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Ryan Weiss
Storm and Wastewater Compliance
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
1520 E 6th Ave.
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RE: City of Missoula MS4 Permit Compliance amid COVID-19 (Permit No. MTR040007)

Dear Mr. Weiss;

COVID-19 and the stay-at-home directive has dramatically affected all of our lives for the past month. As it will likely continue to affect our daily activities, we felt it was imperative to inform the Montana Department of Environmental Quality about how it is affecting compliance with our MS4 Permit.

The City is only conducting essential building inspections that are necessary to issue a Certificate of Occupancy. Construction and post-construction site storm water inspections are not being performed at this time (MCMs 4 and 5). Many activities that were planned for compliance with MCMs 1 and 2 have been cancelled or postponed. Two of our partners are working on revising the curriculum for online participation.

Event Date	Name	Community Partner	Activity	Estimated Participants	Status
3/21/2020	Doo Good! Pet Waste Pick-up	Working Dogs for Conservation	Public Participation	20 to 30	Cancelled
4/11/2020	Run for the Trees	Trees for Missoula	Public Outreach by tabling at event	400 (not including spectators)	Virtual event - no opportunity for tabling
4/18/2020	Clark Fork River Cleanup	Clark Fork Coalition	Public Participation	800-1,000	Cancelled
4/14 – 4/20/2020	Hellgate 6 th Grade Field Trip	Watershed Education Network	Public Education	208 students	Revising for online participation
Spring 2020	Storm Drain Stenciling	Clark Fork Coalition	Public Outreach and Participation	72 students	Revisinng for online participation



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While it is not business as usual, there are some activities that are being completed. The Missoula Valley Water Quality District is responding to illicit discharge complaints and will continue to track compliance (MCM 3). Routine maintenance of our storm water system is continuing as scheduled (MCM 6). Additionally, we plan to follow through with spring water quality sampling.

We are doing our best during this time to comply with the conditions of our MS4 Permit. We will provide periodic updates, to let you know how this crisis is affecting the City's Storm Water Management Program. Finally, we would appreciate any guidance from MDEQ regarding how we should proceed and what your expectations are regarding compliance during this difficult and unfamiliar situation.

Best Regards,

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