

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: SEPTEMBER 11, 2026. PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654, AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATED DEADLINE. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE OR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. MAIL PAPER COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO: DNRC WATER RIGHTS BUREAU, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601. SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO: DNRCWATERRIGHTSCOMMENTOBJECTION@MT.GOV. 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:	76LJ 30172157								
Owners:	THOMPSON, BLAKE WHITNEY REVOCABLE TRUST THOMPSON, BLAKE WHITNEY TRUSTEE PO BOX 7598 SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33734-7598								
Priority Date:	MARCH 2, 2026 at 12:00 A.M.								
Purpose (Use):	IRRIGATION								
Maximum Flow Rate:	20.00 GPM								
Maximum Volume:	2.89 AC-FT								
Source Name:	FLATHEAD RIVER (FLATHEAD LAKE)								
Source Type:	SURFACE WATER								
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			SW	NESE	29	25N	19W	LAKE	
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15								
Diversion Means:	PUMP								
Purpose (Use):	IRRIGATION								
Irrigation Type:	SPRINKLER								
Volume:	2.89 AC-FT								
Period of Use:	APRIL 15 to OCTOBER 15								
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	1.20	3		SE	NESE	29	25N	19W	LAKE
Total:	1.20								

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