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Ravalli County Commissioners

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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-25
October 25, 2021**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) intention to issue a General Permit as described in this notice and to hold a public hearing on the issuance of this permit. This permit is 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); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet and draft environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

- PERMIT/CATEGORY: **General Permit; Storm Water Discharges Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)**
- GEOGRAPHIC REGION: **Statewide**
- FACILITIES: **Owners/Operators of Small MS4s**
- RECEIVING WATERS: **State Surface Water**
- PERMIT NUMBER: **MTR040000**

This fifth generation General Permit covers discharges of storm water from Small MS4s including storm water runoff, snow melt, surface runoff, and/or drainage that transports pollutants to waterways via storm sewer systems. The renewal is for a five-year cycle and will continue to provide protection of state waters by requiring owner/operators to maintain, update, and enforce a Storm Water Management Program.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 29, 2021**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 29, 2021**, 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 DEQ at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov

On November 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in DEQ's Lee Metcalf Building Room 111 at 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT; DEQ will hold a public hearing on the draft general permit, fact sheet, draft environmental assessment. Contact Haley Sir at Haley.Sir@mt.gov no later than November 22, 2021 for information on how to join the hearing remotely.

DEQ will respond to all significant 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.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Haley Sir no later than November 22, 2021, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can email Haley at Haley.Sir@mt.gov or write to the address noted to make your request known.

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