January 13, 2025 41H 30163442

NOTICE OF RECEIPT WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

(Pursuant to Section § 85-2-307(1), MCA)

Summarized below are the application details as described in an Application to Change of Appropriation Water Right received by the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation on JANUARY 8, 2025. This notice reflects the application details only as originally submitted. The notice does not reflect changes to the application details made during the review process.

Application Number: 41H 30163442

Applicant: GREAT NORTHERN GOLF CO OF MONTANA

2710 MCILHATTAN RD BOZEMAN, MT 59715 8717

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right TypeWater Right NumberPriority DateSTATEMENT OF CLAIM41H-115640APRIL 30, 1869

Historical Flow Rate: 1.38 CFS Historical Consumptive Volume: 29.50 AC-FT

Historical Diverted Volume: 98.20 AC-FT

PAST USE OF WATER

STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41H 115640-00 WAS HISTORICALLY DIVERTED FROM BRIDGER CREEK BY THE VOGEL DITCH HEADGATE IN SWNESW SECTION 23, T1S, R6E, GALLATIN COUNTY, FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 FOR IRRIGATION USE. THE DEPARTMENT FOUND THIS PERIOD OF DIVERSION AND USE LIED OUTSIDE THE STANDARD FOUND IN ARM 36.12.112 FOR IRRIGATION USE IN CLIMATIC AREA IV. THE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIED THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION AND USE TO BE THE STANDARD APRIL 20 TO OCTOBER 10. CLAIM 41H 115640-00 HAS A MAXIMUM CLAIMED FLOW RATE OF 1.38 CFS. BRIDGER CREEK WATER WAS HISTORICALLY USED TO FLOOD/SPRINKLER IRRIGATE 28.54 ACRES IN SWSE AND S2SW SECTION 32, T1S, R6E, GALLATIN COUNTY.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION, PLACE OF USE, AND PURPOSE OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41H 115640-00 TO MARKETING FOR MITIGATION USE. THE PROJECT IS IN GALLATIN COUNTY, AND THE SOURCE IS BRIDGER CREEK. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO RETIRE 28.54 ACRES OF IRRIGATION AND CONVEYANCE DITCH (VOGEL DITCH), SEEN ON THE MAP PROVIDED AS FIGURE 1, AS PART OF THIS CHANGE APPLICATION. THE PROPOSED MARKETING FOR MITIGATION POU BEGINS AT THE HISTORICAL VOGEL DITCH DIVERSION IN BRIDGER CREEK IN THE SWNESW SECTION 33, T1S, R6E, AND ENDS AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE GALLATIN RIVER AND THE MISSOURI RIVER IN NWNWSW SECTION 9, T2N, R2E, ALL WITHIN GALLATIN COUNTY. THE PROPOSED PODS ARE AT THE START AND END OF THE PROPOSED MARKETING FOR MITIGATION REACH IN SWNESW SECTION 33, T1S, R6E AND NWNWSW SECTION 9, T2N, R2E, ALL WITHIN GALLATIN COUNTY THE PROTECTED REACH IS APPROXIMATELY 53.8 MILES, ALL WITHIN GALLATIN COUNTY,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF CLAIM 41H 115640-00 WAS PREVIOUSLY CHANGED TO INSTREAM FISHERY USE IN 2011 IN CHANGE AUTHORIZATION 41H 30044526. CHANGE AUTHORIZATION 41H 30044526 WAS NOT RENEWED AND EXPIRED IN 2021.

In general, the Department will make a draft preliminary determination to grant or deny this application within 60 or 120 days of the date the application is deemed and correct and complete (60 days if a preapplication meeting was held, 120 days if a preapplication meeting was not held). That date is currently unknown as the application has not yet been determined to be correct and complete. If the draft preliminary determination is to grant the application, the application will be published in the local newspaper and a notice will be sent to appropriators who, according to the department records, may be affected by the proposed appropriation. Individuals will have 30 days to submit a public comment about this application under §85-2-307, MCA, after the application has been published in the newspaper. If public comments are received, the Department will consider the public comments and update the preliminary determination. If the preliminary determination is to grant the application, the application will again be published in a local newspaper and a notice will be sent to anyone who submitted a public comment, along with appropriators who, according to the department records may be affected by the proposed appropriation. Individuals will have 30 days to submit an objection under §85-2-308, MCA, after the application has been published in the newspaper.

Direct questions regarding this application to the Water Resources Regional Office, 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 FAX: 406-587-9726 PHONE: 406-586-3136