



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-20-04**  
**June 1, 2020**

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. 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, fact sheet, and environmental assessment 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: Kootenai Lodge Lake County Water and Sewer District

FACILITY NAME: Kootenai Lodge wastewater treatment facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Kootenai Lodge is located on Highway 83 eight miles south of Big Fork.

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000188

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000188, for the Kootenai Lodge, Lake County Water and Sewer District wastewater facility. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation, and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

This facility has been permitted since 2007. This is a renewal and review of the facility limits that occurs every five years. This facility serves a potential of 53 residences and has a maximum daily flow of 23,050 gallons per day.

The applicant operates a Level 2 treatment facility. The wastewater generated by the Kootenai Lodge Lake County Water and Sewer District undergoes treatment and on-site disposal. Wastewater treatment may include use of Level 2 Advantex recirculating treatment system (or similar). DEQ recognizes that in comparison to conventional septic treatment, the proposed treatment system may provide a higher level of treatment for nutrients.

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's location is:  
Southwest ¼ of section 1, Township 26, Range 19 West,  
Latitude: 48.038076 Longitude: -113.957355° Lake County.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS July 1, 2020**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS July 1, 2020**, 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 [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@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 17.30.1024).

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) 444-5546 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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