



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-10
May 17, 2021

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: **City of Libby**
952 East Spruce
Libby, MT 59923

FACILITY NAME: **Libby Water Treatment Plant**

FACILITY LOCATION: **48°22'43" N, 115°33'29" W**

RECEIVING WATER: **City of Libby Storm Water System**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0030341**

Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is proposing to renew the City of Libby Drinking Water Treatment Plant (Libby WTP) Montana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) discharge permit. The Libby WTP discharges effluent generated during the filter cleaning process. This effluent is discharged to a series of three settling lagoons. After treatment, the effluent is monitored, and discharged to the City of Libby storm water collection system. This storm water system discharges to the Kootenai River. The proposed permit would continue to apply limits for chlorine and aluminum. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: **Town of Grass Range**

FACILITY NAME: **Town of Grass Range Wastewater Treatment Facility**

FACILITY LOCATION: **Northwest Corner of MT-200 and US-87
Grass Range, MT 59032**

RECEIVING WATER: **South Fork McDonald Creek**

OUTFALL: **Outfall 001: 47.043889° N, 108.81000° W**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0030309**

DEQ proposes to renew the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for the Town of Grass Range Wastewater Treatment Facility (Grass Range WWTF). The Grass Range WWTF is a minor publicly owned treatment works which discharges into Southfork McDonald Creek. The facility consists of a two-cell facultative lagoon with no disinfection and an average daily design flow of 0.038 mgd.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 17, 2021.** 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 17, 2021,** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at 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 17.30.1373).

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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