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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-06-23
August 24, 2006

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, statement of basis, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME:	Scott Twite 4610 Nicole Court Missoula, MT 59803
FACILITY NAME	Falcon Estates
FACILITY LOCATION:	NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 10 North, Range 20 West, Ravalli County
RECEIVING WATER:	Class I ground water
PERMIT NUMBER:	MTX 000166

The proposed 23.6 acre subdivision is located approximately 1 mile south of Florence, MT east of Highway 93 on Koch Lane. A community wastewater treatment system will be used to treat domestic wastewater for 37 single-family homes. The permit will authorize the permittee to discharge from a drainfield (Outfall 001) to ground water. The permittee has proposed to discharge all wastewater from

Outfall 001 and requested a standard 500 ft. mixing zone. The permittee must comply with the ground water mixing zone rules pursuant to ARM 17.30 Subchapter 5. The Department has determined that the discharge constitutes a new source and is subject to Montana Nondegradation Policy (75-5-303, MCA; M 17.30.702(16)). The Department has determined this discharge is nonsignificant with respect to nitrogen, as concentrations at the end of the mixing zone are predicted to be less than 7.5 mg/L. Monitoring requirements are required as part of this permit and include effluent monitoring and groundwater monitoring to ensure permit limits are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 22, 2006. 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 September 22, 2006 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Dianne McKittrick 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 17.30.1024).

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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