



**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-24-08  
AUGUST 19, 2024**

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 <https://deq.mt.gov/public/index>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: **City of Columbia Falls**

FACILITY NAME: **City of Columbia Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant**

FACILITY LOCATION: **600 Veterans Drive  
Columbia Falls, MT 59912  
Flathead County**

RECEIVING WATER: **Flathead River**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0020036**

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Columbia of Great Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), a minor publicly owned treatment works. The WWTP has an average annual design flow of 0.53 million gallons per day (mgd) and serves a current population of 6,500. DEQ is proposing to add an effluent limit for oil and grease and update effluent and ambient monitoring requirements. All other permit limits and monitoring requirements are carried forward from the 2017-issued permit.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: **City of Bozeman  
PO Box 1230  
Bozeman, MT 59771**

FACILITY NAME: **Lyman Creek Reservoir**

FACILITY LOCATION: **1600 Story Mill Road  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
Gallatin County**

RECEIVING WATER: **Unnamed Tributary to Bridger Creek**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0031631**

The City of Bozeman has applied for a renewal of the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) Permit No. MT0031631 under the Montana Water Quality Act of Montana for their Lyman Creek Reservoir. The City of Bozeman utilizes Lyman Creek Spring as a potable water supply. Spring water is collected from the Lyman Creek drainage through a series of gravel beds and infiltration piping which directs water to a treatment and storage facility. Treatment buildings include an Inlet Control Building and an Outlet Control Building with a 5-million-gallon water storage reservoir. Water flows through the Inlet Control Building piping into the water storage reservoir. The reservoir holds treated water for distribution to city residents before it flows through the Outlet Control Building as demand warrants.

The 5-million-gallon water storage reservoir consists of a concrete basin overlaid with a polyethylene liner. There is a steady leak in the liner, which is the source of water covered under this discharge permit. Water is collected in an 8-inch drainpipe under the liner, which flows through a Parshall flume and then down the unnamed drainage to a small pond and then to Bridger Creek. Ground water from under the liner may also be collected in the 8-inch pipe. The facility and storage reservoir are located on public land, approximately 1.0 mile north, northeast of Bozeman, Montana. The proposed permit maintains current permit limits requiring the removal of chlorine and fluoride to levels that will not cause degradation of existing water quality. The permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity with monthly reporting of results.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on SEPTEMBER 19, 2024.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. **All comments received or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on SEPTEMBER 19, 2024,** 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)

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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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