



April 2, 2025

AMENDED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS

As required by state and federal rules for determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

Project	Momont #2 Lift Station Replacement and Harlequin Court Water Main Extension
Location	Missoula, Montana
Project Number	WPCSRF: C302271 DWSRF: EQ# 24-1588
Total Cost	\$6,061,579

The City of Missoula, through a 2019 Wastewater Facility Plan, identified the need to address aging wastewater infrastructure to ensure adequate capacity to meet the demands of population growth served by the collection system. The Momont #2 Lift Station, originally constructed in 1980, was identified as a priority by the city. Through an alternative analysis, the city's engineer determined that the lift station and force main could be abandoned and replaced with a 15-inch, 16-inch and 21-inch gravity sewer main extension from the area of the current Momont #2 Lift Station, south below the BNSF railroad and Broadway Street, then east to an existing 24-inch gravity sewer main near the intersection of West Broadway and George Elmer Drive. The project will result in reduced energy consumption, increased capacity of the collection system in the area, and improved operator safety through reduced maintenance. An environmental assessment (EA) was issued on November 9, 2023, by the Department for the proposed Momont #2 Lift Station Replacement and Harlequin Court Water Main Extension Project. On November 18, 2023, the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the EA was published in The Missoulian newspaper. A 30-day public comment period followed, and no public comments were received.

This Amended FONSI is being issued to address, and publicly notice, additional work proposed to be included in the project, that was not included in the FONSI previously noticed. The additional work will include replacement of approximately 2,650 linear feet of existing 8 and 12-inch gravity sewer mains upstream of the Momont No. 1 Lift Station, north of a BNSF railroad, north of Broadway Street from near Momont Road to near Kestrel Drive with a new 15-inch gravity sewer main. This section of sewer main was identified in the City of Missoula's 2019 Wastewater Facility Plan as being capacity limited. The proposed work will be located within existing city rights-of-way, directly adjacent to the replaced sewer main. All other aspects of the project were adequately covered in the EA and remain unchanged. The project is scheduled to start construction in the summer of 2025.

The estimated cost of the additional work is \$1,228,483. The City will fund the additional project

work through \$400,483 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fiscal recovery funds and a low interest loan (2.5%, 20-year term) obtained from the Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (WPCSRF) loan program in the amount of \$828,000.

Federal and State grant/loan programs will fund the project. Environmentally sensitive characteristics such as wetlands, floodplains, threatened or endangered species, and historical sites are not expected to be adversely impacted because of the proposed project. Additional environmental impacts related to land use, water quality, air quality, public health, energy, noise, and growth were also assessed. Public participation during the planning process demonstrated support for the selected alternative. No significant long-term environmental impacts were identified. An environmental assessment (EA), which describes the project and analyzes the impacts in more detail, is available for public scrutiny on the DEQ web site (<https://deq.mt.gov/public/water-public>) and at the following locations:

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Comments on this Amended Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) may be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality at the above address. After evaluating comments received, the department will revise the EA or determine if an environmental impact statement is necessary. If no substantive comments are received during the comment period, or if substantive comments are received and evaluated and the environmental impacts are still determined to be non-significant, this Amended FONSI will stand.

Sincerely,

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