

## Ravalli County Commissioners Office

---

**From:** MACO <MACO@mtcounties.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2015 11:14 AM  
**To:** MACO  
**Subject:** RELEASE: Fox Applauds Court Ruling Halting 'Waters of the U.S.' Rule Nationwide

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL TIM FOX**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | October 9, 2015  
Contact: John Barnes, 406-444-2031, [JohnBarnes@mt.gov](mailto:JohnBarnes@mt.gov)

### **Fox Applauds Court Ruling Halting 'Waters of the U.S.' Rule Nationwide**

HELENA – Montana Attorney General Tim Fox released the following statement after the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the new "Waters of the U.S." regulation stayed nationwide:

"In halting implementation of the Waters of the U.S. regulation nationwide, the Sixth Circuit made the right decision today. Montana and several other states have already been successful in stopping implementation of this new regulation in our own states, and today's ruling makes it clear the courts recognize the states' arguments against the regulation have strong legal merit. The Waters of the U.S. regulation is flagrant overreach by the EPA and Corps of Engineers, and Montana will do everything possible to stop it permanently."

Montana was one of the first states to file suit against the Waters of the U.S. regulation. A total of thirty-one states have filed suit against it in various court jurisdictions throughout the country. With the regulation now halted nationwide, the states' legal case against it will proceed.

[The Sixth Circuit's ruling is available online here.](#)

-END-