# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users

(Pursuant to Section 85-2-436, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

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NEW EVIDENCE OF ADVERSE EFFECT TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING BY **JANUARY 5, 2027**. MAIL THE EVIDENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE AT 2705 SPURGIN RD, BLDG C, PO BOX 5004, MISSOULA, MT 59804-5004 FAX: 406-542-5899 PHONE: 406-721-4284.

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**Application Number:** 76H 9950599

**Applicant:** MONTANA, STATE OF
DEPT OF FISH
WILDLIFE & PARKS
PO BOX 200701
HELENA, MT
59620-0701

## WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

| Water Right Type | Water Right Number | Priority Date |
|---|---|---|
| STATEMENT OF CLAIM | 76F 99505-00 | MAY 1, 1884 |
| STATEMENT OF CLAIM | 76F 99506-00 | MAY 1, 1884 |
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## PAST USE OF WATER

HISTORICALLY UP TO 49.98 CFS OF WATER HAS BEEN DIVERTED INTO THE DREYER DITCH BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND NOVEMBER 30 EACH YEAR AT A POINT IN THE SENESE OF SEC 24, TWP 16N, RGE 14W, MISSOULA COUNTY. THE WATER HAS BEEN USED FOR IRRIGATION ON 240 ACRES IN SEC 5, TWP 15N, RGE 13W; 160 ACRES IN THE NE OF SEC 31 AND 410 ACRES IN SEC 32, TWP 16N, RGE 13W, POWELL COUNTY.

## PROPOSED CHANGE

THIS IS A CHANGE OF PLACE OF USE AND PURPOSE OF USE OF A PORTION OF THE WATER RIGHTS TO INSTREAM FLOW.

THIS APPLICATION IS TO RENEW A TEMPORARY CHANGE. THE TEMPORARY CHANGE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED ON 10/18/1996 FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AND AUTHORIZED THE CHANGE OF A PORTION OF WATER RIGHTS 76F-9950500, 9950600 AND 9950700. A CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE AND PURPOSE OF USE OF A PORTION OF THE ABOVE RIGHTS WAS AUTHORIZED FOR MAINTAINING AND EHHANCING STREAMFLOWS FOR FISHERIES FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30. THE CHANGED PLACE OF USE INCLUDES COTTONWOOD CREEK FROM A STAFF GAUGE IN THE SENESE, SEC 24, TWP 16N, RGE 14W, MISSOULA COUNTY TO THE WOODWORTH ROAD CREEK CROSSING IN THE SESWSW, SEC 30, TWP 16N, RGE 13W, POWELL COUNTY. THE RENEWAL PERIOD REQUESTED IS AN ADDITIONAL 10 YEARS.

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