate contributed (GPM or CFS); and, if known, the volume of water contributed (AF) contributed (otherwise write "unknown").	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

Water Right No.	Contributions to Use			Average Period of Contribution	Flow Rate Contributed			Volume Contributed
	Hist.	Prop.	Both	MM/DD-MM/DD	Flow	GPM	CFS	AF
76H 65902	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/1-12/31	96.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14.0
76H 62593	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/1-12/31	23.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.35
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

14. Does the proposed change include a change in purpose of use? If yes, answer questions 101 to 108 for change in purpose of use and question 13.a.iii for supplemental or overlapping water rights.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
15. Are conveyance ditches used for historical or proposed uses? If yes, answer ditch-specific questions 109 to 115.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
16. Do you propose to add or modify one or more places of storage? This does not include reservoirs, pits, pit-dams, or ponds with a capacity less than 0.1 AF; water tanks; or cisterns (ARM 36.12.113(6)). If yes, answer mandatory questions 116 to 123. Additionally, you may choose to answer non-mandatory questions 175 to 179. A Change Storage Addendum (Form 606-SA) will be required at application submittal.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
17. Is the proposed use temporary? If yes, answer questions 94 to 100 for temporary changes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
18. Are you filing on behalf of another entity? If yes, describe. _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F



19. Do you own the entire historical place of use for all water rights proposed for change?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If no, was the water historically used for sale, rental, distribution, municipal use, or any other context in which water is being supplied to another and it is clear that the ultimate user would not accept the supply without consenting to the use of water on the user's place of use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F
i. If no,		
1. List the water rights for which you do not own the entire historical place of use. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
2. Are the water rights listed in question 19.a.i.1 severed from the historical POU?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, do you own the entirety of the severed water rights proposed for change?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, skip to question 20. If no, answer question 19.a.i.3.		
b. If no, answer question 19.a.i.3.		
3. Are all owners of the historical place of use or, if applicable, owners of the severed water rights, willing to sign the application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If no,		
i. A Form 641 or 642 to split the water rights being changed must be received and processed by the Department prior to application submittal.		
ii. Describe how the water rights will be split, and which part of the split water rights will be proposed for change. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
20. Are you proposing to add a point of diversion or place of use on State of Montana Trust Land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes,		
i. Documentation of consent from the DNRC Trust Lands Management Division will be required at application submittal.		
ii. Do you propose to add a place of use on Trust Land with all points of diversion on private land? If yes, the change authorization will be temporary for the duration of the lease term (§85-2-441, MCA); answer temporary change project-specific questions 94 to 100.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F



21. Will your system be designed to discharge water from the project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If yes, explain the wastewater disposal method. A discharge permit may be required to comply with §§ 75-5-410 and 85-2-364, MCA. WW DISPOSAL METHOD IS SEPTIC & DRAINFIELD. APPLICANT HAS A SEPTIC PERMIT FROM MCCHD</p> <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
22. Is the application to change the purpose of use or place of use of an appropriation of 4,000 or more acre-feet (AF) of water a year and 5.5 or more cubic feet per second (CFS)? If yes, you must submit a Reasonable Use Addendum (Form 606-B) with the application. The reasonable use criteria are found in §85-2-402(4-5), MCA.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
23. Will you be transporting water for use outside of Montana? If yes, you will need to submit an Out-of-State Use Addendum (Form 600/606-OSA) with the application. The out-of-state use criteria are outlined in §85-2-402(6), MCA.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
24. Is the project located in designated sage grouse habitat? If yes, a review letter from the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program will be required at application submittal.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
25. Does the application include a mitigation, aquifer recharge, or marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge purpose? If yes, answer mandatory questions 124 to 129. Additionally, you may choose to answer non-mandatory questions 185 to 190. A Mitigation Addendum (Form 600/606-MIT) will be required with application submittal.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
26. Does the application include the water marketing purpose? This does not include marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge. If yes, answer the following question. Additionally, you may choose to answer non-mandatory questions 191 to 195. A Water Marketing Purpose Addendum (Form 600/606-WMA) will be required with application submittal.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. For what purposes will the marketed water be used?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
27. Does the proposed purpose include instream flow? If yes, answer mandatory questions for instream flow changes 130 to 136. Additionally, you may choose to answer non-mandatory questions 180 to 184. A Change to Instream Flow Addendum (Form 606-IFA) will be required with application submittal.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
28. Will the proposed use include water made available through creation of a “water saving method” (i.e., salvage water) as defined in ARM 36.12.101? If yes, answer questions 137 to 141 for Salvage Water.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F



Historical Use

The following questions are mandatory and must be filled out for both Surface Water and Groundwater Applications before the Preapplication Meeting Form is determined to be complete.

<u>Questions, Narrative Responses, and Tables</u>				<u>Check-boxes</u>	<u>Follow-Up</u>
29. What is the water right type for each water right proposed for change? Answer question 30 for each Statement of Claim, question 31 for each Provisional Permit, and question 32 for water right that is not a Statement of Claim or Provisional Permit. PROVISIONAL PERMIT <hr/> <hr/>				<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
30. In the table below, write the water right number for each Statement of Claim proposed for change in the "Statement of Claim Number" column. If there is one or more previous change authorizations, write the application numbers for the change authorizations in the "Previous Change Authorization Number" column. If there are no previous change authorizations, write "none" in the "Previous Change Authorization Number" column and "N/A" in all the remaining columns. Write the date of the Project Completion Notice for each previous change authorization in the "Project Completion Notice Date" column and if no Project Completion Notice has been submitted, write "none" instead. In the "Previous Historical Use Analysis Quality" column, describe the quality of the previous historical use analysis.				<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
Statement of Claim Number	Previous Change Authorization Number	Project Completion Notice Date	Previous Historical Use Analysis Quality		



31. In the table below, write the water right number for each Provisional Permit proposed for change in the “Provisional Permit Number” column. In the “Project Completion Notice Date” column, write the date of the Project Completion Notice and if no Project Completion Notice has been submitted, write “none” instead. Write the application number for each previous change authorization in the “Previous Change Authorization Number” column. If there are no previous change authorizations, write “none” in the “Previous Change Authorization Number” column and “N/A” in all the remaining columns. Write the date of the Project Completion Notice for each previous change authorization in the “Previous Change Project Completion Notice” column and if no Project Completion Notice has been submitted, write “none” instead. In the “Previous Change Historical Use Analysis Quality” column, describe the quality of the previous historical use analysis.

<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
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Provisional Permit Number	Project Completion Notice Date	Previous Change Authorization Number	Previous Change Project Completion Notice Date	Previous Historical Use Analysis Quality
76H 62593	12/31/1996	76H 30150413	N/A	7/2022 analysis- recent & applicable

32. In the table below, write the water right number for each water right proposed for change that is not a Statement of Claim or Provisional Permit, the type of water right, and the completion date. If a Groundwater Certificate, the completion date will be the date of filing. If an exempt or non-filed water right, the completion date will be July 1, 1973. If there are one or more previous change authorizations, write the application number for each change authorization in the “Previous Change Authorization Number” column. If there are no previous change authorizations, write “none” in the “Previous Change Authorization Number” column and “N/A” in all the remaining columns. Write the date of the Project Completion Notice for each previous change authorization in the “Previous Change Project Completion Notice Date” column and if the previous change authorization does not have a Project Completion Notice, write “none” instead. In the “Previous Historical Use Analysis Quality” column, describe the quality of the previous historical use analysis.

<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
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Water Right Number	Water Right Type	Completion Date	Previous Change Authorization Number	Previous Change Project Completion Notice Date	Previous Historical Use Analysis Quality



33. Are there previous Montana Water Court approved stipulations, Water Master reports, or prior Montana Water Court or Department decisions related to the water right(s) being changed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, explain. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
34. Fill in the table below based on ARM 36.12.1902(1) and the information provided in questions 29 to 33. In column "Water Right Number", list all water rights proposed for change. Select one of the three historical use analysis options and fill in the required information associated with that option. Select "Full Historical Use Analysis N/A" only if an unperfected Provisional Permit will be used to serve as historical use in lieu of analysis. If the "Existing Historical Use Analysis" or "Full Historical Use Analysis N/A" option is selected, skip to question 57 because this section is complete.	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

Water Right No. Proposed for Change	Historical Use Analysis Options
76H 62593	<input type="checkbox"/> New Historical Use Analysis. Date for which historical use will be analyzed: _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Historical Use Analysis. Change authorization number with existing Historical Use Analysis: <u>76H 30150413</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Historical Use Analysis N/A. Water right number serving as historical use in lieu of analysis: _____



	<input type="checkbox"/> New Historical Use Analysis. Date for which historical use will be analyzed: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Historical Use Analysis. Change authorization number with existing Historical Use Analysis: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Historical Use Analysis N/A. Water right number serving as historical use in lieu of analysis: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Historical Use Analysis. Date for which historical use will be analyzed: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Historical Use Analysis. Change authorization number with existing Historical Use Analysis: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Historical Use Analysis N/A. Water right number serving as historical use in lieu of analysis: _____

35. Do you have knowledge of historical use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes,		
i. Is this firsthand knowledge?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. Who has this knowledge and what was their role? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. If no, where will the historical use data be derived? <u>PROJECT COMPLETION NOTICE & WATER MEASUREMENT DATA</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



Fill out the remaining Historical Use questions (questions 37 to 56) **one time for each** water right proposed for change. Use the “Additional Water Right Historical Use (606P)” sheet for each additional water right. You may answer **one time for all** water rights proposed for change that have the same purposes, place of use, supplemental water rights, points of diversion, period of use, conveyance, diverted volume parameters, and consumptive volume parameters.

36. What is the water right number for which questions 37 to 56 will be answered? 76H 62593		<input type="checkbox"/> F
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Historical Use: Place of Use

37. The historical use map submitted for question 8 must clearly identify the entire place of use for each overlapping water right that intersects the historical place of use. Does your historical use map meet this requirement?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
38. Are you proposing to change all water rights associated with the historical place of use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If no, identify the water rights associated with the historical place of use that are not included in this application. Provide the priority date for each water right and explain why all overlapping water rights are not included in the application. Include water received via contract from a company, district, or water users’ association.	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

Water Right No.	Priority Date	Reason Not Included in Change
76H 65902	8/3/1987	The portion of the POU being retired was only associated with Permit 76H 62593



39. Answer the section of this question relevant to the historical purpose. If there is more than one purpose, then answer all relevant parts of this question.		
a. All purposes		
i. Does the legal land description from the abstract encompass the actual location of the historical place of use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
1. If no, explain the discrepancy and submit historical aerial photographs and/or other data sources to corroborate the location of these historical places of use, and, if a Statement of Claim, submit documentation of a written request submitted to the Water Court for amendment of the Claim. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. Irrigation		
i. Is the water right being changed a Statement of Claim?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
1. If yes, does the Water Resources Survey corroborate the acres irrigated listed on the abstract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If no, submit evidence that can corroborate the historical place of use, including the number of irrigated acres. This includes, but is not limited to, aerial photographs, irrigation journals, or logs.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
2. If no, submit one or more aerial photographs that can corroborate the historical place of use, including the number of irrigated acres.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
c. Lawn and garden		
i. Submit aerial photographs that can corroborate the historical place of use, including the number of irrigated acres.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
d. Stock		
i. Submit aerial photographs, grazing records, or other records to corroborate the historical place of use.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. Did the stock drink direct from source or direct from ditch?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
1. If no, submit data sources that make clear the location of the stock watering infrastructure.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
e. Multiple domestic, domestic, municipal, mining, commercial, and other purposes		
i. Submit aerial photographs, deeds, other recorded documents or records, affidavits, or other published documents, such as magazine articles, to corroborate the historical place of use.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F



Historical Use: Point of Diversion

Continue to answer questions for water right(s) identified in question 36. Applications corroborating historical flow rate with the Historical Use Addendum (Form 606-HUA) may be eligible to skip question 42; see the Form 606-HUA for more information.

40. For all historical points of diversion, identify the means, location (¼ ¼ ¼ section), and if they are proposed for change. Label using the same POD ID letter as for the Historical Use Map (question 8). A F

POD ID	Means	Location (¼ ¼ ¼ Section)	Proposed for Change?
H-1	WELL/PUMP	SWNWSE 2 12N 20W	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
H-2	WELL/PUMP	NWNWSE 2 12N 20W	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
			<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
			<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

41. Do the legal land descriptions from the abstract encompass the actual locations of all historical points of diversion? Y N F

a. If no, explain the discrepancy and submit historical aerial photographs and/or other data sources to corroborate the location of these historical points of diversion, and, if a Statement of Claim, submit documentation of a written request submitted to the Water Court for amendment of the Claim.

