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, 2025. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENTS FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. 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 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 FAX: 406-587-9726 PHONE: 406-586-3136.

Application Number: 41F 30163349

Applicant: JUMPING HORSE STOCK RANCH LLC

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WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type Water Right Number Priority Date

STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41F 8354-00 SEPTEMBER 2, 1970

Historical Flow Rate: 5.3 CFS
Historical Consumptive Volume: 101.30 AC-FT

Historical Diverted Volume: 150.80 AC-FT

STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41F 8355-00 FEBRUARY 7, 1971

Historical Flow Rate: 3.84 CFS Historical Consumptive Volume: 73.40 AC-FT

Historical Diverted Volume: 109.30 AC-FT

PAST USE OF WATER

STATEMENTS OF CLAIM 41F 8354-00 AND 41F 8355-00 WERE HISTORICALLY DIVERTED FROM THE MADISON RIVER VIA A PUMP IN THE SENESW SECTION 20, T1N, R2E, GALLATIN COUNTY FOR IRRIGATION OF 152.2 ACRES IN THE W2NE, NWNWSE, NESW, NWSESW, E2NW, AND E2W2NW SECTION 20, T1N, R2E, GALLATIN COUNTY. THE HISTORICAL USE OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41F 8354-00 IS A MAXIMUM DIVERTED FLOW RATE OF 5.30 CFS, A DIVERTED VOLUME OF 150.8 AF, AND A CONSUMED VOLUME OF 101.3 AF. THE HISTORICAL USE OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41F 8355-00 IS A MAXIMUM DIVERTED FLOW RATE OF 3.84 CFS, A DIVERTED VOLUME OF 109.3 AF, AND A CONSUMED VOLUME OF 73.4 AF.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION FOR STATEMENTS OF CLAIM 41F 8354-00 AND 41F 8355-00. THE PROPOSED POINT OF DIVERSION IS LOCATED IN THE NESWNE SECTION 20, T1N, R2E, GALLATIN COUNTY, ON THE MADISON RIVER. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CONTINUE TO DIVERT WATER FROM THE MADISON RIVER FOR IRRIGATION OF 152.2 ACRES IN SECTION 20, T1N, R2E, GALLATIN COUNTY FROM APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO DIVERT AT A MAXIMUM FLOW RATE OF 2.07 CFS UP TO A MAXIMUM DIVERTED VOLUME OF 260.1 AF AND A CONSUMED VOLUME OF 174.7 AF. NO CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE, PURPOSE, OR PLACE OF STORAGE IS PROPOSED.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE APPLICANT IS ALSO ADDING THE PROPOSED PUMP SITE AS AN ADDITIONAL POINT OF DIVERSION TO STATEMENTS OF CLAIM 41F 132837-00, 41F 132838-00, 41F 136475-00, 41F 136476-00, 41F 136477-00, AND 41F 136478-00 IN CHANGE APPLICATION NO. 41F 30155891.

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