

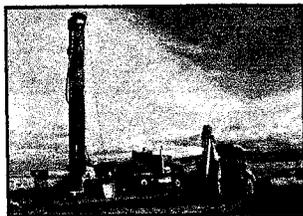


Flowing Well

Vote YES On HB 373

There is an abundance of ground water in Montana and there is less consumptive use today than 50 years ago. HB 373 allows Montana Citizens to use ground water in the future. HB 138 stops any future use of water beyond what we use today. All of the ground water studies done in Montana show a vast amount of water and no adverse affects from use. Consider:

1. Beaverhead Study - Dillon - by DNRC and Montana School of Mines - A 5 YEAR Ground water study. - Conclusion: "Ground water development for irrigation use has not adversely affected ground water levels nor has it impacted surface water availability"
2. Four Corners Study - Bozeman - by DNRC and Montana School of Mines - Conclusion: Ground water withdrawals are not in excess of recharge to aquifer. As we know the use is more like <1%.
3. Smith Valley - Flathead - by DNRC and Montana School of Mines - Conclusion: No evidence that ground water levels or pressure within the area are declining. The evidence demonstrates that withdrawals from aquifers underlying the area are utilizing only a small percentage of recharge.
4. North Hills Study - Helena - by DNRC and Montana School of Mines - Conclusion: The evidence shows that ground water withdrawals are clearly not in excess of recharge.
5. Gallatin Valley Water Resources Evaluation: By Nicklin Earth and Water, Inc.
 - a. Ground water levels in Gallatin Valley have not changed since the 1950's.
 - b. There is no evidence of impact from wells in the Gallatin Valley.
 - c. It is likely that overall consumption in the high growth valleys is less today than 50 - 60 years ago.



Vote NO On HB 138

HB 373 (YES!) allows Montana Citizens to use ground water in the future. HB 138 (NO!) stops any future use of water beyond what we use today. Allow Montana Citizen's to utilize ground water and continue to grow Montana's economy.