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42. Answer questions below related to the diversion means for each of the historical points of diversion.

a. Headgate

i. For each headgate, provide dimensions in feet (FT), slope of the channel at the headgate (%), material of the headgate, estimated historical capacity in gallons per minute (GPM) or cubic feet per second (CFS) and the method used to estimate historical capacity. Label using the same POD ID letter as for the Historical Use Map (question 8). A F

POD ID	Dimensions	Slope	Material	Estimated Capacity			Method
	FT	%		Cap.	GPM	CFS	
					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



b. Pump, dike, dam, or other surface water point of diversion			
i. For each pump, dike, dam, or other surface water point of diversion, provide an estimate of the historical capacity (GPM or CFS) and the method used to estimate the historical capacity. Label using the same POD ID letter as for the Historical Use Map (question 8).		<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

POD ID	Estimated Capacity			Method
	Cap.	GPM	CFS	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

c. Well, pit, or other groundwater point of diversion			
i. For each well, pit, or other groundwater point of diversion, provide an estimate of the historical capacity (GPM or CFS) and the method used to estimate the historical capacity. Label using the same POD ID letter as for the Historical Use Map (question 8).		<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

POD ID	Estimated Capacity			Method
	Cap.	GPM	CFS	
H-1	120	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peak Well #1 Submersible Gould Model 100H074, 3-Phase, 230-volt, 10 hp
H-2	120	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peak Well #3 Submersible Gould Model 100H105, 3-Phase, 230-volt, 10 hp
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Each well is capable of producing 120 GPM individually
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



43. Do other water rights share any of the points of diversion?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, list the water rights, their flow rates (GPM or CFS), and the nature of the relationship. Label using the same POD ID letter as for the Historical Use Map (question 8).	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

POD ID	Water Right No.	Flow Rate			Relationship
		Flow	GPM	CFS	
H-1 & H-2	76H 62593	23.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BOTH WELLS AND BOTH RIGHTS ARE USED TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE NEEDED FLOW RATE AND VOLUME
H-1 & H-2	76H 65902	96.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Historical Use: Period of Diversion

(Continue to answer questions for water right(s) identified in question 36.)

44. Are the period of diversion and the period of use the same?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If no,		
i. Why are they different?	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. Is there a place of storage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
45. When was water diverted for the purposes of the water rights being changed?	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

Start Date (Month (MM)/Day (DD))	End Date (MM/DD)
04/15 (L&G irrigation purpose only)	10/15 (L&G irrigation purpose only)



46. Does the Department have a standard, found in ARM 36.12.112, for the period of diversion for all purposes for which water is used?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, does the period of diversion for all purposes fall within Department standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. If no, or if any period of diversion falls outside Department standards, explain how the period of diversion is reasonable for the purpose. The lawn and garden purpose proposed for change has a standard, which is met. The commercial purpose (which is not being changed) does not have a standard. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

Historical Use: Historical Diverted Volume

Continue to answer questions for water right(s) identified in question 36. Applications corroborating historical diverted volume with the Historical Use Addendum (Form 606-HUA) may be eligible to skip question parts of question 47; see the Form 606-HUA for more information.

47. Answer all relevant sections of this question based on whether the historical purpose was irrigation, non-irrigation, or both.		
a. Irrigation		
i. Do you want ARM 36.12.1902(10) to be used to calculate historical diverted volume?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
1. If no, submit a Historical Water Use Addendum (Form 606-HUA). Form 606-HUA must be submitted to the Department before the Preapplication Meeting Form is completed.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. What were the crop(s) grown? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
1. For hay, how many cuttings were there per season and how many days did cuttings last? Did irrigation cease throughout the place of use for cuttings? For other crops, explain whether irrigation regularly ceased within the irrigation season. For all crops, explain whether diversions ceased during times irrigation did not occur. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



b. Non-irrigation		
<p>i. Explain your historical diversion schedule, with sufficient detail to estimate the volume of water historically diverted. This may include, but is not limited to, days per year water was historically diverted or the number of diversions per year and the duration of each diversion. <u>Water is diverted year-round for CM use. This permit was issued for additional flow rate only for the CM use, no volume is associated with the CM use on this permit. Water for LG use is diverted and used with an automatic sprinkler system that operates from 4/15 through 10/15 as needed each year. Water measurement records demonstrate volume used under this permit</u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>ii. Explain water diverted but not consumed by the non-irrigation purpose(s). This includes, but is not limited to, wastewater discharge and conveyance loss. Ditch-Specific Questions (questions 110 to 111) will gather information necessary for estimating losses from conveyance ditches. <u>Water for the CM purpose is discharged to a septic and individual drainfield. Per the Dept's past analysis, this type of ww treatment is 10% consumptive leaving 90% diverted-not consumed. For LG use, 11/16/21 DNRC Depletion & Mitigation report calculated the consumed vol at 1.7 AF/ac or 0.8 AF/ac diverted not consumed. Hist use of this permit is 1 full-service ac and 2 ac at 20%. $0.8 + (.8 * 2) * .2 = 1.12$ is diverted not consumed for LG use</u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>iii. Did historical diversions serve more than one non-irrigation purpose?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>1. If yes, how much of the diversions served each non-irrigation purpose and how did you determine this? <u>Historical diversions served CM & LG used. Water for LG use is measured separately. Water use records submitted with the Project Completion Notice (PCN) indicate 4.5 AF of water was used for the LG purpose in the year the PCN was filed - 1996. This included the full vol of this permit (3.5 AF) plus water used under 76H 65902</u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>48. Did diversions ever regularly cease within the period of use due to insufficient water in source or calls based on priority date?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If yes, please explain. _____ _____ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



Historical Use: Historical Consumed Volume

Continue to answer questions for water right(s) identified in question 36. Applications corroborating historical consumptive volume with the Historical Use Addendum (Form 606-HUA) may be eligible to skip parts of question 50; see the Form 606-HUA for more information.

49. What are the historical purposes? Mark each purpose and answer the applicable questions below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation. Answer question 50. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawn and garden. Answer question 51. <input type="checkbox"/> Stock. Answer question 52. <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic and multiple domestic. Answer question 53. <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal. Answer question 54. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Answer question 55. 		
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50. Irrigation		
a. Will you use Department standards for historical consumptive use as defined in ARM 36.12.1902?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If no,		
1. What method will you use to determine historical consumptive use? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
2. Submit a Historical Water Use Addendum (Form 606-HUA) to the Department. Form 606-HUA must be submitted to the Department before the Preapplication Meeting Form is completed.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. If yes,		
1. What is the historical irrigation method type and subtype? Irrigation method types include flood and sprinkler. Flood irrigation subtypes include level border, graded border, furrow, contour ditch, or wild flood. Sprinkler subtypes include wheel line and center pivot. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
2. What was the slope (%) of the historical place of use? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F



<p>3. Are there any factors beyond irrigation method type/subtype and place of use slope that may influence percent efficiency of irrigation?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If yes, submit evidence to support the modified percent efficiency of irrigation in the Historical Water Use Addendum (Form 606-HUA). These factors may include infrastructure age, soil characteristics, or field improvements. Form 606-HUA must be submitted to the Department before the Preapplication Meeting Form is completed.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>4. Based on answers to the above questions, what is the percent efficiency of irrigation? _____</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>5. What is the County Management Factor? _____</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>6. What is evapotranspiration (ET) based on the irrigation method and county? _____</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>7. What percent of applied water are irrecoverable losses per ARM 36.12.1902(17)? _____</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> F



51. Lawn and garden		
a. Will you use a Department standard for historical consumptive use volume for lawn and garden? Department standards include 2.5 acre-feet per acre, or a calculated volume based on Irrigation Water Requirements for turf grass.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, which standard? <u>2.5 AF/ac. For LG use, 11/16/21 Depletion & Mitigation report calculated HCV of 1.7 AF/ac</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. If no, please provide an estimate of historical water use based on expert analysis and methods used to determine this estimate. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

52. Stock		
a. Which volume standard for animal units applies to historical use and why? The standards are either 15 gallons per animal unit per day for new appropriations or 30 gallons per animal unit per day for claims. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. How many animal units were historically served? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
c. Did these animal units rely entirely on the water right(s) proposed for change for their full water demand?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If no, explain. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



53. Domestic and multiple domestic		
a. How many households were served? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. Will the Department standard of 1 acre-foot per household be used? The same standard shall be applied to historical and proposed uses.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If no, what standard will be used? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
c. Did the historical use include wastewater disposal and treatment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, which of the following best describes the wastewater disposal and treatment system? Individual drain fields, central treatment facility with minimal consumption, or evaporation basin or land application? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

54. Municipal		
a. What is the volume of water (AF) historically consumed for municipal purposes? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. Submit evidence to support historical municipal use. The data sources may include records that tie water use to the U.S Census, estimates of historical system capacity and estimates of leakage.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F

55. Other		
a. Specify the other purposes. Commercial _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. What is the volume of water (AF) historically consumed for other purposes? There is no volume for commercial on this permit- only flow rate _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
c. Submit evidence to support the volume of water historically consumed.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F



Historical Use: Historical Places of Storage

(Continue to answer questions for water right(s) identified in question 36.)

56. Did the historical use include one or more places of storage? This does not include reservoirs, pits, pit-dams, or ponds with a capacity less than 0.1 AF; water tanks; or cisterns (ARM 36.12.113(6)).				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, for each historical place of storage please provide the surface area in acres (AC), capacity (AF), annual net evaporation (FT/YR), and number of times per year the place of storage was filled.				<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ID	Surface Area (AC)	Capacity (AF)	Annual Net Evaporation (FT/YR)	# of Annual Fillings	

Surface Water

Applicable, move on to question 57. **Not Applicable**, skip to question 66.

The following questions are mandatory for changes to surface water rights and must be filled out before the Preapplication Meeting Form is determined to be complete.

Return Flow Analysis

<u>Questions, Narrative Responses, and Tables</u>	<u>Check-boxes</u>	<u>Follow-Up</u>
57. Do the purposes of the water rights proposed for change include irrigation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, does the proposed change include a change in place of use <i>and/or</i> a change in purpose? If you propose to retire acres in the historical place of use and/or add new acres outside the historical place of use, this constitutes a change in place of use.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, a return flow analysis is required. Move on to answer question 58.		
ii. If no, this section is complete, and you may skip to question 94.		
58. Does the proposed change include a change in purpose?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, consumptive use information is collected in the Change in Purpose section (questions 101 to 108), skip to question 59.		
b. If no, go to question 59.		
59. Does the proposed change include a change in place of use? If yes, move on to question 60. If no, skip to question 63.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F



60. Submit a map showing the new, unchanged historical, and retired historical places of use. Create map on an aerial photograph or topographic map that shows the following: section corners, township and range, scale bar, and north arrow. If you have shapefiles associated with this map, in addition to submitting an image of the map, please submit electronic copies of the shapefiles to the Department.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
61. How many acres, if any, will be retired from the historical place of use? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
62. Are irrigated acres proposed that are outside the historical place of use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes,		
i. How many acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. What is the proposed irrigation method type (e.g., flood or sprinkler) and subtype (e.g., level border, graded border, furrow, contour ditch, wild flood, center pivot, or wheel line) for the new acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
iii. What is the slope (%) of the new place of use? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
iv. Based on 62.a.ii to 62.a.iii, what is the percent efficiency of irrigation for the new acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
v. What is the County Management Factor for the new acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
vi. What is the ET based on the irrigation method and county for the new acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
vii. What percent of applied water are irrecoverable losses for new acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
63. Do you have information for the Department to consider about the source and location where return flows historically accrued?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, submit this information to the Department.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F



Extended Return Flow Analysis

<p>64. Based on the preliminary data provided by the Department at this preapplication meeting, to what surface water sources do return flows accrue before and after the proposed change? <i>*Return flow data provided by the Department at the preapplication meeting is preliminary and is subject to change during technical analyses. If the source or location of return flow data changes during technical analyses, then the analysis of impacts to identified surface water rights will reflect the technical analyses; this will not constitute a change of any element to the proposed application pursuant to ARM 36.12.1302(6)(a).</i></p> <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>65. If an extended return flow analysis is necessary to analyze impacts to identified surface water rights for the purpose of evaluating adverse effect, do you elect to answer non-mandatory questions 149 to 154 to provide information required for this extended analysis?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If yes, go to question 149. This information will be used if an extended return flow analysis is necessary to analyze impacts to identified surface water rights for the purpose of evaluating adverse effect.</p>		
<p>b. If no, did you elect in question 1 for the Department to conduct technical analyses?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>i. If yes, do you elect for the Department to use publicly available water quantity data for the extended return flow analysis? If the extended return flow analysis is needed and sufficient publicly available water quantity data are not available, then the Department will not be able to conduct the extended analysis. You will still have to prove a lack of adverse effect from the proposed change.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>ii. If no, you may still include the extended return flow analysis with your technical analyses. The Department will include the extended analysis in its scientific credibility review of your technical analyses. You will still need to prove a lack of adverse effect from the proposed change.</p>		



GROUNDWATER

Applicable, move on to question 66. **Not Applicable**, skip to question 94.

