

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: MAY 30, 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 1371 RIMTOP DRIVE, BILLINGS, MT 59105-1978, PHONE: 406-247-4415, FAX: 406-247-4416.

IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.

Application Number:

42KJ 30164498

Owners:

SUNLIGHT RANCH CO  
431 PASS CREEK RD  
PARKMAN, WY 82838-9630

Priority Date:

FEBRUARY 7, 2025 at 11:03 A.M.

Purpose (Use):

STOCK

Maximum Volume:

18.50 AC-FT

Source Name:

KRAY COULEE

Source Type:

SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

| ID  | Govt Lot | Qtr                          | Sec | Sec | Twp | Rge | County   |
|---|----------|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| 1   |          | SW                           | SE  | 13  | 2N  | 36E | BIG HORN |
| Period of Diversion:  |          | JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31     |     |     |     |     |          |
| Diversion Means:  |          | LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE |     |     |     |     |          |
| 2   |          | SE                           | NE  | 23  | 2N  | 36E | BIG HORN |
| Period of Diversion:  |          | JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31     |     |     |     |     |          |
| Diversion Means:  |          | LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE |     |     |     |     |          |
| 3   |          | NE                           | SW  | 23  | 2N  | 36E | BIG HORN |
| Period of Diversion:  |          | JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31     |     |     |     |     |          |
| Diversion Means:  |          | LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE |     |     |     |     |          |
| 4   |          | NE                           | SE  | 18  | 2N  | 37E | TREASURE |
| Period of Diversion:  |          | JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31     |     |     |     |     |          |
| Diversion Means:  |          | LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE |     |     |     |     |          |
| THE POINT OF DIVERSION IS TRANSITORY FROM POD #3 TO POD #2 AND FROM POD #1 TO POD #4. |          |                              |     |     |     |     |          |

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| 4  |       |          | NE  | 23  | 2N  | 36E | BIG HORN |        |
| 5  |       |          | SE  | 23  | 2N  | 36E | BIG HORN |        |