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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-20-02
January 6, 2020

Ravalli County Commissioners

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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is 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 a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Bonner Holdings LLC
FACILITY NAME: Town Pump Travel Plaza, Bonner
FACILITY LOCATION: Bonner, Missoula County
RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water
PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000127

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000127, to Bonner Holdings LLC for the Town Pump Travel Plaza, Bonner. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. ~~The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the existing wastewater treatment and disposal system.~~

The Town Pump Travel Plaza in Bonner is currently a permitted wastewater treatment facility for the treatment of up to 15,000 gallons per day of domestic in nature wastewater. The contributing sources for the Travel Plaza consists of a 24-hour convenience store and truck stop with public restrooms, pay-shower facilities, laundry machines, casino and three fast food restaurants. Wastewater treatment is done on the west end of the property with discharge to subsurface drainfields. Upgradient and downgradient monitoring of ground water is required as part of this permit renewal.

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The applicant proposes to continue to operate a truck stop and convenience store on the site. The wastewater generated by the facility will undergo treatment and on-site disposal. Wastewater treatment may include use of a Level II recirculating sand filter (or similar). DEQ recognizes that in comparison to conventional septic treatment, the proposed treatment system may provide a higher level of treatment for nutrients.

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's location is:

NW ¼, Section 21 T13N, R18W, Missoula County

Latitude: 46.875326°, Longitude: -113.890185°

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 7, 2020.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 7, 2020,** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail DEQWPBPublicComments@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) 444-5546 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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