The following questions are mandatory for changes to groundwater rights and must be filled out before the Preapplication Meeting Form is determined to be complete.

Groundwater Analysis for Changes

<u>Questions, Narrative Responses, and Tables</u>					<u>Check-boxes</u>	<u>Follow-Up</u>
66. Does the proposed change include a change in point of diversion?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If no, this section is complete; skip to question 77.						
b. If yes, a groundwater analysis for changes is required; answer questions specific to the groundwater diversion type.						
i. What is the groundwater diversion type? <u>Historical: Wells - Proposed: Instream</u>						<input type="checkbox"/> F
Well/Pumping Pit	Answer questions 67 to 72	Developed Spring	Answer question 73	Pond	Answer questions 74 to 76	

Groundwater Analysis: Well/Pumping Pit

Applicable Not Applicable

67. Per ARM 36.12.121 a 24- or 72-hour aquifer test is required; do you propose not to conduct the test? An 8-hour test will be required, if no aquifer test is completed.		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, explain. The Department will let you know if the request is reasonable and identify additional data needs.		<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



<p>68. Submit Aquifer Test Data Form (Form 633) for each <i>new</i> well/pumping pit that will be constructed prior to technical analyses or <i>existing</i> well/pumping pit that is added by the change. If an aquifer test was already conducted for an <i>existing</i> well/pumping pit, and you would like to use that instead of conducting a new aquifer test, describe this in question 67.a.</p> <p>If a variance is requested, Form 633 must be submitted on or before the Variance Request Deadline. If no variance is requested, Form 633 is due by the time the preapplication meeting form is complete but may be submitted earlier. However, if the Department determines a variance is needed and the Variance Request Deadline has passed, to submit the Form 633 you must reschedule the preapplication meeting or submit the application without expedited fees and timelines (ARM 36.12.1302(6)).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>69. Submit the Aquifer Testing Addendum (Form 600/606-ATA) and associated materials (e.g., well logs). If you request a variance, Form 600/606-ATA must be submitted on or before the Variance Request Deadline. If no variance is requested, Form 600/606-ATA is due by the time the preapplication meeting form is complete but may be submitted earlier. However, if the Department determines a variance is needed and the Variance Request Deadline has passed, to submit the Form 633 you must reschedule the preapplication meeting or submit the application without expedited fees and timelines (ARM 36.12.1302(6)).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>70. Are you requesting a variance from ARM 36.12.121? If you are unsure if a variance request will be needed, mark follow-up and answer this question once Form 600/606-ATA and Form 633 are complete. A variance must be requested by the Variance Request Deadline.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If yes, submit Form 653, Form 600/606-ATA, and Form 633 together on or before the Variance Request Deadline.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>b. If no, you may choose to submit Form 600/606-ATA and Form 633 before the Variance Request Deadline, and the Department will review these two forms. If the Department determines a variance is needed after the Variance Request Deadline, to submit the Form 653 you must reschedule the preapplication meeting or submit the application without expedited fees and timelines (ARM 36.12.1302(6)).</p>		
<p>71. Have all the wells/pumping pits been constructed?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If no,</p>		
<p>i. Submit a list of the POD IDs for all wells/pumping pits and mark whether they have or have not been constructed.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>ii. When will the proposed wells/pumping pits be constructed?</p> <p>_____</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> F



iii. Is the requested volume for each proposed well/pumping pit known?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
1. If yes, list the flow rate and volume requested for each proposed well/pumping pit. Label with POD ID. _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
2. If no, what is the total requested volume (AF) and the number of proposed PODs? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
72. What is the flow rate (GPM or CFS), volume (AF), and period of diversion (MM/DD-MM/DD) required at each new well/pumping pit (“new”) or existing well/pumping pit that is added by the change (“existing”)”? If the well/pumping pit is not yet constructed, use the estimated volume based on question 71.a.iii.2. What is the well/pumping pit depth (FT), if available, or estimated well/pumping pit depth (FT)? Label using the same POD ID number as the Proposed Use Map (question 9) and, if available, GWIC ID. List whether the POD is <i>new</i> or an <i>existing</i> well added by the change.	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

POD ID	GWIC ID <i>(if available)</i>	Flow Rate			Volume AF	Period of Diversion MM/DD-MM/DD	Depth FT	Measured or Estimated	New or Existing
		Flow	GPM	CFS					
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Groundwater Analysis: Developed Spring

Applicable Not Applicable

73. Have you measured each <i>new</i> developed spring or <i>existing</i> developed spring that will be added by the change?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, submit the measurements to the Department and answer the following questions:	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. Do you have flow rate (GPM or CFS) and volume measurements?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. With what method were measurements collected? _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



iii. What is the interval of measurements? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
iv. Is the interval of measurements sufficient to comply with the Department standard of monthly flow measurements taken at regular intervals or at department-approved intervals during the proposed period of diversion?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. If no, or if measurements do not comply with the Department standard, answer the following questions. The Department cannot deem the preapplication meeting form adequately completed until the Department receives measurements that meet the Department standard.		
i. When do you plan to measure? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. With what method and at what interval will measurements be collected? _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

Groundwater Analysis: Pond

Applicable Not Applicable

74. Submit Form 653 to apply for a variance from ARM 36.12.121 for the Aquifer Test on or before the Variance Request Deadline.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
75. Submit bathymetry data, survey, or engineering plans for each <i>new</i> pond added or <i>existing</i> pond added or modified by the proposed change. Label using the same POD ID number as the Proposed Use Map (question 9). List whether the pond is <i>new</i> or an <i>existing</i> pond.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
76. Are any of the <i>new</i> ponds, or <i>existing</i> ponds added or modified by the proposed change the pond, fed or drained by surface water in addition to groundwater?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes,		
i. Explain. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. Submit measurements of the connected surface water source. These may include inflow and outflow measurements.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F



Surface Water Depletion Analysis for Changes

77. Does the proposed change include any of the following scenarios that necessitate a surface water depletion analysis pursuant to ARM 36.12.1303(5)(c)?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in point of diversion • Change in place of use, purpose of use, or place of storage that result in a change in consumptive use or pumping schedule. 						
a. If no, this section is complete; skip to question 85.						
b. If yes, a surface water depletion analysis is required; answer questions specific to the groundwater diversion type.						
i. What is the groundwater diversion type? <u>Wells</u>						<input type="checkbox"/> F
Well/Pumping Pit	Answer questions 78 to 79	Developed Spring	Answer question 80	Pond	Answer questions 81 to 82	

Surface Water Depletion Analysis: Well/Pumping Pit

Applicable Not Applicable

78. Provide the following information for each well/pumping pit on the current version of the water rights proposed for change that will either remain on the water rights after the change (“ <i>unchanged</i> ”) or will be retired (“ <i>retired</i> ”): flow rate (GPM or CFS), volume (AF), period of diversion required (MM/DD-MM/DD), well/pumping pit depth (FT) (if available, otherwise or estimated well/pumping pit depth (FT)), and whether it is <i>unchanged</i> or <i>retired</i> . Please use the same POD ID as the Historical Use Map (question 8) and, if available, provide the GWIC ID number.								<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
POD ID	GWIC ID <i>(if available)</i>	Flow Rate			Volume AF	Period of Diversion MM/DD-MM/DD	Depth FT	Measured or Estimated	Unchanged or Retired
		Flow Rate	GPM	CFS					
H-1	67088	120	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.175	4/15 - 10/15	120	MEASURED	UNCHANGED
H-2	67089	120	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.175	4/15 - 10/15	200	MEASURED	UNCHANGED
H-1	67088	120	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.575	4/15 - 10/15	120	MEASURED	RETIRED
H-2	67089	120	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.575	4/15 - 10/15	200	MEASURED	RETIRED
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					



79. Provide the pumping schedule for each well/pumping pit (*new, existing, unchanged, or retired*) for both *before* and *after* the proposed change. Use the same POD ID as the project maps. For *new* and *existing* wells/pumping pits, use the Proposed Use Map (question 9). For *unchanged* and *retired* wells/pumping pits use the Historical Use Map (question 8). Attach any additional pumping schedules using “*Additional Pumping Schedule (606P)*” sheet. For *retired* wells/pumping pits, mark “N/A” checkbox for after the change and for *new* wells/pumping pits, mark “N/A” checkbox for before the change. Mark the checkbox “Diverted volume/# of Days” if it is a year-round use and the pump schedule is an allocation of diverted volume by the number of days in the month. Mark the checkbox “80% dry year IWR” if it is an irrigation/lawn and garden use and the pump schedule is the 80% dry year net irrigation requirement (IWR, NRCS 2003).

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(Before) POD ID				(After) POD ID			
<input type="checkbox"/> Diverted volume/# of Days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 80% dry year IWR <input type="checkbox"/> N/A				<input type="checkbox"/> Diverted volume/# of Days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 80% dry year IWR <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
Month	Volume (AF)	Month	Volume (AF)	Month	Volume (AF)	Month	Volume (AF)
January		July		January		July	
February		August		February		August	
March		September		March		September	
April		October		April		October	
May		November		May		November	
June		December		June		December	

Surface Water Depletion Analysis: Developed Spring

Applicable Not Applicable

80. Is the type of groundwater diversion for your proposed project a developed spring? If yes, skip to question 85 because no surface water depletion analysis will be necessary.

Y N

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Surface Water Depletion Analysis: Pond

Applicable Not Applicable

81. Are there any ponds on the current version of the water rights proposed for change that will remain on the water rights unchanged (“ <i>unchanged</i> ”) or will be retired (“ <i>retired</i> ”) ? If yes,	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. Did you skip questions 74 to 76 because there is no change in POD? If yes,	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. Submit Form 653 to apply for a variance from ARM 36.12.121 for the Aquifer Test on or before the Variance Request Deadline.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. Submit bathymetry data, survey, or engineering plans for each <i>unchanged</i> pond or <i>retired</i> pond. Label the submittal with the POD ID and whether the pond is <i>unchanged</i> or <i>retired</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
c. Are any of the <i>unchanged</i> or <i>retired</i> ponds fed or drained by surface water, in addition to groundwater?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes,		
1. Explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

2. Submit measurements of the connected surface water source. These may include inflow and outflow measurements.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F



82. Provide the schedule of diversions for out-of-pond use for each pond (*new, existing, unchanged, or retired*) for both *before* and *after* the proposed change. Use the same POD ID as the project maps. For *new* and *existing* ponds, use the Proposed Use Map (question 9). For *unchanged* and *retired* ponds use the Historical Use Map (question 8). Attach any additional diversion schedules using the same format as the table below. For *retired* ponds, mark “N/A” checkbox for after the change and for *new* ponds, mark “N/A” checkbox for before the change. Mark the checkbox “Diverted volume/# of Days” if it is a year-round use and the diversion schedule is an allocation of diverted volume by the number of days in the month. Mark the checkbox “80% dry year IWR” if it is an irrigation or lawn and garden use and the diversion schedule is the 80% dry year net irrigation requirement (IWR, NRCS 2003).

