

# PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice to Water Users

(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE DRAFT PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/application-status-environmental-assessments/>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE: APRIL 27, 2026.** PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654, AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATED DEADLINE. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE OR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. MAIL PAPER COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO: DNRC WATER RIGHTS BUREAU, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601. SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO: [DNRCWATERRIGHTSCOMMENTOBJECTION@MT.GOV](mailto:DNRCWATERRIGHTSCOMMENTOBJECTION@MT.GOV). PER 85-2-307(5)(C), MCA, IF NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED, THE DRAFT PD WILL BE ADOPTED AS FINAL AND THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, OR REQUESTS TO OBTAIN THE DRAFT PD OR PUBLIC COMMENT FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 2705 SPURGIN RD, BLDG C, PO BOX 5004, MISSOULA, MT 59804-5004 FAX: 406-542-5899 PHONE: 406-721-4284.

**Application Number:** 76H 30170801  
**Applicant:** STEVENSVILLE, TOWN OF  
206 BUCK ST  
STEVENSVILLE, MT 59870 2021

**WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED**

<u>Water Right Type</u>	<u>Water Right Number</u>	<u>Priority Date</u>
PROVISIONAL PERMIT	76H 89376-00	MARCH 28, 1994

**PAST USE OF WATER**

THE PAST USE OF WATER IS FOR MUNICIPAL USE. THE HISTORICAL POINTS OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT ARE FOUR WELLS LOCATED IN THE SWNE, SWNWSE, AND NWSWSE OF SECTION 27, AND THE NWNENE OF SECTION 35, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST. THE HISTORICAL PERIOD OF DIVERSION IS YEAR-ROUND. AS THIS IS AN UNPERFECTED PERMIT, HISTORICAL DIVERTED FLOW RATE AND VOLUME AND HISTORICAL CONSUMED VOLUME WERE NOT QUANTIFIED.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS TO ADD TWO WELLS IN THE NWNENE SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE WEST AS NEW POINTS OF DIVERSION; AND TO GENERALLY EXPAND THE PLACE OF USE TO INCLUDE PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 23, 26, 27, 34, AND 35 OF TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

WATER MEASUREMENT-INLINE FLOW METER REQUIRED: THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL INSTALL A DEPARTMENT APPROVED IN-LINE FLOW METER AT A POINT IN THE DELIVERY LINE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WATER MUST NOT BE DIVERTED UNTIL THE REQUIRED MEASURING DEVICE IS IN PLACE AND OPERATING. ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP A WRITTEN MONTHLY RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR UNTIL THE CHANGE AUTHORIZATION IS PERFECTED AND THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES A PROJECT COMPLETION NOTICE. IF CONDITION IS MET THE DEPARTMENT WILL REMOVE THE CONDITION UPON VERIFICATION OF THE CHANGE AUTHORIZATION. IN THE EVENT THAT PERMITTED FLOW RATES AND/OR VOLUMES HAVE BEEN EXCEEDED DURING PERFECTION OF THE CHANGE AUTHORIZATION OR THE APPROPRIATOR FAILS TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTINUE TO REQUIRE ANNUAL SUBMISSIONS OF MONTHLY FLOW RATE AND VOLUME RECORDS. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT OR CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE.

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