

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 24, 2026. PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654, AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATED DEADLINE. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE OR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. MAIL PAPER COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO: DNRC WATER RIGHTS BUREAU, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601. SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO: DNRCWATERRIGHTSCOMMENTOBJECTION@MT.GOV. PER 85-2-307(5)(C), MCA, IF NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED, THE DRAFT PD WILL BE ADOPTED AS FINAL AND THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, OR REQUESTS TO OBTAIN THE DRAFT PD OR PUBLIC COMMENT FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 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.

Application Number:	76M 30165209						
Owners:	ALBERTON, TOWN OF PO BOX 115 ALBERTON, MT 59820-0115						
Priority Date:	JANUARY 21, 2026 at 02:45 P.M.						
Purpose (Use):	MUNICIPAL						
Maximum Flow Rate:	16.98 GPM						
Maximum Volume:	0.00 AC-FT						
Source Name:	DEVELOPED SPRING						
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	1	NWN	ENE	3	14N 23W	MINERAL	
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 31					Flow Rate:	16.91 GPM
	FEBRUARY 1 TO FEBRUARY 28					Flow Rate:	16.65 GPM
	MARCH 1 TO MARCH 31					Flow Rate:	16.93 GPM
	APRIL 1 TO APRIL 30					Flow Rate:	16.68 GPM
	MAY 1 TO MAY 31					Flow Rate:	16.98 GPM
	JUNE 1 TO JUNE 30					Flow Rate:	15.88 GPM
	JULY 1 TO JULY 31					Flow Rate:	13.45 GPM
	AUGUST 1 TO AUGUST 31					Flow Rate:	14.06 GPM
	SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30					Flow Rate:	10.89 GPM
	OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 31					Flow Rate:	15.94 GPM
	NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 30					Flow Rate:	15.16 GPM
	DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31					Flow Rate:	15.75 GPM
Diversion Means:	DEVELOPED SPRING						
Purpose (Use):	MUNICIPAL						
Period of Use:	JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31						
Place of Use:							
<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		10	S2	SWNE	2	14N 23W	MINERAL
2		5	S2	NWNW	2	14N 23W	MINERAL
3		12	N2	SWNW	2	14N 23W	MINERAL

4	11	SENW	2	14N	23W	MINERAL
5	6	S2NENE	3	14N	23W	MINERAL

Remarks:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THIS WATER RIGHT CANNOT BE OPERATED WITHOUT THE USE OF DEVELOPED SPRING CLAIM 76M 45355-00.

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