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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-14-09**  
**March 31, 2014**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Plum Creek Manufacturing, Inc.

FACILITY NAME: Plum Creek Manufacturing, Inc.  
Columbia Falls Operations

FACILITY LOCATION: 500 12th Ave. West  
Columbia Falls, MT 59912  
Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 20 West  
Flathead County

RECEIVING WATER: Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000092

A tentative determination has been made to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) waste water discharge permit to Plum Creek Manufacturing, Inc. (PCM) for the existing Columbia Falls Operations (CFO). The CFO is a timber products facility located immediately northwest of the City of Columbia Falls. PCM currently discharges industrial wastewater streams associated with the operation and maintenance of the boiler, operation of the log decks, and collection of storm water.

The permit authorizes discharge from four on-site structures as identified below:

- Outfall 003 is recognized as a disposal (infiltration) pond located in the southeast ¼ of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 20 West; or 48° 22' 30.4" North Latitude and -114° 12' 18.4" West Longitude.
- Outfall 004 is recognized as an infiltration overflow area located in the northwest ¼ of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 20 West; or 48° 22' 42.4" North Latitude and -114° 12' 32.6" West Longitude.
- Outfall 006 is recognized as a disposal (infiltration) ditch located in the southeast ¼ of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 20 West; or 48° 22' 34.5" North Latitude and -114° 11' 57.7" West Longitude.
- Outfall 007 is recognized as a disposal (infiltration) pond located in the northeast ¼ of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 20 West; or 48° 22' 40.04" North Latitude and -114° 11' 53.78" West Longitude.

The receiving water for the discharge structures is shallow ground water. The receiving water is Class I ground water as defined by Administrative Rules of Montana, 17.30.1006.

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**APPLICANT:** FX3 Homeowners Association, Inc.

**FACILITY NAME:** Fox Crossing Residential Subdivision-Phase III

**FACILITY LOCATION:** Lilly Road  
Helena, Montana 59602  
Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 2 West  
Lewis and Clark County

**RECEIVING WATER:** Outfall 001: Class I Ground Water

**PERMIT NUMBER:** MTX000174

The proposed Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit reauthorizes FX3 Homeowners Association Inc. to discharge treated domestic wastewater from the existing Fox Crossing Residential Subdivision-Phase III wastewater treatment system to ground water.

The wastewater treatment system collects and treats domestic wastewater from existing 60-lot subdivision. Each home provides primary treatment in an individual septic tank. Following primary treatment all wastewater, collectively, receives advanced treatment through recirculating sand filter. The treated effluent is then pressure-dosed into an adjacent subsurface drainfield.

The receiving water for the discharge structure (Outfall 001) is shallow Class I ground water as defined in ARM 17.30.1006. The drainfield associated with Outfall 001 is located:

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- Northeast ¼ of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 2 West;
- 46° 37' 47" North Latitude and -111° 54' 18" West Longitude.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS May 1, 2014.

Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS May 1, 2014 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail David Dunbar or Barb Sharpe at [WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov](mailto:WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov).

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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