



WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE

§ 85-2-424, MCA
Form No. 608 (Revised 01/2024)

File in WR# _____

For Department Use Only

When to use this form:

- This form, along with the recorded deed, tells the department that ownership of a water right has transferred from one party to another.
- Do *not* file this form if your only use of water is from an irrigation district, municipal system, water users' association, or other public water supply.
- Do *not* file this form if only *a portion* of the seller's interest of the water right is being transferred. Complete and file Form 641 *DNRC Ownership Update, Divided Interest* instead.
- Do *not* file this form if you are *severing a portion* of a water right. Complete and file Form 642, *DNRC Ownership Update, Split and Sever of a Water Right*, instead.
- Do *not* file this form if you are *severing the entire water right* from the place of use. Complete and file Form 643 *DNRC Ownership Update, Severed Water Right*, instead.

Rec'd By _____
 Fee Rec'd \$ _____ Check # _____
 Deposit Receipt # _____
 Payor _____
 Refund \$ _____ Date _____
 Coder _____ RO# _____ OUID# _____
 For complete information, see file: _____

Filing fee:

- The filing fee for Form 608 is \$100.00 for one water right and \$20.00 for each additional right, up to a maximum of \$600.00.
- Please make checks payable to DNRC.

Instructions:

- Complete this form and return **all pages** of the completed form with the filing fee to the applicable Regional Office (Water Resources Regional Office contacts listed on last page).
- Include a copy of the recorded deed(s) or other document(s) of conveyance.
- Use a new form for each deed transaction.
- **If full chain of conveyance from the DNRC water right owner of record to the current/new owner is not attached, this form cannot be processed.**
- To look up information about water rights in Montana, including current DNRC water right owner of record, utilize the Water Rights Query System at <https://gis.dnrc.mt.gov/apps/WRQS/>.

Important information:

- This form is for DNRC record keeping purposes only as required by § 85-2-101(2), MCA. The deed is the legal document transferring the water right.
- If you do not attach copies of the full recorded chain of conveyance from the DNRC record owner to the new/current property/water right owner, DNRC cannot process the form. Example: Owner A files a water right and sells the property to owner B but does not update the ownership of the water right. Owner B sells property to owner C who finds and attempts to update ownership of the water right. DNRC needs recorded conveyance documents from A to B and B to C because A is still listed in DNRC records.
- If the sale is on a Contract for Deed, the seller will remain listed as a co-owner of the water right until the contract is satisfied.
- If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Office (Regional Office contacts listed on last page).



1. Seller (Grantor)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

2. Buyer (Grantee)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

3. Closing / Contact Information

Date of Closing _____ If applicable, provide your file number _____

Closing Agent _____ Phone _____

Address _____

4. Attach a copy of recorded deed(s) or other document(s) of conveyance showing transfer of the property/water rights from the DNRC record owner to the current owner. If full chain of conveyance from DNRC record owner to the current/new owner is not attached, the form cannot be processed.

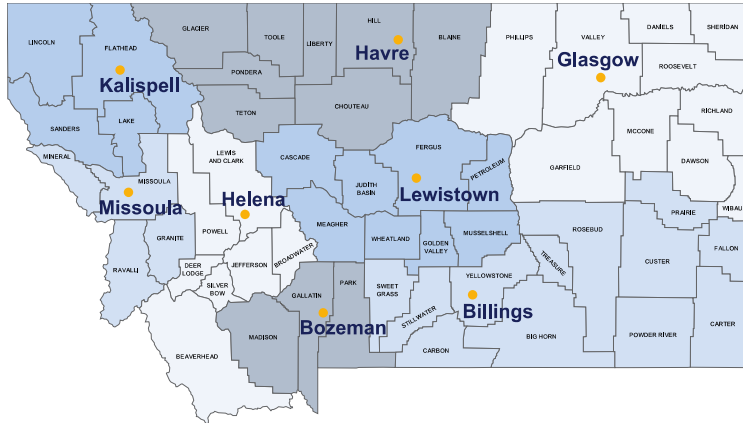
**If the buyer did not receive 100% of the seller's interest in the water rights, do not use this form; file Form 641 DNRC Ownership Update, Divided Interest, instead.*

5. List all water rights that require updated ownership. Attach a list if additional space is needed.

County	Geocode of Property Being Transferred	Water Right Number



WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICES



BILLINGS

Airport Industrial Park, 1371 Rintop Dr
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Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Powell, and Silver Bow Counties



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Daniels, Dawson, Garfield, McCone, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley, and Wibaux Counties



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MISSOULA

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Granite, Mineral, Missoula, and Ravalli Counties

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
Water Resources Division – Water Rights Bureau
<https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/>

