



WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE

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

File in WR# _____

For Department Use Only

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.

Rec'd By _____

Fee Rec'd \$ _____ Check # _____

Deposit Receipt # _____

Payor _____

Refund \$ _____ Date _____

Coder _____ RO# _____ OUID# _____

For complete information, see file: _____

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

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.

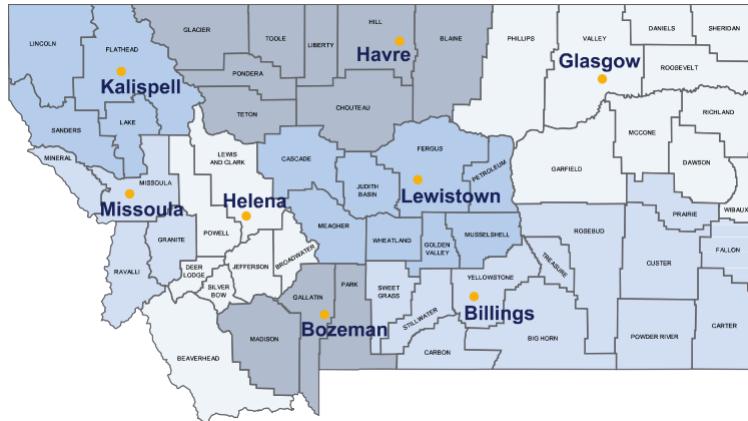
**If the buyer did not receive 100% of the seller's interest in the water rights, do not use this form; file Form 641 DNRC Ownership Update, Divided Interest, instead.*

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
Billings, MT 59105-9702

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Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Fallon, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, and Yellowstone Counties

BOZEMAN

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Gallatin, Madison, and Park Counties

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Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, and Sanders Counties

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MISSOULA

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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/>