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(Before) POD ID				(After) POD ID			
<input type="checkbox"/> Diverted volume/# of Days <input type="checkbox"/> 80% dry year IWR <input type="checkbox"/> N/A				<input type="checkbox"/> Diverted volume/# of Days <input type="checkbox"/> 80% dry year IWR <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
Month	Diversions for Out-of-Pond Use Volume (AF)	Month	Diversions for Out-of-Pond Use Volume (AF)	Month	Diversions for Out-of-Pond Use Volume (AF)	Month	Diversions for Out-of-Pond Use Volume (AF)
January		July		January		July	
February		August		February		August	
March		September		March		September	
April		October		April		October	
May		November		May		November	
June		December		June		December	

Extended Surface Water Depletion Analysis

83. Based on the preliminary net depletion data provided by the Department at this preapplication meeting, what are the hydraulically connected surface water sources before and after the proposed change? **Net depletion data provided by the Department at the preapplication meeting are preliminary and are subject to change during the technical analyses. If the source or location of net depletion data changes during the technical analyses, then the extended surface water depletion analysis will reflect the technical analyses; this will not constitute a change of any element to the proposed application pursuant to ARM 36.12.1302(6)(a).*

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84. If an extended surface water depletion analysis is necessary to analyze impacts to identified surface water rights for the purpose of evaluating adverse effect, do you elect to answer non-mandatory questions 157 to 161 to provide information required for this extended surface water depletion analysis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, go to question 156. This information will be used if an extended surface water depletion analysis is necessary to analyze impacts to identified surface water rights for the purpose of evaluating adverse effect.		
b. If no, did you elect in question 1 for the Department to conduct technical analyses?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, do you elect for the Department to use publicly available water quantity data for the extended surface water depletion analysis? If this extended surface water depletion analysis is needed and sufficient publicly available water quantity data are not available, then the Department will not be able to conduct the extended surface water depletion analysis. You will still need to prove a lack of adverse effect from the proposed change.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. If no, you may still include the extended surface water depletion analysis with your technical analyses. The Department will include the extended analysis in its scientific credibility review of your technical analyses. You will still need to prove a lack of adverse effect from the proposed change.		

Return Flow Analysis

85. Do the purposes of the water rights proposed for change include irrigation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, does the proposed change include a change in place of use <i>and/or</i> a change in purpose? If you propose to retire acres in the historical place of use and/or add new acres outside the historical place of use, this constitutes a change in place of use.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, a return flow analysis is required. Move on to answer question 86.		
ii. If no, this section is complete, and you may skip to question 94.		
86. Does the proposed change include a change in purpose?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, consumptive use information is collected in the Change in Purpose section (questions 101 to 108), skip to question 87.		
b. If no, skip to question 87.		
87. Does the proposed change include a change in place of use? If yes, move on to question 88. If no, skip to question 91.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F



88. Submit a map showing the new, unchanged historical, and retired historical places of use. Create map on an aerial photograph or topographic map that shows the following: section corners, township and range, scale bar, and north arrow. If you have shapefiles associated with this map, in addition to submitting an image of the map, please submit electronic copies of the shapefiles to the Department.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
89. How many acres, if any, will be retired from the historical place of use? 0.46		<input type="checkbox"/> F
90. Are irrigated acres proposed that are outside the historical place of use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes,		
i. How many acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. What is the proposed irrigation method type (e.g., flood or sprinkler) and subtype (e.g., level border, graded border, furrow, contour ditch, wild flood, center pivot, or wheel line) for the new acres? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
iii. What is the slope (%) of the new place of use? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
iv. Based on question 90.a.ii to 90.a.iii, what is the percent efficiency of irrigation for the new acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
v. What is the County Management Factor for the new acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
vi. What is the ET based on the irrigation method and county for the new acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
vii. What percent of applied water are irrecoverable losses for new acres? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
91. Do you have information for the Department to consider about the source and location where return flows historically accrued?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, submit this information to the Department.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F



Extended Return Flow Analysis

<p>92. Based on the preliminary data provided by the Department at this preapplication meeting, to what surface water sources do return flows accrue before and after the proposed change? <i>*Return flow data provided by the Department at the preapplication meeting are preliminary and are subject to change during technical analyses. If the source or location of return flow data changes during technical analyses, then the analysis of impacts to identified surface water rights will reflect the technical analyses; this will not constitute a change of any element to the proposed application pursuant to ARM 36.12.1302(6)(a).</i> Bitterroot River _____ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>93. If an extended return flow analysis is necessary to analyze impacts to identified surface water rights for the purpose of evaluating adverse effect, do you elect to answer non-mandatory questions 149 to 155 to provide information required for this extended analysis?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If yes, go to question 149. This information will be used if an extended return flow analysis is necessary to analyze impacts to identified surface water rights for the purpose of evaluating adverse effect.</p>		
<p>b. If no, did you elect in question 1 for the Department to conduct technical analyses?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>i. If yes, do you elect for the Department to use publicly available water quantity data for the extended return flow analysis? If the extended return flow analysis is needed and sufficient publicly available water quantity data are not available, then the Department will not be able to conduct the extended analysis. You will still have to prove a lack of adverse effect from the proposed change.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>ii. If no, you may still include the extended return flow analysis with your technical analyses. The Department will include the extended analysis in its scientific credibility review of your technical analyses. You will still need to prove a lack of adverse effect from the proposed change.</p>		



Mandatory Project-Specific Questions

The following questions are mandatory when applicable and must be filled out before the Preapplication Meeting Form is determined to be complete.

Temporary Change

<u>Questions, Narrative Responses, and Tables</u>	<u>Check-boxes</u>	<u>Follow-Up</u>
94. Does the proposal include a temporary change? <i>This includes proposing to add a place of use on State of Montana Trust Land, with all points of diversion on private land, because the change authorization will be temporary for the duration of the lease term.</i> If yes, answer the questions in this section (questions 95 to 100). If no, this section is complete; skip to question 100.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
95. What elements of the water rights are being temporarily changed? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
96. For what purpose will the water rights be temporarily used? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
97. For how many years will the water rights be temporarily changed? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
98. Will the temporary change be intermittent over the years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, explain. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
99. Is the quantity of water subject to the temporary change being made available from the development of a new water conservation or storage project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes, explain the water conservation or storage project. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
100. If you are answering Project-Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 17 if you are proposing to add a place of use on State of Montana Trust Land and question 20.a.ii if you are proposing a temporary change that does not involve State of Montana Trust Land. If you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 101.		



Change in Purpose

101. Does the project involve a change in purpose? If yes, answer the questions in this section (questions 102 to 108). If no, this section is complete; skip to question 108.							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
102. Identify the new and unchanged purposes, flow rate (GPM or CFS), volume (AF), period of diversion, and period of use (MM/DD-MM/DD) for each purpose.							<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
Purpose	New or Unchanged?	Period of Diversion	Period of Use	Flow Rate			Volume	
		(MM/DD-MM/DD)	(MM/DD-MM/DD)	Flow Rate	GPM	CFS	(AF)	
MITIGATION	NEW	4/15 - 10/15	4/15 - 10/15	0.48	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.15 DV	
L&G	CHANGED	4/15 - 10/15	4/15 - 10/15	23.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.35 DV	
COMMERCIAL	UNCHANGED	1/1 - 12/31	1/1 - 12/31	23.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA - FR ONLY	
					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Total					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.5	

103. Answer the questions specific to each new and unchanged purpose identified in question 102.									
Lawn and garden	Question 104	Stock	Question 105	Domestic and multiple domestic	Question 106	Other purpose	Question 107		

104. Lawn and garden									
a. Will consumptive use be based on the standard of 2.5 acre-feet per acre or a calculated volume based on Irrigation Water Requirements for turf grass?							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F	
i. If yes, which standard? <u>70% OF 2.5 AF/AC</u>								<input type="checkbox"/> F	
ii. If no, describe how consumptive use will be estimated. This must be based on expert analysis. _____ _____							<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F	
105. Stock									
a. How many animal units will be served? _____								<input type="checkbox"/> F	



106. Domestic and multiple domestic		
a. How many households will be served? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. Will the Department standard of 1 acre-foot per household be used to determine consumptive use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If no, what standard will be used? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
c. Will the proposed use include wastewater disposal and treatment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, which of the following best describes the wastewater disposal and treatment system? Individual drain fields, central treatment facility with minimal consumption, or evaporation basin or land application? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
107. Other purpose		
a. What is the other purpose (e.g., municipal, commercial)? <u>COMMERCIAL, MITIGATION</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. What is the percentage of consumption for the proposed use? Please explain. <u>N/A - FLOW RATE ONLY UNDER THIS PERMIT</u> <u>N/A - NO CONSUMPTIVE USE UNDER MITIGATION</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
108. If you are answering Project Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 14 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 109.		

Ditch-Specific Questions

Applications corroborating historical diverted volume with the Historical Use Addendum (Form 606-HUA) may be eligible to skip one or more questions in this section; see the Form 606-HUA for more information.

109. Does the historical use of water include at least one conveyance ditch? If yes, answer questions 110 to 111. If no, skip to question 112.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
110. Submit a Historical Use Ditch Map that shows every ditch conveying water for the historical use of all water rights proposed for change. Label the ditch names, PODs, the POUs, and the ditch measurement locations (requested in question 111.d). The map should be created on a historical image or topographic map with the following: section corners, township and range, scale bar, and north arrow.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F



111. Answer question 111.a to 111.h one time for each historical conveyance ditch. If there is more than one historical conveyance ditch, use an "Additional Historical Ditch (606P)" sheet for each additional ditch.		
a. What is the ditch name? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. List the water rights proposed for change that were conveyed by the ditch. _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
c. What is the distance water was historically carried by the conveyance ditch? Only include segments between the POD and start of the POU; do not include segments within the POU. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
d. Provide at least one set of ditch measurements, which include width (FT), depth (FT), and slope (%). Discuss ditch characteristics with DNRC to determine the minimum number of ditch measurements. Include the location of each measurement, labeled with the 2-digit measurement ID number, used on the map submitted for question 110.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F

ID #	Width (FT)	Depth (FT)	Slope (%)	Date of Measurement

e. What is a reasonable Manning's n value? List the factors used for estimation. If you do not know this value, please work through estimation with the Department. _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
f. What type of soils compose the historical conveyance ditch? For lined ditches, write "lined" instead. _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



g. Are other water rights conveyed by the historical conveyance ditch?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes,		
1. List the water right numbers and their flow rates. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
2. What is the sum of the flow rates, including the water rights proposed for change? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
3. Submit a map with your best estimate of the historical POUs for the other water rights conveyed by the historical conveyance ditch. Include only POUs between the historical POD and your historical POU. If you do not know this information, the Department can help you create the map. The map should be created on an aerial photograph or topographic map and show the following: section corners, township and range, scale bar, and north arrow.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
h. Were any water rights proposed for change part of one historical water right that was split?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, were all split water rights split in such a way to ensure each post-split water right could stand alone and not be reliant on the others for carriage water?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
1. If no, do any of the water rights proposed for change have a carriage water requirement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. If yes,		
i. List the water rights with a carriage water requirement _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
ii. Update your Historical Use Ditch Map (question 110) to label the ditch segments where a carriage water requirement exists for a water right proposed for change. Also, use your best estimate to label the POUs for all water rights included in the carriage water requirement. If you do not know this information, the Department can help you update the map.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
112. Does the proposed use include at least one existing or new conveyance ditch? If yes, answer questions 113 to 114. If no, or if you answered these questions earlier in the preapplication meeting, this section is complete; skip to question 115.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F



113. Submit a Proposed Use Ditch Map that shows every ditch conveying the water rights proposed for change, including any unchanged portions. Label all unchanged and proposed PODs, all unchanged and proposed POUs, and additional ditch measurement locations (requested in question 114.e). The map should be created on an aerial photograph or topographic map with the following: section corners, township and range, scale bar, and north arrow.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
114. Answer the questions 114.a to 114.i one time for each proposed use conveyance ditch. Use an "Additional Proposed Use Ditch (606P)" sheet for each additional ditch.		
a. What is the ditch name? _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. Is this ditch a historical conveyance ditch detailed in questions 110 to 111?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, have any of the following details changed, to the best of your knowledge, from historical conditions: ditch length, distance water conveyed, ditch lining, or water rights conveyed by the ditch?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
1. If yes, answer questions 114.c to 114.i using current data.		
2. If no, do not answer questions 114.c to 114.i for this ditch because the information remains unchanged. Move on to the next proposed use conveyance ditch, or if none remain, skip to question 115.		
c. List the water rights proposed for change that are going to be conveyed by the ditch. _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
d. What is the distance water will be carried by the conveyance ditch? Only include segments between the POD and start of the POU; do not include segments within the POU. _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
e. Provide at least one set of ditch measurements, which include width (FT), depth (FT), and slope (%). Discuss ditch characteristics with DNRC to determine the minimum number of ditch measurements. Include the location of each measurement, labeled with the 2-digit measurement ID number, used on the map submitted for question 113.	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F

