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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 and 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) 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, statement of basis, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

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 a reopening of the public comment period, including the notification of a public meeting and a hearing, for this draft permit. During the public meeting, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will discuss the discharge-related aspects of the draft permit. The public meeting is scheduled from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM on September 18, 2014, in the Tammany Room of the Bitterroot River Inn located at 139 Bitterroot Plaza in Hamilton, Montana. The public meeting will be followed by a public hearing that is scheduled to begin at 7:30 PM on September 18, 2014, in the Tammany Room of the Bitterroot River Inn located at 139 Bitterroot Plaza in Hamilton, MT; DEQ will record public comments on the draft permit during the public hearing.

This tentative determination is for the 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's treatment works are expected to be residential strength in nature. The permittee proposes to discharge treated wastewater into Class I ground water via one outfall (Outfall 001).

The proposed treatment works 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 wastes from the facility will gravity flow into a lift station. From the lift station, the raw wastes will then be pumped to the headworks where the fine screen will remove the grit and debris. After the fine screen, the wastewater will then gravity flow into a single stage MBR for advanced treatment. The permittee has indicated that the proposed treatment works meets the definition of Level 2 treatment. After treatment in the MBR, the treated wastewater will then be pumped into a 1,000 gallon dose tank for subsequent disposal via a pressure-dosed subsurface drainfield (Outfall 001) that will discharge into Class I ground water.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 2, 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 October 2, 2014 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 David Dunbar or Barb Sharpe at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permit, the statement of basis, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination starting at 7:30 pm, **September 18, 2014, Bitterroot River Inn; Tammany Room.**

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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