



# WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE

§ 85-2-424, MCA  
Form No. 608 (Revised 10/2025)

File in WR# \_\_\_\_\_

## For Department Use Only

Rec'd By \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Rec'd \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

Payor \_\_\_\_\_

Refund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Coder \_\_\_\_\_ RO# \_\_\_\_\_ OUID# \_\_\_\_\_

For complete information, see file: \_\_\_\_\_

### When to use this form:

- This form, along with the recorded deed, tells the department that ownership of a water right has transferred from one party to another.
- Do *not* file this form if your only use of water is from an irrigation district, municipal system, water users' association, or other public water supply.
- Do *not* file this form for a split or sever of a water right.

### Filing fee:

- The filing fee for Form 608 is \$100.00 for one water right and \$20.00 for each additional right, up to a maximum of \$600.00.
- No fee is required for removing a deceased person from a record of ownership (ARM 36.12.103 (2)(m)). The individual receiving the ownership interest in the water right must already be listed as a current owner of record. If this scenario applies, denote that the Grantor is deceased by selecting the applicable checkbox within Question 1 (page 2) and file this complete form with no filing fee.
- Please make checks payable to DNRC.

### Instructions:

- Complete this form and return **all pages** of the completed form with the filing fee to the applicable Regional Office (Water Resources Regional Office contacts listed on last page).
- Include a copy of the recorded deed(s) or other document(s) of conveyance.
- Use a new form for each deed transaction.
- **If full chain of conveyance from the DNRC water right owner of record to the current/new owner is not attached, this form cannot be processed.**
- To look up information about water rights in Montana, including current DNRC water right owner of record, utilize the Water Rights Query System at <https://gis.dnrc.mt.gov/apps/WRQS/>.

### Important information:

- This form is for DNRC record keeping purposes only as required by § 85-2-101(2), MCA. The deed is the legal document transferring the water right.
- If you do not attach copies of the full recorded chain of conveyance from the DNRC record owner to the new/current property/water right owner, DNRC cannot process the form. Example: Owner A files a water right and sells the property to owner B but does not update the ownership of the water right. Owner B sells property to owner C who finds and attempts to update ownership of the water right. DNRC needs recorded conveyance documents from A to B and B to C because A is still listed in DNRC records.
- If the sale is on a Contract for Deed, the seller will remain listed as a co-owner of the water right until the contract is satisfied.
- If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Office (Regional Office contacts listed on last page).



**1. Grantor (Seller) Name as it Appears on the Deed/Conveyance Document**

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Grantor is deceased and the individual receiving the ownership interest is a current owner of record (no filing fee applies).
- ☐ There is no Grantor and only additional water right owner(s) are being added to the water right record.

**2. Grantee (Buyer) Name as it Appears on the Deed/Conveyance Document**

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Closing / Contact Information**

Date of Closing \_\_\_\_\_ If applicable, provide your file number \_\_\_\_\_

Closing Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Attach a copy of recorded deed(s) or other document(s) of conveyance showing transfer of the property/water rights from the DNRC record owner to the current owner.** If full chain of conveyance from DNRC record owner to the current/new owner is not attached, the form cannot be processed.

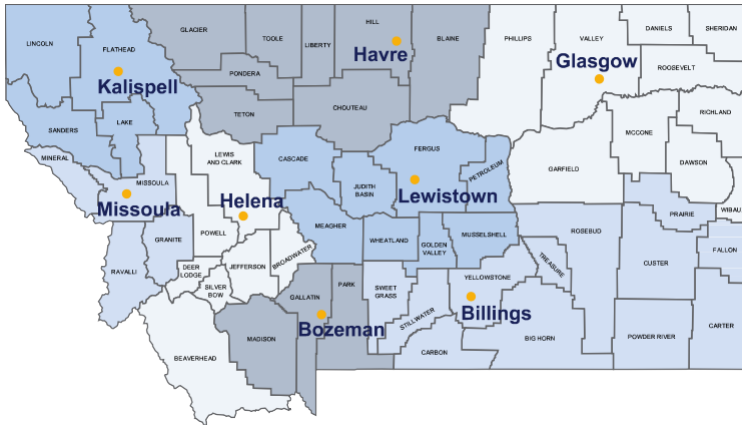
*\*If the buyer did not receive 100% of the seller's interest in the water rights, do not use this form; file Form 641 DNRC Ownership Update, Divided Interest, instead.*

**5. List all water rights that require updated ownership. Attach a list if additional space is needed.**

County	Geocode of Property Being Transferred	Water Right Number



## WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICES



### **BILLINGS**

Airport Industrial Park, 1371 Rimtop Dr  
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*Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Fallon, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, and Yellowstone Counties*



### **HELENA**

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*Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, and Sanders Counties*



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### **HAVRE**

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*Blaine, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, and Toole Counties*



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*Granite, Mineral, Missoula, and Ravalli Counties*

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  
Water Resources Division – Water Rights Bureau  
<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/>

