

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice to Water Users

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

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

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. 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: MARCH 28, 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 FAX: 406-752-2843 PHONE: 406-752-2288.

Application Number: 76LJ 30164320

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

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

| <u>Water Right Type</u> | <u>Water Right Number</u> | <u>Priority Date</u> |
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| STATEMENT OF CLAIM | 76LJ 147164-00 | JUNE 7, 1963 |
| Historical Flow Rate: 2.05 CFS | Historical Consumptive Volume: 180.70 AC-FT | |
| | Historical Diverted Volume: 240.90 AC-FT | |

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.

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