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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-20-12
August 10, 2020

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: Weyerhaeuser NR
FACILITY NAME: Weyerhaeuser
Columbia Falls Operations
FACILITY LOCATION: Columbia Falls
Section 07, Township 30 North, Range 20 West
Latitude: 48.37854, Longitude: -114.20434
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) wastewater discharge permit to Weyerhaeuser NR (permittee) for the existing Columbia Falls Operations (CFO). The CFO is a timber products facility bordering and northwest of the City of Columbia Falls. The permittee currently discharges industrial wastewater streams associated with the operation and maintenance of the hog fuel boiler, log decks, and storm water.

The permit reauthorizes discharge from three on-site structures as identified below:

<u>Outfall</u>	<u>Description</u>
003	Log Pond (Lower Log Pond) Location: Infiltration pond located Southeast ¼ of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 20 West Latitude: 48.37462, Longitude: -114.20415

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| 004 | Overflow Area
Location: Infiltration area located Northwest ¼ of Section 7,
Township 30 North, Range 20 West
Latitude: 48.37865, Longitude: -114.20925 |
| 006 | Boiler Ditch
Location: Infiltration ditch located Southeast ¼ of Section 7,
Township 30 North, Range 20 West
Latitude: 48.37620, Longitude: -114.19885 |

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 9, 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-20-12
September 9, 2020

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