



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-20-07**  
**May 18, 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:	<b>Wilderness Club</b>
FACILITY NAME:	<b>Wilderness Club Wastewater Treatment System</b>
FACILITY LOCATION:	<b>Northwest ¼ of Section 32, Township 37 N, Range 27 W, Lincoln County</b>
RECEIVING WATER:	<b>Class I ground water</b>
PERMIT NUMBER:	<b>MTX000194</b>

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000194, to the Wilderness Club for the Wilderness Club Wastewater Treatment 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 existing wastewater treatment and disposal system. This renewal is for a 5-year period for the continued operation of a Level 2 recirculating sand filter wastewater treatment system. Wilderness Club is a private residential resort which includes a golf course, horse-back riding, a spa, water park and exercise center, a club house, bar and restaurant that occupies 550 acres. The maximum design flow for this facility is 96,650 gallons per day. DEQ recognizes that in comparison to conventional septic treatment, the Level 2 treatment system may provide a higher level of treatment for nutrients and pathogens. The facility utilizes a multi-zone pressure dosed subsurface drainfield (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater. The discharge structure's location is: Northwest ¼ of Section 32, Township 37 N, Range 27 W, Lincoln County. Latitude: 48.92920°, Longitude: -115.14431°

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 18, 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 JUNE 18, 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.

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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