

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to appropriate water in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE DRAFT PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/application-status-environmental-assessments/>.

PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE: MAY 23, 2025. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENTS FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. PER 85-2-307(5)(C), MCA, IF NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED, THE DRAFT PD WILL BE ADOPTED AS FINAL AND THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, OR REQUESTS TO OBTAIN THE DRAFT PD OR PUBLIC COMMENT FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 655 TIMBERWOLF PARKWAY, SUITE 4, KALISPELL, MT 59901-2387, PHONE: 406-752-2288, FAX: 406-752-2843.

IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.

Application Number: 76J 30163755
Owners: USDA FOREST SERVICE
 PO BOX 130
 BOZEMAN, MT 59771-0130
Priority Date: FEBRUARY 20, 2025 at 12:00 A.M.
Purpose (Use): FISH AND WILDLIFE
 RECREATION
Maximum Volume: 1,442.41 AC-FT
Source Name: WHELP CREEK (LION LAKE)
Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSWSE	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31
Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ON STREAM **Reservoir Name:** LION LAKE

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWSE	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD

Dam Height: 4.00 FEET
Depth: 85.00 FEET
Surface Area: 42.11 ACRES
Current Capacity: 1,399.92 ACRE-FEET

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Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31
Place of Use:

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1	1.41		SESESW	9	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
2	9.60		SWSWSE	9	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
3	5.60		SESWSE	9	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
4	6.30		NENENW	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
5	19.20		NWNWNE	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD

Total: 42.11

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3	5.60		SESWSE	9	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
4	6.30		NENENW	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
5	19.20		NWNWNE	16	30N	19W	FLATHEAD
Total:	42.11						

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