ID #	Width (FT)	Depth (FT)	Slope (%)	Date of Measurement



<p>f. What is a reasonable Manning’s n value? List the factors used for estimation. If you do not know this value, please work through estimation with the Department.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>g. What type of soils compose the proposed conveyance ditch? For lined ditches, write “lined” instead.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>h. Are other water rights conveyed by the proposed conveyance ditch?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>i. If yes,</p>		
<p>1. List the water right numbers and their flow rates.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>2. What is the sum of the flow rates, including the water rights proposed for change?</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>3. Submit a map with your best estimate of the location of current POUs for the other water rights conveyed by the proposed conveyance ditch. Include only POUs between the POD and your proposed POU. If you do not know this information, the Department can help you create the map. The map should be created on an aerial photograph or topographic map and show the following: section corners, township and range, scale bar, and north arrow.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>i. Were any water right(s) proposed for change identified as having a carriage water requirement in question 111.h.i.1.a.i?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>i. If yes, update your Proposed Use Ditch Map (question 113) to label the ditch segments where a carriage water requirement exists for a water right proposed for change. Also, use your best estimate to label the POUs for all water rights included in the carriage water requirement. If you do not know this information, the Department can help you update the map.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>115. If you are answering Project Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 15 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 116.</p>		



Change in Place of Storage

<p>116. Does the project involve a change in place of storage? If yes, answer the questions in this section (questions 117 to 122) for each individual place of storage. Use an “Additional Place of Storage (606P)” sheet for additional places of storage. If no, this section is complete; skip to question 123.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>117. Is this application to add a new place of storage or change an existing place of storage? _____</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If application is to change an existing place of storage, list the water rights that include the place of storage and a short description of the proposed change. _____ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>118. Is the place of storage located on-stream?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If no, describe any losses related to conveyance that are not detailed in “Ditch-Specific Questions.” _____ _____ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	
<p>119. What is the proposed capacity of the place of storage? Use bathymetry data, survey, or engineering plans for capacity. Submit the data source used with this form. In lieu of these data sources, use the following equation: <i>Surface Acres x Maximum Depth (ft) x 0.5 = Capacity (AF)</i> _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>120. What is the proposed surface area of the place of storage? _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>121. What is the annual net evaporation of water from the place of storage based on the Department's gridded net evaporation layer? If you propose a different method, attach an explanation and justification of the method. _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>122. Will the place of storage be lined?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>123. If you are answering Project-Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 16 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 109.</p>		



Mitigation, Aquifer Recharge, and Marketing for Mitigation/Aquifer Recharge

124. Does your application include one of the following purposes? If no, this section is complete; skip to question 129.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
a. Mitigation water. If yes, answer question 125 and 126.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. Aquifer recharge water. If yes, answer question 125 and 127.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
c. Marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge. If yes, answer question 128.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
125. Mitigation Water and Aquifer Recharge Water		
a. Identify the water right(s) for which the mitigation/aquifer recharge water will be used. N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. Identify the application or preapplication number where these water rights were identified as needing mitigation or aquifer recharge to meet the adverse effect criterion. 76H 30150412	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
c. What is the timing, flow rate, and volume of net depletions identified as needing mitigation or aquifer recharge to meet the adverse effect criterion?	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

Month	Days	Flow Rate			Volume	Month	Days	Flow Rate			Volume
		Flow	GPM	CFS	AF			Flow	GPM	CFS	AF
January	31	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.17	July	31	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.17
February	28	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.15	August	31	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.17
March	31	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.17	September	30	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.16
April	30	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.16	October	31	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.17
May	31	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.17	November	30	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.16
June	30	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.16	December	31	1.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.17



d. Will other water contribute to the need for mitigation or aquifer recharge water? This may include water rights with a mitigation or aquifer recharge purpose, marketing for mitigation contracts, or mitigation water secured via other types of contracts.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes, describe the origin of this water and in the table below, list how much it will contribute. MITIGATION CHANGE NO. 76H 30150414 WATER RIGHT NO. 76H 30122609	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F

Month	Days	Flow Rate			Volume	Month	Days	Flow Rate			Volume
		Flow	GPM	CFS				AF	Flow	GPM	
January			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		July		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
February			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		August		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
March			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		September		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
April			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		October		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
May			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		November		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
June			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		December		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

126. Mitigation Water		
a. What is legal land description (¼ ¼ ¼ section of start and end) and length (ft) of the mitigation reach? START: SESE 2 12N 20 W END: NWNW 27 13N 20W LENGTH: 39,364 ft	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
b. By what means will mitigation water be made available? You must submit a copy of all relevant discharge permits at application submittal (§85-2-364, MCA). WATER WILL BE LEFT UNDIVERTED	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
127. Aquifer Recharge Water		
a. What is the legal land description (¼ ¼ ¼ section) of the start of net depletions for which the aquifer recharge water will be used?	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



<p>b. What is the volume of net depletions that will be offset by the aquifer recharge water? <i>The volume of aquifer recharge water injected may not equal the volume of net depletions.</i></p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>c. Describe the method of aquifer recharge. Include, if available, a preliminary design. You must submit a copy of all relevant discharge permits at application submittal (§85-2-364, MCA).</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>d. Describe any constraints on the aquifer recharge schedule, such as priority date limitations.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>e. What is the proposed area or location of aquifer recharge? <i>The location is subject to refinement during technical analyses; this will not constitute a change of any element to the proposed application pursuant to ARM 36.12.1302(6)(a).</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>128. Marketing for Mitigation/Aquifer Recharge</p>		
<p>a. What is the proposed location of the reach where water is to be marketed (¼ ¼ ¼ section of the start and the end of the reach)?</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>b. Is this marketing for mitigation</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>i. If yes, by what means will water be made available?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



c. Is this marketing for aquifer recharge?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
i. If yes,		
1. Describe the method of aquifer recharge. Include, if available, a preliminary design. You must submit a copy of all relevant discharge permits at application submittal (§85-2-364, MCA). _____ _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
2. What is the volume of water that will be used for aquifer recharge? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
3. Describe any constraints on the aquifer recharge schedule, such as priority date limitations. _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
4. What is the proposed area or location of aquifer recharge? <i>The location is subject to refinement during technical analyses; this will not constitute a change of any element to the proposed application pursuant to ARM 36.12.1302(6)(a).</i> _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
d. Describe your ability to measure and operate all existing diversions to adjust flow rate as water is sold or leased. _____ _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F



<p>e. How will you cease diversions for the existing beneficial use as water is sold or leased?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>129. If you are answering Project-Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 25 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 130.</p>		

Instream Flow

<p>130. Does the project involve an instream flow change? If yes, answer the questions in this section (questions 131 to 136). If no, this section is complete; skip to question 136.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>131. What is the source name where streamflow will be maintained or enhanced?</p> <p>_____</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>132. What is the location (¼ ¼ ¼ section of start and end of reach) and length (FT) of the protected reach?</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>133. Describe the way the streamflow is to be maintained or enhanced.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>134. Do you propose to retire all water use associated with the historical purposes throughout the entire period of use? This includes conveyance loss associated with historical ditches.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>a. If no, describe the proposed change to existing purposes, including flow rate, volume, and, if applicable, acres.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
<p>135. Do historical and proposed return flows accrete to the source of supply? The Department provides an initial estimate of the source(s) that historical and proposed returns flows accrete to at the preapplication meeting.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F



136. If you are answering Project Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 27 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 137.		
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Salvage Water

137. Does this project involve salvage water? Salvage water does not include destroying phreatophytes, removing vegetation, converting to a less consumptive crop, or converting to a partial irrigation schedule. If yes, answer the questions in this section (questions 138 to 141). If no, this section is complete; skip to question 141.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> F
138. What water saving method was implemented? This may include lining an unlined ditch or canal, converting unlined ditch or canal to pipeline, converting high profile or high-pressure sprinklers to low pressure, and others. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
139. How much water was salvaged from implementation of the water saving method? Include flow rate (GPM or CFS) and volume (AF). _____		<input type="checkbox"/> F
140. How did you determine the amount of water salvaged? _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> F
141. If you are answering Project Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 28 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 142.		



Non-Mandatory Questions for Criteria Analysis

The following questions are not mandatory. They should be discussed in the Preapplication Meeting, but do not need to be filled out before the Preapplication Meeting Form is determined to be complete.

Adverse Effect

<u>Questions, Narrative Responses, and Tables</u>	<u>Check-boxes</u>
142. Describe your plan to ensure that existing water rights will be satisfied during times of water shortage. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A
143. Explain how you can control your diversion in response to call being made. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A
144. Are you aware of any calls that have been made on any source of supply or depleted surface water source? a. If yes, explain. _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A
145. Does a water commissioner distribute water or oversee water distribution on your proposed source or depleted surface water source? a. If yes, list the sources and explain. _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A
146. Describe how the change will or will not affect your ability to make call. _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A



<p>147. When was the last time each water right proposed for change was appropriated and used beneficially? If there has been a period of nonuse, answer questions 147.a to 147.d.</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>a. Why was the water right not used?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>b. Why will a resumption of use not adversely affect other water users?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>c. Is the period of nonuse greater than 10 years for any of the water rights proposed for change? If yes, list which water rights. _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>d. Have water rights been authorized to use the source during the period of nonuse for any of the water rights proposed for change? If yes, explain.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>148. Is this a point of diversion change?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes,</p>	
<p>i. Are the proposed points of diversion upstream or downstream of the historical points of diversion?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Are there intervening water users between the historical and proposed points of diversion?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>1. If yes, list the water rights.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A



iii. Will any new points of diversion or conveyance infrastructure be shared with one or more existing water rights?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
1. If yes, describe how capacity of the new shared point of diversion and/or conveyance infrastructure is sufficient for all water rights. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A

Adverse Effect: Evaluation of Impacts to Identified Surface Water Rights for Return Flow Analysis

149. Respond to questions in this section if you elected in questions 65 or 93 to answer optional questions 150 to 154. Answer one time for each surface water source receiving return flows. Use "Additional Return Flow Source (606P)" sheet if there is more than one source. If you did not elect to answer these questions or answered these questions earlier in the preapplication meeting, this section is complete; skip to question 155.	
150. What is the surface water source for which you are answering questions 151 to 154? _____	
151. Are stream gage data available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
a. If yes, answer question 152.	
b. If no, answer question 153.	
152. Stream gage data are available	
a. Is one stream gage located above, and one stream gage located below the location where return flows accrue?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
i. If no, is only one stream gage located near the location where return flows accrue?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
1. If yes, is the stream gage upstream or downstream? _____	
b. List the gage name(s). Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if one gage available. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____	



<p>c. What is the distance between the gage(s) and the location where return flows accrue? Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if one gage available. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____</p>	
<p>d. Is there a limiting or controlling factor on the source between the stream gage(s) and the location where return flows accrue? This includes dams that control the flow and streams with large gaining and/or losing reaches.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>i. If yes, explain. _____ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>e. How long is the period of record? Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if one gage is available. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____</p>	
<p>f. Who operates and maintains the gage(s)? Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if one gage is available. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____</p>	
<p>g. Is each available stream gage operated and maintained by USGS or DNRC?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>i. If yes, skip to question 152.h.</p>	
<p>ii. If no, answer the following questions for each gage not operated and maintained by USGS or DNRC.</p>	
<p>1. How frequently are stage data recorded? Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if only one gage is not operated or maintained by USGS. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____</p>	
<p>2. If data gaps were to occur, are they identified and left unfilled or estimated using interpolation, ice correction, or indirect discharge measurements methods?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. Gage 1.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>b. Gage 2. Write "N/A" on the line instead of answering yes or no, if only one gage is not operated or maintained by USGS or DNRC. _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N



