

PUBLIC NOTICE

OBJECTION PERIOD

Notice to Water Users  
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-308, 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 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/>.

**OBJECTION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 17, 2026.** OBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION FORM, FORM 611, AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATED DEADLINE. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE OR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. MAIL PAPER COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$50.00 FILING FEE TO: DNRC WATER RIGHTS BUREAU, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601. SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO: [DNRCWATERRIGHTSCOMMENTOBJECTION@MT.GOV](mailto:DNRCWATERRIGHTSCOMMENTOBJECTION@MT.GOV). IF YOU SUBMIT THE FORM ELECTRONICALLY, MAIL THE \$50.00 FILING FEE TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE OR PAY BY PHONE AT (406) 444-6610 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. PER 85-2-308(1)(B), MCA, A PERSON MAY OBJECT ONLY TO ISSUES ALREADY IDENTIFIED IN A PUBLIC COMMENT OR RAISED IN A HEARING. REFER TO THE PD FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A PUBLIC COMMENT OR RAISED IN A HEARING.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, OR REQUESTS TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 2705 SPURGIN RD, BLDG C, PO BOX 5004, MISSOULA, MT 59804-5004, PHONE: 406-721-4284, FAX: 406-542-5899.

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

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| Application Number:                        | 76M 30163329                                                                                                        |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Owners:                                    | MCKINNON FAMILY TRUST DATED OCT 23, 2015<br>% MCKINNON CO-TRUSTEES<br>2298 TIPPERARY WAY<br>MISSOULA, MT 59808-9405 |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Priority Date:                             | JANUARY 2, 2025 at 08:05 A.M.                                                                                       |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Purpose (Use):                             | IRRIGATION                                                                                                          |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Maximum Flow Rate:                         | 415.00 GPM                                                                                                          |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Maximum Volume:                            | 113.99 AC-FT                                                                                                        |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Maximum Acres:                             | 47.30                                                                                                               |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Source Name:                               | GROUNDWATER                                                                                                         |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Source Type:                               | GROUNDWATER                                                                                                         |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion: |                                                                                                                     |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| <u>ID</u>                                  | <u>Govt Lot</u>                                                                                                     | <u>Qtr</u> | <u>Sec</u> | <u>Twp</u> | <u>Rge</u> | <u>County</u> |  |
| 1                                          |                                                                                                                     | SESWSE     | 12         | 13N        | 20W        | MISSOULA      |  |
| Period of Diversion:                       | APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15                                                                                              |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Diversion Means:                           | WELL                                                                                                                |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Well Depth:                                | 120.00 FEET                                                                                                         |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Static Water Level:                        | 29.00 FEET                                                                                                          |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Casing Diameter:                           | 6.00 INCHES                                                                                                         |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Flowing:                                   | NO                                                                                                                  |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Well Location:                             | 2298 TIPPERARY WAY                                                                                                  |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| 2                                          |                                                                                                                     | NENENE     | 13         | 13N        | 20W        | MISSOULA      |  |
| Period of Diversion:                       | APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15                                                                                              |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Diversion Means:                           | WELL                                                                                                                |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Well Depth:                                | 120.00 FEET                                                                                                         |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Static Water Level:                        | 31.00 FEET                                                                                                          |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Casing Diameter:                           | 8.00 INCHES                                                                                                         |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Flowing:                                   | NO                                                                                                                  |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Purpose (Use):                             | IRRIGATION                                                                                                          |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Irrigation Type:                           | SPRINKLER                                                                                                           |            |            |            |            |               |  |
| Climatic Area:                             | 3 - MODERATE                                                                                                        |            |            |            |            |               |  |

Period of Use: APRIL 15 to OCTOBER 15

Place of Use:

| <u>ID</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Govt Lot</u> | <u>Qtr Sec</u> | <u>Sec</u> | <u>Twp</u> | <u>Rge</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 1         | 37.40        |                 | SESE           | 12         | 13N        | 20W        | MISSOULA      |
| 2         | 2.90         |                 | SESWSE         | 12         | 13N        | 20W        | MISSOULA      |
| 3         | 7.00         |                 | N2NENE         | 13         | 13N        | 20W        | MISSOULA      |
| Total:    | 47.30        |                 |                |            |            |            |               |

Remarks:

CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN LAW

THIS PROVISIONAL WATER USE PERMIT HAS A PRIORITY DATE THAT IS JUNIOR TO THE RIGHTS OF SENIOR WATER RIGHT HOLDERS IN THE CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MONTANA LAW, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO A CALL BY SENIOR WATER RIGHT HOLDERS, IN WHICH CASE YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO DISCONTINUE YOUR USE OF WATER FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CALL.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES - RESERVED WATER RIGHTS

THIS RIGHT IS SUBJECT TO ALL PRIOR INDIAN RESERVED WATER RIGHTS OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES IN THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY. IT IS THE TRIBE'S POSITION THAT THE EXERCISE OF JUNIOR WATER RIGHTS EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION MAY AFFECT THE RESERVED WATER RIGHTS OF THE TRIBE WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE RESERVATION. IT IS THE TRIBE'S POSITION THAT ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS MADE IN RELIANCE UPON THIS RIGHT DO NOT CREATE IN THE APPROPRIATOR ANY EQUITY OR VESTED RIGHT AGAINST THE TRIBES. THE APPROPRIATOR IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY FINANCIAL OUTLAY OR WORK INVESTED IN A PROJECT PURSUANT TO THIS RIGHT IS AT APPROPRIATOR'S RISK. THE ISSUANCE OF THIS RIGHT DOES NOT REDUCE THE APPROPRIATOR'S LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT. IT DOES NOT MAKE THE DEPARTMENT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT. NOR IS THE DEPARTMENT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS TO THE APPROPRIATOR CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF SENIOR RESERVED WATER RIGHTS.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE APPROPRIATOR'S USE OF WATER UNDER THIS PERMIT IS CONDITIONED UPON THE 91.2 AC-FT OF MITIGATION VOLUME REQUIRED TO OFFSET ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM NET DEPLETION TO THE CLARK FORK RIVER. DIVERSION UNDER THIS PERMIT MAY NOT COMMENCE UNTIL THE MITIGATION PLAN AS SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AND APPROVED THROUGH CHANGE AUTHORIZATION 76M 30165370 IS LEGALLY IMPLEMENTED. DIVERSION UNDER THIS PERMIT MUST STOP IF MITIGATION AS HEREIN REQUIRED IN AMOUNT, LOCATION, AND DURATION CEASES.

WATER MEASUREMENT INFORMATION

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 UNTIL THE PROVISIONAL PERMIT IS PERFECTED AND THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES A PROJECT COMPLETION NOTICE. IN THE EVENT THAT PERMITTED FLOW RATES AND/OR VOLUMES HAVE BEEN EXCEEDED DURING PERFECTION OF THE PROVISIONAL PERMIT 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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