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Legislators visit Gallatin Valley to discuss water issues.

A legislative committee studying water issues will visit the Gallatin Valley Aug. 16 and 17.

To help lawmakers make policy decisions, the Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) wants to better understand issues faced by water users and others in areas that are closed to new surface water appropriations.

The WPIC meeting will focus on water quality related to discharges into the ground water system, coordination of water quality and water quantity permitting systems, development and growth and their relationship to the protection of existing water rights. The committee also is studying the level of analysis conducted related to cumulative impacts for water quality, federal drinking water standards, and state and federal effluent treatment standards.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and comment. A copy of the meeting agenda, the committee's work plan along with proposed meeting dates and staff memos can be found on the WPIC website: [http://leg.mt.gov/css/lepo/2007\\_2008/water\\_policy/default.asp](http://leg.mt.gov/css/lepo/2007_2008/water_policy/default.asp)

The meeting is scheduled for August 16 and 17 in the Gallatin Valley at the Museum of the Rockies in the Hager Auditorium beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the 16th. For more information, contact: Krista Lee Evans, 444-1640, [kevans@mt.gov](mailto:kevans@mt.gov)