3. Was the rating curve established and maintained throughout the duration of the period of record using measurements taken near the reference gage and stage recorder according to USGS protocols?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
a. Gage 1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
b. Gage 2. Write "N/A" on the line instead of answering yes or no, if only one gage is not operated or maintained by USGS or DNRC. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
4. Were there requirements for maintaining a permanent gage datum and meeting specified accuracy limits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
a. Gage 1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
b. Gage 2. Write "N/A" on the line instead of answering yes or no, if only one gage is not operated or maintained by USGS or DNRC. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
h. Do the data for one or more available stream gages meet the Department's standard to be sufficient to calculate the median of the mean monthly flow rate and volume during the months when return flows accrue?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
i. If yes, record how many meet the standard, then skip to question 155 because this section is complete. _____	
ii. If no, answer question 153.	
153. If no gage data are available or if available gage data do not meet the Department's standard to be sufficient to calculate the median of the mean monthly flow rate and volume during the months when return flows accrue, is the source otherwise measured?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
a. If no, measurements may be necessary. The Department cannot deem the preapplication meeting form adequately completed until the Department receives gage data and/or measurements that meet the Department's measurement standards or, in combination with an approved request to deviate from the Department's standards, are sufficient to complete any necessary technical analyses or scientific credibility reviews and to evaluate the applicable criteria. Skip to question 154.	
b. If yes,	
i. Submit measurements to the Department.	<input type="checkbox"/> S
ii. Who collected the measurements? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A



<p>iii. With what method were the data collected?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>iv. What is the period of record?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>v. What is the frequency of measurement?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>vi. Are there gaps in the data?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>1. If yes, what is the nature of the gaps and how are gaps handled to ensure data quality?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>vii. Is there a process for maintaining the data and meeting specified accuracy limits?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>1. If yes, explain.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>viii. Do available measurement data meet the Department's standard to be sufficient to calculate the median of the mean monthly flow rate and volume during the months when return flows accrue?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>1. If yes, this section is complete. Skip to question 155.</p>	
<p>2. If no, answer question 154.</p>	
<p>154. Do the available measurement data, gage and/or otherwise measured, meet the Department's standard of including a minimum of high, moderate, and low flows to be sufficient to use for calibration of a Department-accepted estimation technique?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes,</p>	
<p>i. Describe how the measurements are representative of high, moderate, and low flows.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A



<p>ii. Describe the estimation technique.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>b. If no, but a Department-accepted estimation technique will be appropriate for the source receiving return flows:</p>	
<p>i. Will measurements be collected prior to submission of a completed Form 606P-B that meet the Department's standard of including a minimum of high, moderate, and low flows to be sufficient to use for calibration of a Department-accepted estimation technique?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>1. If yes,</p>	
<p>a. With what method will the data be collected?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>b. What will be the interval of measurement?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>c. Describe the proposed estimation technique.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>2. If no, do you plan on requesting to deviate from the Department's standard of including a minimum of high, moderate, and low flows to be sufficient to use for calibration of a Department-accepted estimation technique? Neither the Department's technical analyses nor scientific credibility review of your technical analyses can commence until the Department receives measurements that meet Department measurement standards, or in combination with an approved request for variance from these standards, are sufficient to complete any necessary technical analyses or scientific credibility reviews and to evaluate the applicable criteria.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N



<p>c. If no, because no Department-accepted estimation technique will be appropriate for the source receiving return flows:</p>	
<p>i. Describe why no Department-accepted estimation technique is appropriate for the source characteristics.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A</p>
<p>ii. Do the available measurement data, gage and/or otherwise measured, meet the Department’s standard for monthly measurements throughout the months when return flows accrue?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>
<p>1. If no, will measurements be collected prior to submission of a completed Form 606P that meet the Department’s standard of monthly measurements throughout the months when return flows accrue?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>
<p>a. If yes, with what method will the data be collected?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A</p>
<p>b. If no, do you plan on requesting a variance to deviate from the Department’s standard for monthly measurements throughout the months when return flows accrue? The Department’s technical analyses or scientific credibility review of your technical analyses cannot commence until the Department receives measurements that meet Department measurement standards, or in combination with a request for a variance from these standards are sufficient to complete any necessary technical analyses or scientific credibility reviews and to evaluate the applicable criteria.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>
<p>155. If you went straight to this section when referenced, go back to question 65 for surface water changes and question 93 for groundwater changes. If you waited to answer in consecutive order and have completed all prior sections, move to question 156.</p>	

Adverse Effect: Evaluation of Impacts to Identified Water Rights for Surface Water Depletion Analysis

<p>156. Respond to questions in this section if you elected in question 84 to answer optional questions 157 to 161. Answer one time for each hydraulically connected source. Use “Additional Hydraulically Connected Source (606P)” sheet if there is more than one source. If you did not elect to answer these questions or answered these questions earlier in the preapplication meeting, this section is complete; skip to question 162.</p>	
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<p>157. What is the surface water source for which you are answering questions 158 to 161?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>158. Are stream gage data available?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes, answer question 159.</p>	
<p>b. If no, answer question 160.</p>	
<p>159. Stream gage data are available</p>	
<p>a. Is one stream gage located above and one stream gage located below the point of net depletion accumulation?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>i. If no, is only one stream gage located near the point of net depletion accumulation?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>1. If yes, is the stream gage upstream or downstream? _____</p>	
<p>b. List the gage name(s). Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if one gage available. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____</p>	
<p>c. What is the distance between the gage(s) and the point of net depletion accumulation? Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if one gage available. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____</p>	
<p>d. Is there a limiting or controlling factor on the source between the stream gage(s) and the point where net depletions accrue? This includes dams that control the flow and streams with large gaining and/or losing reaches.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>i. If yes, explain. _____ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>e. How long is the period of record? Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if one gage is available. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____</p>	



<p>f. Who operates and maintains the gage(s)? Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if one gage is available. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____</p>	
<p>g. Is each available stream gage operated and maintained by USGS or DNRC?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>i. If yes, skip to question 159.h.</p>	
<p>ii. If no, answer the following questions for each gage not operated and maintained by USGS or DNRC.</p>	
<p>1. How frequently are stage data recorded? Write "N/A" for Gage 2 if only one gage is not operated or maintained by USGS. Gage 1: _____ Gage 2: _____</p>	
<p>2. If data gaps were to occur, are they identified and left unfilled or estimated using interpolation, ice correction, or indirect discharge measurements methods?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. Gage 1.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>b. Gage 2. Write "N/A" on the line instead of answering yes or no, if only one gage is not operated or maintained by USGS or DNRC. _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>3. Was the rating curve established and maintained throughout the duration of the period of record using measurements taken near the reference gage and stage recorder according to USGS protocols?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. Gage 1.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>b. Gage 2. Write "N/A" on the line instead of answering yes or no, if only one gage is not operated or maintained by USGS or DNRC. _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>4. Were there requirements for maintaining a permanent gage datum and meeting specified accuracy limits?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. Gage 1.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>b. Gage 2. Write "N/A" on the line instead of answering yes or no, if only one gage is not operated or maintained by USGS or DNRC. _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N



<p>h. Do the data for one or more available stream gages meet the Department's standard to be sufficient to calculate the median of the mean monthly flow rate and volume during the months with net depletions?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>i. If yes, record how many meet the standard, then skip to question 162 because this section is complete.</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. If no, answer question 160.</p>	
<p>160. If no gage data are available or if available gage data do not meet the Department's standard to be sufficient to calculate the median of the mean monthly flow rate and volume during the months with net depletions, is the source otherwise measured?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If no, measurements may be necessary. The Department cannot deem the preapplication meeting form adequately completed until the Department receives gage data and/or measurements that meet the Department's measurement standards or, in combination with an approved request to deviate from the Department's standards, are sufficient to complete any necessary technical analyses or scientific credibility reviews and to evaluate the applicable criteria. Skip to question 161.</p>	
<p>b. If yes,</p>	
<p>i. Submit measurements to the Department.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S
<p>ii. Who collected the measurements?</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>iii. With what method were the data collected?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>iv. What is the period of record?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>v. What is the frequency of measurement?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>vi. Are there gaps in the data?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>1. If yes, what is the nature of the gaps and how are gaps handled to ensure data quality?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A



vii. Is there a process for maintaining the data and meeting specified accuracy limits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
1. If yes, explain. _____ _____	
viii. Do available measurement data meet the Department's standard to be sufficient to calculate the median of the mean monthly flow rate and volume during the months with net depletions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
1. If yes, this section is complete. Skip to question 162.	
2. If no, answer question 161.	
161. Do the available measurement data, gage and/or otherwise measured, meet the Department's standard of including a minimum of high, moderate, and low flows to be sufficient to use for calibration of a Department-accepted estimation technique?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
a. If yes,	
i. Describe how the measurements are representative of high, moderate, and low flows. _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A
ii. Describe the estimation technique. _____ _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A
b. If no, but a Department-accepted estimation technique will be appropriate for the hydraulically connected source:	
i. Will measurements be collected prior to submission of a completed Form 606P-B that meet the Department's standard of including a minimum of high, moderate, and low flows to be sufficient to use for calibration of a Department-accepted estimation technique?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
1. If yes,	
a. With what method will the data be collected? _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> A



<p>b. What will be the interval of measurement?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>c. Describe the proposed estimation technique.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>2. If no, do you plan on requesting to deviate from the Department's standard of including a minimum of high, moderate, and low flows to be sufficient to use for calibration of a Department-accepted estimation technique? The Department's technical analyses or scientific credibility review of your technical analyses cannot commence until the Department receives measurements that meet Department measurement standards, or in combination with a request to deviate, are sufficient to complete any necessary technical analyses or scientific credibility reviews and to evaluate the applicable criteria.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>c. If no, because no Department-accepted estimation technique will be appropriate for the hydraulically connected source:</p>	
<p>i. Describe why no Department-accepted estimation technique is appropriate for the source characteristics.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>ii. Do the available measurement data, gage and/or otherwise measured, meet the Department's standard for monthly measurements throughout the months with net depletions?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>1. If no, will measurements be collected prior to submission of a completed Form 606P that meet the Department's standard of monthly measurements throughout the months with net depletions?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes, with what method will the data be collected?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A



<p>b. If no, do you plan on requesting to deviate from the Department’s standard for monthly measurements throughout the months with net depletions? The Department’s technical analyses or scientific credibility review of your technical analyses cannot commence until the Department receives measurements that meet Department measurement standards, or in combination with a to deviate, are sufficient to complete any necessary technical analyses or scientific credibility reviews and to evaluate the applicable criteria.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>162. If you went straight to this section when referenced, go back to question 84. If you waited to answer in consecutive order and have completed all prior sections, move to question 163.</p>	

Adequate Means of Diversion and Operation

<p>163. Submit a diagram of how you will operate your system from the point of diversion to the place of use.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S
<p>164. Describe specific information about the capacity of the diversionary structure(s). This may include, where applicable: pump curves and total dynamic head calculations, headgate design specifications, and dike or dam height and length.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>165. Describe the size, materials, capacity, and configuration of infrastructure to convey water from point of diversion to place of use.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>166. Does the proposed conveyance require easements?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes, explain.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>167. Do you propose to add a point of diversion?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes, do you own the land where all proposed points of diversion are located?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>i. If no, documentation to show you have the right to use all points of diversion located on each property you do not own will be required upon application submittal. This may include, but is not limited to, a well agreement, an easement, or permission of the party that owns the property where the proposed point(s) of diversion are located.</p>	



<p>168. Describe your plan of operations, including specific information about how water is delivered within the place of use. This may include, where applicable, the range of flow rates needed for a pivot.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>169. Do you have any plans to measure your diversion and use?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes, describe the plan and the type of measurements you will take.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A

Beneficial Use

<p>170. Does the Department have a standard for any of the purposes for which water is used? Department standards can be found in ARM 36.12.112 and ARM 36.12.115.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes, list the purposes for which the Department has a standard and note whether the water use falls within or outside the standard.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>171. If no standard exists for any proposed purpose or if any proposed purpose falls outside of Department standards, explain how the use is reasonable for that purpose.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>172. Will your proposed project be subject to DEQ requirements for a public water supply (PWS) system or Certificate of Subdivision Approval (COSA)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes, have you researched or consulted with DEQ regarding those requirements?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>173. Are you proposing to use surface water for in-house domestic use?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes, does a COSA exist for the proposed place of use?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>i. If yes, please submit the COSA.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S
<p>ii. If no, have you researched or consulted with DEQ regarding their requirements?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N



Possessory Interest

<p>174. Do you meet one of the exceptions to possessory interest requirements, pursuant to ARM 36.12.1802? Exceptions include cases where the application is for sale, rental, distribution, or is a municipal use, or in any other context in which water is being supplied to another and it is clear that the ultimate user will not accept the supply without consenting to the use of water on the user's place of use.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>
<p>a. If yes, explain.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A</p>
<p>b. If no, do you own all proposed places of use?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>
<p>i. If no, explain. Documentation that shows you either have possessory interest or written permission of the parties with possessory interest of the place of use will be required at application submittal.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A</p>

Non-Mandatory Project-Specific Questions

Change in Place of Storage

<p>175. Does the project include one or more places of storage? If yes, answer questions 176 to 178 for each individual place of storage (use "Additional Place of Storage (606P)" sheet for additional places of storage). A Change Storage Addendum (606-SA) will be required at application submittal. If no, this section is complete; skip to question 179.</p>	<p style="background-color: #cccccc;"></p>
<p>176. Are preliminary designs available? Preliminary designs will be required at application submittal.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>
<p>a. If yes, submit preliminary designs.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> S</p>
<p>177. Will a drainage device be installed?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>
<p>178. Is the place of storage capacity calculated to be greater than 50 acre-feet?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>
<p>a. If yes, have you made an application to the DNRC Water Operations Bureau for a determination of whether the dam or reservoir is a high-hazard dam?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>



179. If you are answering Project Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 16 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 180.

