

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

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

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE DRAFT PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/application-status-environmental-assessments/>.

PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10, 2025. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENTS FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. PER 85-2-307(5)(C), MCA, IF NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED, THE DRAFT PD WILL BE ADOPTED AS FINAL AND THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, OR REQUESTS TO OBTAIN THE DRAFT PD OR PUBLIC COMMENT FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 655 TIMBERWOLF PARKWAY, SUITE 4, KALISPELL, MT 59901-2387, PHONE: 406-752-2288, FAX: 406-752-2843.

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

Application Number:

76LJ 30163639

Owners:

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PO BOX 97
WHITEFISH, MT 59937-0097

SEAN T ROONEY
PO BOX 97
WHITEFISH, MT 59937-0097

Priority Date:

MAY 29, 2025 at 12:00 A.M.

Purpose (Use):

IRRIGATION
WETLAND

Maximum Flow Rate:

250.00 GPM

Maximum Volume:

39.75 AC-FT

Source Name:

STILLWATER RIVER

Source Type:

SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID	Govt Lot	Qtr	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1		SE	SENE	36	31N 23W	FLATHEAD

Period of Diversion:

MARCH 1 TO JULY 31

Flow Rate:

250.00 GPM

OCTOBER 19 TO OCTOBER 31

Flow Rate:

250.00 GPM

Diversion Means:

PUMP

Reservoir:

OFF STREAM

Reservoir Name:

ROONEY UPPER POND

Govt Lot	Qtr	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
		SENE	36	31N 23W	FLATHEAD

Surface Area:

1.51 ACRES

Current Capacity:

10.60 ACRE-FEET

Purpose (Use):

IRRIGATION

Purpose Clarification:

IRRIGATION WILL OCCUR FROM POND FILLED FROM THE STILLWATER RIVER DURING THE PERIODS OF DIVERSION

Irrigation Type:

SPRINKLER

Climatic Area:

3 - MODERATE

Volume:

1.26 AC-FT

Period of Use:

APRIL 15 to OCTOBER 15

Place of Use:

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1	0.55		SENE	36	31N 23W		FLATHEAD

Total:	0.55							
Purpose (Use):	WETLAND							
Volume:	38.49 AC-FT							
Period of Use:	MARCH 1 to OCTOBER 31							
Place of Use:								
<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>	
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