

Notice to Water Users  
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

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 23, 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 655 TIMBERWOLF PARKWAY, SUITE 4, KALISPELL, MT 59901-2387, PHONE: 406-752-2288, FAX: 406-752-2843.

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

Application Number:	76J 30163755						
Owners:	USDA FOREST SERVICE PO BOX 130 BOZEMAN, MT 59771-0130						
Priority Date:	FEBRUARY 20, 2025 at 12:00 A.M.						
Purpose (Use):	FISH AND WILDLIFE RECREATION						
Maximum Volume:	1,442.41 AC-FT						
Source Name:	WHELP CREEK (LION LAKE)						
Source Type:	SURFACE WATER						
Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:							
<u>ID</u>		<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSWSE	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means:	DAM						
Reservoir:	ON STREAM	Reservoir Name:	LION LAKE				
		<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
			SWSWSE	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
Dam Height:	4.00 FEET						
Depth:	85.00 FEET						
Surface Area:	42.11 ACRES						
Current Capacity:	1,399.92 ACRE-FEET						
Purpose (Use):	FISH AND WILDLIFE						
Volume:	1,442.41 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 Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	1.41		SESESW	9	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
2	9.60		SWSWSE	9	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
3	5.60		SESWSE	9	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
4	6.30		NENENW	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
5	19.20		NWNWNE	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
Total:	42.11						
Purpose (Use):	RECREATION						
Volume:	1,442.41 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	1.41		SE	SESW	9	30N 19W	FLATHEAD
2	9.60		S	SWSE	9	30N 19W	FLATHEAD
3	5.60		SE	SWSE	9	30N 19W	FLATHEAD
4	6.30		N	ENENW	16	30N 19W	FLATHEAD
5	19.20		N	WNWNE	16	30N 19W	FLATHEAD
Total:	42.11						

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