Instream Flow Change

180. You may respond to the questions in this section if the project involves an instream flow purpose and you choose to answer the non-mandatory questions. Otherwise, this section is complete, skip to question 184.

181. Does the protected reach begin at the existing point of diversion?

Y N

a. If no, does the protected reach begin upstream of or downstream from the existing point of diversion?

182. Provide initial details about a streamflow measuring plan, which include the points where measurements occur, the interval of measurement, and the methods and equipment used. A complete streamflow measuring plan will be required for the application.

A

183. Provide initial details about an operation plan, which may include the proposed protected flow rate (GPM or CFS), proposed protected volume (AF), and the proposed protected period. If you propose a trigger flow, please explain. A complete operation plan, based on the technical analyses, will be required for the application.

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184. If you are answering Project Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 27 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 185.



Mitigation, Aquifer Recharge, and Marketing for Mitigation

<p>185. You may respond to the questions in this section if the project involves mitigation, aquifer recharge, or marketing for mitigation, and you choose to answer the non-mandatory questions. Otherwise, this section is complete, skip to question 190. For mitigation water, answer questions 186, 187, and 188. For aquifer recharge water, answer questions 187 and 188. For marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge, answer question 189.</p>	
<p>186. Do the water rights proposed for change to mitigation water have a period of use that is greater than or equal to the period when mitigation is necessary?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If no, how will mitigation water be made available during the entire period when mitigation is necessary?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>187. How do the priority dates of the water rights proposed for change compare to other water rights on the source?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>188. Do you have measurement records or Water Commissioner records that show the reliability of the water rights proposed for change to a mitigation water or aquifer recharge purpose?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>a. If yes, submit them to the Department.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S
<p>189. Describe the need for marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>190. If you are answering Project Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 25 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to question 191.</p>	

Water Marketing

<p>191. You may respond to the questions in this section if the project includes the water marketing purpose, and you choose to answer the non-mandatory questions. This does not include marketing for mitigation. Otherwise, this section is complete, skip to question 195.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
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<p>192. How will you control or limit access to the water?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A
<p>193. Do you have contracts for the entire volume and flow rate sought?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<p>194. Submit a service area map. Create map on an aerial photograph or topographic map and show the following: general service area boundary, section corners, township and range, scale bar, and north arrow.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> S
<p>195. If you are answering Project Specific Questions as they are referenced in Application Details, return to question 26 and if you are answering in consecutive order, go to Follow-Up section.</p>	



PREAPPLICATION MEETING AFFIDAVIT & CERTIFICATION

“We attest that the information on this form accurately describes the proposed project discussed during the preapplication meeting and that the items marked for follow-up will require the applicant to provide additional information before the form is deemed complete.”

“Applicant acknowledges that any information provided by the Department during the preapplication meeting is preliminary and subject to change.”

“Applicant acknowledges that if the follow-up information provided to the Department substantially changes the proposed project, for example in a way that alters which sections of the form are applicable or which technical analyses are required, or who is to complete the technical analyses, the applicant will need to schedule a new preapplication meeting so that the Department can identify any additional information necessary for completion of the technical analyses (ARM 36.12.1302(3)(c)).”

Upon Department receipt of the completed form (within 180 days following the meeting), the Department reserves five business days to return the form to the applicant if:

- 1 – the completed form does not include all necessary follow-up information identified in the meeting, OR
- 2 – the completed form is not adequate for the Department to proceed with technical analyses, OR
- 3 – the applicant has elected to complete technical analyses and has not submitted each piece of technical analysis required, OR
- 4 – the applicant has substantially changed the details of the proposed project, such as in a way that alters which sections of the form are applicable, which technical analyses are required, or who is to complete the technical analyses.

If the Department returns the form to the Applicant within these five days due to reasons 1-3 above, the Applicant can use the balance of their 180-day period in ARM 36.12.1302(4) or (5) to gather the remaining follow-up information needed. If there is no time remaining in the 180-day period, the Applicant can submit a written request for a new preapplication meeting, pursuant to ARM 36.12.1302(2). Even if there is still time remaining, the Applicant can choose to schedule a new preapplication meeting. The Department shall transfer the \$500 payment received to the new preapplication meeting, or refund the payment to the Applicant if the Applicant desires. If the Department returns the form to the Applicant within these five days due to reason (4) above, the Applicant must submit a written request for a new preapplication meeting, pursuant to ARM 36.12.1302(2). The Department shall transfer the \$500 payment received to the new preapplication meeting, or refund the payment to the Applicant if the Applicant desires.

Charlie Eiseman 7/22/2025

 Applicant Signature Date

 Applicant Signature Date

Jim Nave 7/22/2025

 Department Signature Date

**Peak Health
Management Company LLC**
Pre-App Item 8. Hist Use Map
2004 Aerial Historical POD, POU &
Conveyance



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12N/20W

POD H-2

POD H-1

BITERROOT RIVER

-  Point of Diversion
-  Water Service Line
- Historical Place of Use
 -  PRPM Full-Service, 1 ac
 -  Supplemental, 2 ac

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Pre-App Item 9.
Proposed Use Map

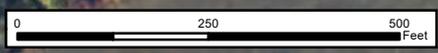


-  Retired Ac
-  Remaining Full-Service Ac
-  Remaining Supplemental Ac

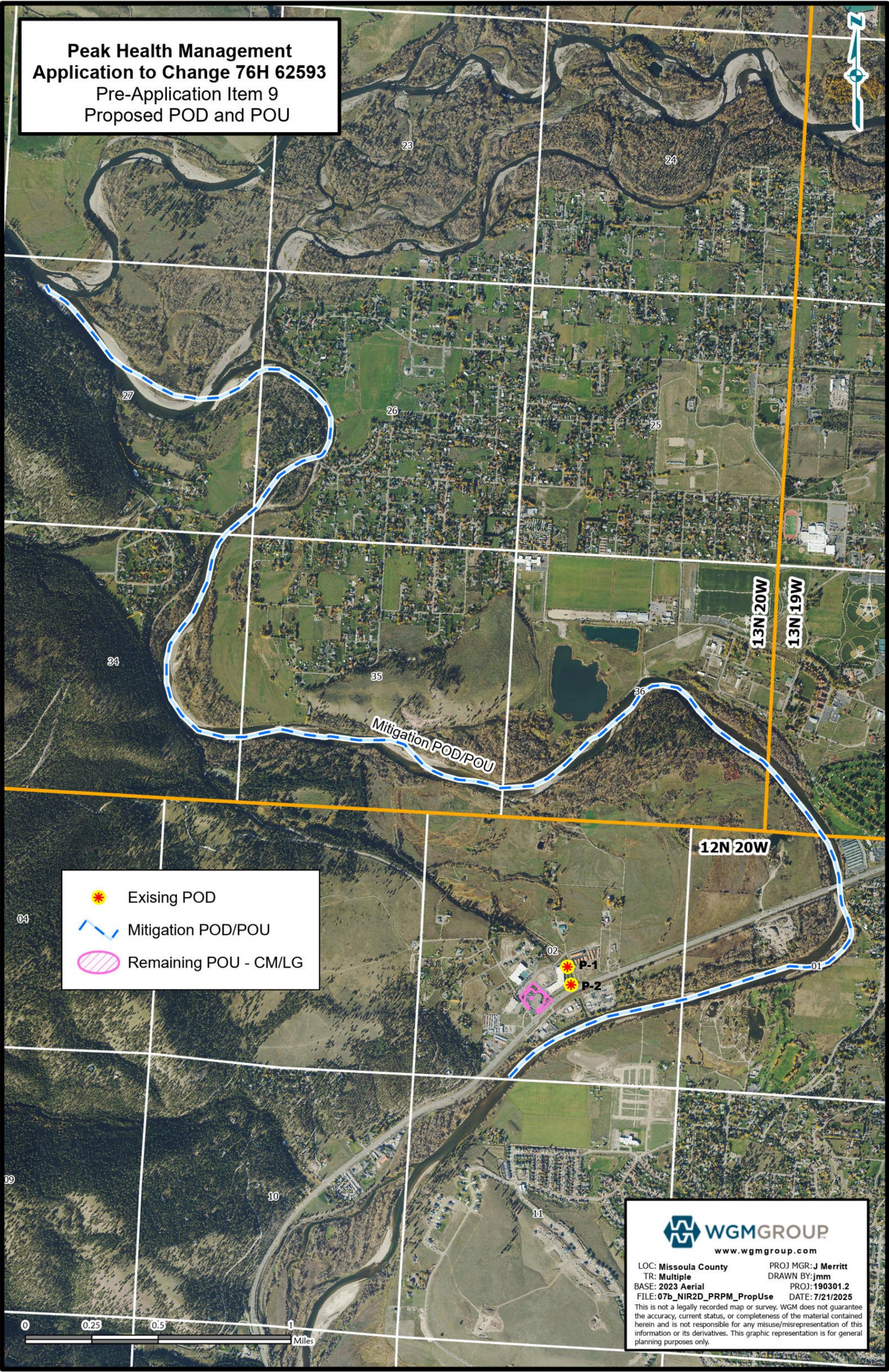
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Peak Health Management Application to Change 76H 62593 Pre-Application Item 9 Proposed POD and POU



-  Existing POD
-  Mitigation POD/POU
-  Remaining POU - CM/LG



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ITEM 10. PROPOSED POD FOR CHANGE TO 76H 62593

POD ID	¼	¼	¼	SEC	TWP	RGE	NEW OR UNCHANGED
P-1	NW	NW	SE	2	12N	20W	UNCHANGED
P-2	NW	NW	SE	2	12N	20W	UNCHANGED
		SE	SW	2	12N	20W	NEW
		SW	SE	2	12N	20W	NEW
		N2	SE	2	12N	20W	NEW
		N2	SW	1	12N	20W	NEW
		W2	NE	1	12N	20W	NEW
		SW	SW	31	13N	19W	NEW
		N2	SE	36	13N	20W	NEW
		SW	NE	36	13N	20W	NEW
		NE	SW	36	13N	20W	NEW
		SW	SW	36	13N	20W	NEW
			S2	35	13N	20W	NEW
			E2	34	13N	20W	NEW
		SE	SE	27	13N	20W	NEW
			SW	26	13N	20W	NEW
		SW	NW	26	13N	20W	NEW
		S2	NE	27	13N	20W	NEW
		E2	NW	27	13N	20W	NEW
		NW	NW	27	13N	20W	NEW

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ITEM 13.a.ii. PROPOSED POU FOR CHANGE TO 76H 62593

AC	¼	¼	¼	SEC	TWP	RGE
0.54	SE	NE	SW	2	12N	20W
2.00	SE	NE	SW	2	12N	20W
		SE	SW	2	12N	20W
		SW	SE	2	12N	20W
		N2	SE	2	12N	20W
		N2	SW	1	12N	20W
		W2	NE	1	12N	20W
		SW	SW	31	13N	19W
		N2	SE	36	13N	20W
		SW	NE	36	13N	20W
		NE	SW	36	13N	20W
		SW	SW	36	13N	20W
			S2	35	13N	20W
			E2	34	13N	20W
		SE	SE	27	13N	20W
			SW	26	13N	20W
		SW	NW	26	13N	20W
		S2	NE	27	13N	20W
		E2	NW	27	13N	20W
		NW	NW	27	13N	20W

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ITEM 13.a.iii.1.a

There are two water rights that allow for use from the Peak’s Public Water Supply (PWS) wells. These water rights are Groundwater Certificate 76H 65902 (GWCT) and Provisional Permit 76H 62593 (PRPM). The relationship between the two existing water rights requires some explanation. The GWCT was the first water right issued for the Peak’s PWS. It was issued for 96.6 gallons per minute (gpm) and a total of 14.0 AF per year. At the time this GWCT was issued, the permit exemption limited groundwater uses to 99 gpm. Nine (9.0) AF of the volume on the GWCT were for Commercial (CM) uses and 5.0 AF were for Lawn & Garden irrigation (LG IR). The PRPM application was submitted around the same time as the GWCT because the system required more than 99 gpm.

