

# 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: AUGUST 4, 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:** 43QJ 30165052  
**Owners:** STILLWATER MINING CO  
 PO BOX 1330  
 COLUMBUS, MT 59019  
**Priority Date:** MARCH 20, 2025 at 10:30 A.M.  
**Purpose (Use):** INDUSTRIAL  
 OTHER PURPOSE  
**Maximum Flow Rate:** 385.00 GPM  
**Maximum Volume:** 115.20 AC-FT  
**Source Name:** GROUNDWATER  
**Source Type:** GROUNDWATER

**Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		S	27	2S	20E	STILLWATER

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Diversion Means:** WELL  
**Well Depth:** 32.00 FEET  
**Static Water Level:** 8.50 FEET  
**Casing Diameter:** 12.00 INCHES

2		N	27	2S	20E	STILLWATER
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Diversion Means:** WELL  
**Well Depth:** 35.00 FEET  
**Static Water Level:** 8.37 FEET  
**Casing Diameter:** 12.00 INCHES

**Purpose (Use):** INDUSTRIAL **Purpose Clarification:** SMELTING  
**Volume:** 115.15 AC-FT  
**Period of Use:** JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31  
**Place of Use:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			S	27	2S	20E	STILLWATER

**Subdivision:** INDUSTRIAL SITES ADD COL. TRACT/LOT: BLOCK: 7-11

2			N	27	2S	20E	STILLWATER
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3			N	26	2S	20E	STILLWATER
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4 SWSWNW 26 2S 20E STILLWATER

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**Purpose (Use):** OTHER PURPOSE **Purpose Clarification:** DUST ABATEMENT

**Volume:** 0.05 AC-FT

**Period of Use:** JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

**Place of Use:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSW	26	2S	20E	STILLWATER

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2 N2N2NESE 27 2S 20E STILLWATER

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3 S2S2NE 27 2S 20E STILLWATER

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4 SWSWNW 26 2S 20E STILLWATER

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