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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-02  
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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 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); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheets, 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 NAME: **Choteau Water Resource Recovery Facility**  
FACILITY NAME: **City of Choteau**  
FACILITY LOCATION: **38 First Ave NW Choteau, MT 59422**  
RECEIVING WATER: **Unnamed drainage ditch to the Teton River**  
OUTFALL: **Outfall 001, 47.795173 N, 112.178294 W**  
PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0020052**

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) proposes to renew the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the Choteau Water Resource Recovery Facility five-year cycle. Choteau treats wastewater with an extended aeration, activated sludge, and oxidation ditch. The facility is classified as a minor publicly owned treatment works with a design flow of 0.48 million gallons per day.

DEQ is proposing to carry forward the 2010-permit limits.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: **John Collins**  
FACILITY NAME: **Collin Pool House**  
FACILITY LOCATION: **3080 East Lakeshore Drive  
Whitefish, Montana**  
PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0031658**

The discharge is from an existing open-end heat exchange system that withdraws water from Whitefish Lake and uses it for heating or cooling purposes. The water is then discharged back into the Lake. The discharge pipe is located approximately 40 feet from shore at a depth of 50 feet below the lake surface. The system employs a once through cooling and heating water loop and does not inject or use any chemical controls.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: **Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise**  
FACILITY NAME: **Paradise Wastewater Treatment Facility**  
FACILITY LOCATION: **Northwest of the Town of Paradise**  
RECEIVING WATER: **Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water**  
PERMIT NUMBER: **MTX000261**

A determination has been made by DEQ to issue a new Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit to Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise for the proposed Paradise Wastewater Treatment Facility. The facility will be a new centralized system that collects, treats, and disposes of community wastewaters. This system will replace existing on-site household systems that have either substandard treatment and/or disposal systems such as cesspools.

The Sewer District was established after the Town's public water supply wells were determined to be susceptible (very high rating) to contamination from the nearby existing household discharges.

This permitting action will help mitigate this threat by abandoning the nearby household systems, and relocating the wastewater discharge further away and downgradient from the Town's water supply.

The centralized community system will have Level 2 wastewater treatment resulting in an overall net-reduction of nitrogen. In addition, the proposed subsurface wastewater infiltration system is designed to mitigate the transport of pathogenic bacteria resulting in a net-benefit to public health. The proposed MGWPCS permit authorizes the discharge of treated wastewater into Class I ground water.

The location of the proposed facility:  
SWNE Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 25 West  
Latitude: 47.39492, Longitude: -114.805171  
Sanders County

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 25, 2021**. 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 25, 2021** 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 the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto: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 17.30.1373 and 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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