The PRPM was necessary to allow additional flow rate and volume for LG IR purposes (but no additional volume for CM purposes). The initial engineering estimates indicated that the system required 130 gpm so the flow rate on the PRPM was set at 33.4 gpm. This flow, in addition to the 96.6 gpm on the GWCT, achieved the total 130 gpm for both the CM and LG IR uses. However, when the PRPM was verified, it was determined that the system capacity was 120 gpm and the flow rate on the PRPM was reduced to 23.4 gpm.

The relationship between the two existing water rights that serve the Peak system was not fully addressed in the Project Completion Notice filed for the PRPM in 1996. This appears to have led to some confusion when considering the volume per acre that has historically been used on the site. The total amount of water allowed under the two supplemental water rights for LG IR was 8.5 AF for a combined 3 acres (ac) which is equal to 2.83 AF/ac.

While the meter read reported in 1996 indicated use of 4.5 AF for LG IR for that year, subsequent meter reads for the years 2014-2017 report a high of 7.63 AF and a low of 3.86 AF for LG IR. See **Table 1** below for meter read information from 1996 and 2014-2017. PRPM 76H 62593 was issued for 1.0 ac of full-service LG IR and 2.0 ac of supplemental LG IR.

Table 1. LG IR volume based on meter reads, amounts associated with each existing water right, and AF/ac for the entire POU (all in AF)

Year	LG IR Total	LG IR PRPM	LG IR GWCT	AF/ac Total*
1996	4.50	3.50	1.00	1.50
2014	7.63	3.50	4.13	3.00
2015	5.06	3.50	1.56	1.99
2016	4.30	3.50	0.80	1.69
2017	3.86	3.50	0.36	1.52

* The AF/ac calculation for 1996 is based on 3.0 ac of LG IR while the calculations for 2014-2017 are based on 2.54 ac because these years are AFTER the building expansion and parking lot construction that resulted in the reduced LG IR area.

The Project Completion Notice indicates that the full volume of water allowed for LG IR under PRPM 76H 62593, 3.5 AF, was put to use. The additional 1.0 AF of volume reported for LG IR in 1996 can be attributed to GWCT 76H 65902. Similarly, meter read information from 2014-2017 indicates that the full volume under the PRPM was used each year and that varying amounts were used under the GWCT. In other words, the meter reads demonstrate that the applicant uses its full volume under the PRPM first, and then relies on the GWCT for supplemental/additional volume as necessary. The total volume of the two supplemental water rights has not exceeded the amount allowed for the LG IR purpose.

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ITEM 13.a.iii.1.a (cont)

The AF/ac value, also reported in **Table 1** above, varies from year to year. While this value was 1.5 AF/ac in 1996, it was 3.0 AF/ac in 2014. This information demonstrates that the applicant has, at times, used more than the DNRC standard for LG IR.

Given the above explanation that:

- the LG IR portion of the PRPM was fully perfected for use of 3.5 AF on 1 full-service acre and 2 supplemental acres, and
- meter read information is provided to show that in at least one year the DNRC standard for LG IR was met or exceeded,

it is appropriate to use the DNRC standard of 2.5 AF/ac as the historical use on the full-service acre and 0.5 AF/ac on each of the 2.0 supplemental acres under PRPM 76H 62593. The 0.46 acres that were retired were part of the full-service acreage under the PRPM. This analysis supports the determination that the volume for mitigation should be 1.15 AF based on the use of 2.5 AF/ac of water on 0.46 acres.

Going forward, the volume of water used for LG IR under the PRPM will be 2.35 AF. No changes will be made to the CM use or the LG IR use under the GWCT.



Form No. 600/606-MIT (02/2025)

Applicant Name

**APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT OR
APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT
MITIGATION ADDENDUM**

§§ 85-2-420, 85-2-362, 85-2-402, 85-2-311, MCA

Answer every applicable question and use the prompts to craft a plan for mitigation, aquifer recharge, or marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge. Use the checkboxes to denote yes ("Y") or no ("N"). Narrative responses that are larger than the space provided can be answered in an attachment. If an attachment is used, specify "see attachment" on this form. Label all attachments and submitted items with the question number. Label all units in tables and narrative responses.

In some cases, the information required to correctly and completely answer the questions on this form will not be available until technical analyses are completed. It is highly recommended all technical analyses required for the project are completed before filling out this form.

1. How many applications will you need to file with the Department for this project? Applications include Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit (Form 600) and Application to Change a Water Right (Form 606). 1 permit & 2 changes - the permit & 1 change already filed

1.a. Y N Will you need to file more than one application with the Department for this project?

If yes,

1.a.i. Y N You are only required to answer the remaining questions on Form 600/606-MIT one time per project. The Department cannot begin criteria assessment for any application required for the project until you have submitted a completed Form 600/606-MIT, including answers to the remaining questions. Will you answer the remaining questions on a Form 600/606-MIT submitted with another application?

1.a.ii. If yes, briefly explain, then this form is complete.

This application is in addition to 2 other applications that have already been filed and are in process, Permit 76H 30150412 and Change 76H 30150414

1.a.iii. If no, move on to question 2.



2. Which of the following scenarios best describes the proposed project? Check all that apply and answer the questions specific to each scenario; then answer question 6 and 7.

Identified need for mitigation/aquifer recharge water AND change application(s) to supply the mitigation/aquifer recharge water: Mitigation or aquifer recharge water is required to meet the criteria of issuance for a project, which is either in the preapplication meeting stage or has a pending Application for Beneficial Water Use or Application to Change a Water Right, and is proposed to be made available through a change in purpose of one or more water rights to mitigation or aquifer recharge. Answer question 3.

Identified need for mitigation/aquifer recharge water AND water contract(s) to supply the mitigation/aquifer recharge water: Mitigation and aquifer recharge water is required to meet the criteria of issuance for a project, which is either in the preapplication meeting stage or has a pending Application for Beneficial Water Use or Application to Change a Water Right, and is proposed to be made available through one or more contracts for water, such as from water with a marketing for mitigation purpose. Answer questions 3 and 4.

Marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge: Water right(s) being changed to a marketing for mitigation or marketing for aquifer recharge purpose that will be sold or leased to other entities. Answer question 5.

3. Will the proposed diversion and/or net depletions to surface water occur in an open or closed basin? Answer question 3.a for open basins or question 3.b for closed basins.

Open **Closed**

If an open basin:

3.a. Submit an aquifer recharge or mitigation plan with sufficient detail to explain why the plan is adequate to offset the net depletions of the proposed new appropriation in an amount greater than the difference between the amount of water physically available and legal demands, on a monthly timestep. The plan must include:

- 3.a.i. description of the method by which water will be made available for aquifer recharge or mitigation purpose(s);
- 3.a.ii. the amount, timing, and location of mitigation water delivery and/or net accretions to the depleted source;
- 3.a.iii. comparison of the elements of 3.a.ii to the amount, timing, and location of the net depletions of the proposed new appropriation.



If a closed basin:

- 3.b. If the hydrogeologic report conducted pursuant to § 85-2-361, MCA, predicts a net depletion of surface water, submit an aquifer recharge or mitigation plan. Per § 85-2-362, MCA, the plan must include:
 - 3.b.i. where and how the water in the plan will be put to beneficial use;
 - 3.b.ii. when and where, generally, water for aquifer recharge or mitigation will be required;
 - 3.b.iii. the amount of water that is required for aquifer recharge or mitigation;
 - 3.b.iv. how the proposed project or beneficial use for which the aquifer recharge or mitigation plan is required will be operated;
 - 3.b.v. evidence that an application for a change in appropriation right, if necessary, has been submitted;
 - 3.b.vi. evidence of water availability;
 - 3.b.vii. evidence of how the aquifer recharge or mitigation plan will offset the required amount of net depletion of surface water in a manner that will offset an adverse effect on a prior appropriator; and
 - 3.b.viii. evidence that the appropriate water quality permits have been granted pursuant to Title 75, chapter 5, as required by § 75-5-410, MCA, and § 85-2-364, MCA.
 - 3.b.ix. In addition to 3.b.i through 3.b.viii, an aquifer recharge plan must include a description of the process by which water will be reintroduced to the aquifer.

4. Describe details about the contract(s) for water and submit a copy of the contract(s). In doing so, be sure to address the following sub-questions:
 - 4.a. Is the contract a lease or sale?
 - 4.a.i. If a lease, what is the duration of the contract and what is the process to renew the lease?
 - 4.b. Does the contract water have a marketing for mitigation or marketing for aquifer recharge purpose? If yes,
 - 4.b.i. What are the water right numbers with a marketing for mitigation or marketing for aquifer recharge purpose?
 - 4.b.ii. What is the change authorization number that authorized the marketing for mitigation purpose?
 - 4.b.iii. What is the mitigation reach identified in the change authorization?

5. Submit a marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge plan that addresses the following:
 - 5.a. Describe your ability to measure and operate all existing diversions to adjust flow rate as water is sold or leased.
 - 5.b. How will you cease diversions for the existing beneficial use of the water right(s) as water is sold or leased for the purpose of marketing for mitigation/ aquifer recharge?
 - 5.c. Describe the need for mitigation water within the proposed place of use of the new appropriation.



6. How do the priority dates of the water rights proposed for change to mitigation, aquifer recharge, and/or marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge purpose(s) compare to other water rights on the source?

7. **Y** **N** Do you have measurement records or Water Commissioner records that show the reliability of the water rights proposed for change to mitigation, aquifer recharge, and/or marketing for mitigation/aquifer recharge? If yes, submit them to the Department.



Peak Health Management
Application to Change 76H 62593
Pre-Application Item 39.c.i
Historical Aerial Photo



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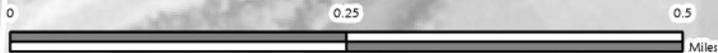
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Jim & Melissa (can one of you please forward to Kim, I don't seem to have her email)

For item 125.d following is the monthly breakdown for the other water that will contribute to the need for mitigation (water right change 76H 30150414). These numbers are per the recharge/accretion schedule Dave Baldwin of HydroSolutions ran for us based on the model that was used in the River Front Triangle applications. We understand there may be slight variations when the Technical Analysis is done based on difference in the model numbers.

Table 1. Infiltration timing, accretions from infiltration, flow left instream and total accretions all in GPM for Change Application 76H 30150414

Month	Flow Infiltrated (GPM)	Accretions from Infiltration (GPM)	Flow Left Instream (GPM)	Total Accretions (GPM)
Jan		1.13		1.13
Feb		1.11		1.11
Mar		0.90		0.90
Apr		0.77		0.77
May		0.67	0.36	1.04
Jun		0.60	0.38	0.98
Jul		0.55	0.36	0.91
Aug		0.50	0.36	0.87
Sep	27.91	22.64		22.64
Oct	46.72	39.35		39.35
Nov		4.06		4.06
Dec		2.11		2.11

Table 2. Infiltration timing, accretions from infiltration, volume left instream and total accretions all in AF for Change Application 76H 30150414

Month	Volume Infiltrated (AF)	Accretions from Infiltration (AF)	Flow left instream (AF)	Total Accretions (AF)
Jan		0.15		0.15
Feb		0.14		0.14
Mar		0.12		0.12
Apr		0.10		0.10
May		0.14	0.05	0.19
Jun		0.13	0.05	0.18
Jul		0.12	0.05	0.17

Aug		0.12	0.05	0.17
Sep	3.70	3.00		3.00
Oct	6.40	5.39		5.39
Nov		0.54		0.54
Dec		0.29		0.29
TOTAL	10.10		0.20	

Let me know if you need anything else.

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