

# NOTICE OF RECEIPT WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

(Pursuant to Section § 85-2-307(1), MCA)

Summarized below are the application details as described in an Application to Change of Appropriation Water Right received by the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation on NOVEMBER 4, 2024. This notice reflects the application details only as originally submitted. The notice does not reflect changes to the application details made during the review process.

**Application Number:** 76LJ 30164320

**Applicant:** SANDERS, DARLENE FAMILY TRUST  
621 SOMERS STAGE RD  
KALISPELL, MT 59901 7954

## **WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED**

<b>Water Right Type</b>	<b>Water Right Number</b>	<b>Priority Date</b>
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	76LJ-147164	JUNE 7, 1963

## **PAST USE OF WATER**

IRRIGATION OF 160 ACRES IN THE SW OF SECTION 2 AND THE N2NW OF SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP 27N, RANGE 21W, FLATHEAD COUNTY.

## **PROPOSED CHANGE**

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO ADD A NEW (SECOND) POINT OF DIVERSION IN THE NENENW OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 27N, RANGE 21W, FLATHEAD COUNTY, TO SUPPLY WATER FOR IRRIGATION. THE NEW POD WILL DIVERT PATRICK CREEK WATER FROM WILEY'S SLOUGH. WILEY'S SLOUGH WILL BE USED AS A NATURAL CARRIER OF PATRICK CREEK WATER.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

THE APPLICANT STATES THAT WATER IS NO LONGER RELIABLY AVAILABLE AT THE HISTORICAL POINT OF DIVERSION AND PROPOSES TO ADD A SECOND POINT OF DIVERSION AT A LOCATION WHERE WATER IS AVAILABLE. THE HISTORICAL POINT OF DIVERSION WILL BE RETAINED AND USED TO IRRIGATE SOME OF THE HISTORICALLY IRRIGATED ACREAGE WHEN WATER IS AVAILABLE AT THAT PUMP SITE.

In general, the Department will make a draft preliminary determination to grant or deny this application within 60 or 120 days of the date the application is deemed and correct and complete (60 days if a preapplication meeting was held, 120 days if a preapplication meeting was not held). That date is currently unknown as the application has not yet been determined to be correct and complete. If the draft preliminary determination is to grant the application, the application will be published in the local newspaper and a notice will be sent to appropriators who, according to the department records, may be affected by the proposed appropriation. Individuals will have 30 days to submit a public comment about this application under §85-2-307, MCA, after the application has been published in the newspaper. If public comments are received, the Department will consider the public comments and update the preliminary determination. If the preliminary determination is to grant the application, the application will again be published in a local newspaper and a notice will be sent to anyone who submitted a public comment, along with appropriators who, according to the department records may be affected by the proposed appropriation. Individuals will have 30 days to submit an objection under §85-2-308, MCA, after the application has been published in the newspaper.

Direct questions regarding this application to the Water Resources Regional Office, 655 TIMBERWOLF PARKWAY, SUITE 4, KALISPELL, MT 59901-2387 FAX: 406-752-2843 PHONE: 406-752-2288