

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice to Water Users  
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)  
The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. 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: MARCH 7, 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 655 TIMBERWOLF PARKWAY, SUITE 4, KALISPELL, MT 59901-2387 FAX: 406-752-2843 PHONE: 406-752-2288.

**Application Number:** 76N 30165123

**Applicant:** SALISH SHORES UTILITY CORP INC  
PO BOX 1030  
THOMPSON FALLS, MT 59873 1030

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
PROVISIONAL PERMIT	76N 81519-00	MAY 14, 1992
PROVISIONAL PERMIT	76N 85780-00	JUNE 1, 1993
PROVISIONAL PERMIT	76N 97278-00	MAY 17, 1996
PROVISIONAL PERMIT	76N 30016270	AUGUST 19, 2005

PAST USE OF WATER

PROVISIONAL PERMIT NOS. 76N 81519-00, 76N 85780-00, 76N 97278-00, AND 76N 30016270 SERVE THE MUNICIPAL PURPOSE FOR THE SALISH SHORES WATER SYSTEM.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO ADD A NEW (EIGHTH) POINT OF DIVERSION (A WELL) TO THE FOUR WATER RIGHTS (PROVISIONAL PERMIT NOS. 76N 81519-00, 76N 85780-00, 76N 97278-00, AND 76N 30016270) THAT SERVE THE SALISH SHORES MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM, AND TO CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE FOR THOSE SAME FOUR WATER RIGHTS TO COVER THE FULL PROJECTED SALISH SHORES WATER SERVICE AREA. THE NEW POD WILL BE IN THE NENWNW OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 21N, RANGE 29W IN SANDERS COUNTY. THE NEW PLACES OF USE WILL BE IN SECTIONS 9, 10, 14, AND 15, TOWNSHIP 21N, RANGE 29W IN SANDERS COUNTY. THE SOURCE IS GROUNDWATER.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THESE WATER RIGHTS WERE PREVIOUSLY CHANGED BY UNPERFECTED WATER RIGHT CHANGE APPLICATION NO. 76N 30027719. PROVISIONAL PERMIT NOS. 76N 81519-00, 76N 85780-00, AND 76N 97278-00 ARE PERFECTED PERMITS, WHILE PROVISIONAL PERMIT NO. 76N 30016270 IS AN UNPERFECTED PERMIT.

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