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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-14-17**  
**June 9, 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); 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, 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 NAME:            Missoula County Commissioners  
   200 West Broadway  
   Missoula, Montana 59802

FACILITY NAME:              Missoula County RSID #901  
   Lolo Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION:        1755 Lakeside Dr., Lolo  
   Missoula County

RECEIVING WATER:        Bitterroot River

PERMIT NUMBER:            MT0020168

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to the Bitterroot River. Missoula County, through Missoula County RSID #901, operates an activated sludge wastewater treatment plant with a design flow of 0.340 million gallons per day (mgd) and ultraviolet light (UV) effluent disinfection, serving the unincorporated community of Lolo. The domestic wastewater collection and treatment system serves approximately 2,248 people. The proposed permit will immediately apply secondary treatment standards for five-day biochemical oxygen demand

(BOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS) and pH; and limits on *E. coli* bacteria. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and Statement of Basis will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit *Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al.*, CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because this is not a new or increased source.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE: Lee Foss, Broker  
365 Gold Creek Loop  
Hamilton, MT 59840

FACILITY NAME: Parcel #698800

FACILITY LOCATION: Northeast corner of US 93 and Blood Lane  
Hamilton, MT 59840

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000233

This is an issuance of a new Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit to Lee Foss (permittee) for Parcel #698800 (facility). The facility will be located at the northeast corner of the intersection of US Highway 93 and Blood Lane in Hamilton, MT. The domestic raw wastes entering the facility are expected to be residential strength in nature. The facility proposes to discharge treated wastewater into Class I ground water via one outfall (Outfall 001)

The facility consists of headworks with a fine screen for grit and debris removal, a single stage membrane biological reactor (MBR), and a subsurface drainfield. The raw waste stream gravity flows into a lift station. From the lift station, the raw wastes are pumped to the facility's headworks where the fine screen removes the grit and debris from the raw waste stream. After the fine screen, the wastewater gravity flows into a single stage MBR for advanced treatment. The permittee has indicated that the proposed system meets the definition of Level 2 treatment. After treatment in the MBR, the treated effluent is pumped into a 1,000 gallon dose tank for subsequent disposal via a pressure-dosed subsurface drainfield (Outfall 001) that discharges into Class I ground water.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS July 10, 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 July 10, 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 17.30.1373 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) 444-3080 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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