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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); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); 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, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: County Sewer and Water District of Rocker
1108 Grizzly Trail
Butte, MT 59701

FACILITY NAME: County Sewer and Water District of Rocker Wastewater
Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: T3N, R8W, Section 17
Silver Bow County

RECEIVING WATER: Silver Bow Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0027430

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for surface discharge of treated wastewater to Silver Bow Creek. The County Sewer and Water District of Rocker operates an activated sludge package plant followed by two aerated lagoon cells and one quiescent cell, with effluent disinfection and a design flow of 0.05 million gallons per day. The domestic wastewater collection and treatment system

serves approximately 100 people and 12 commercial hookups. The proposed permit will immediately apply secondary treatment standards for five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅), TSS and pH; limits on total nitrogen and total phosphorus; and limits on *E. coli* bacteria and total residual chlorine. Final limits effective January 1, 2017, apply to total recoverable copper and total recoverable zinc as well as the immediate limits. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and Statement of Basis will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit *Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al.*, CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because this is not a new or increased source.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Glacier National Park
PO Box 128
West Glacier, MT 59936

FACILITY NAME: St. Mary Wastewater Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Southwest ¼, Southwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 North,
Range 14 West, Glacier County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000171

This is a renewal of an existing permit for the St. Mary Wastewater Facility (facility). The facility is located on the east side of Glacier National Park between Divide Creek and St. Mary Lake and serves the recreational areas around St. Mary Lake. The facility is a mechanical wastewater treatment plant utilizing an activated sludge treatment process with extended aeration. The facility receives septage from the Glacier National Park facilities at St. Mary, Logan Pass, the nearby camp areas (e.g., Rising Sun and Saint Mary), the Rising Sun Motor Inn (including cabins and a restaurant), and the Hudson Bay housing area. The facility operates on a seasonal basis from May 1st until September 30th. The facility discharges treated wastewater into Class 1 ground water.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 18, 2013. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 18, 2013 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail David Dunbar or Barb Sharpe at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

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 and 17.30.1024).

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) 444-3080 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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