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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-18-02
January 29, 2018**

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) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheets, 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: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- FACILITY NAME: Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park – Upper Visitor Center Wastewater Treatment System
- FACILITY LOCATION: The facility is located approximately 6 miles southeast of Cardwell within Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park
- PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000242 (Pending)

A determination has been made by DEQ to issue a new Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for the proposed wastewater treatment system associated with the Upper Visitor Center at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park. This permitting action authorizes the subsurface disposal of treated wastewater. The scope of this permitting action is for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

A centralized septic and subsurface drainfield system has serviced the Upper Visitor Center area since the 1950's. The applicant plans on constructing a new system to replace the current system which was last built in 1969.

The proposed system will include a subsurface drainfield (Outfall 001) to dispose of the treated wastewater. The discharge structure's proposed location is: Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Township 01 North, Range 02 West; Latitude: 45.83656° North; Longitude: 111.87279° West; Jefferson County.

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APPLICANT: Ehrman Enterprises, Inc.

FACILITY NAME: Country Inn & Suites Hotel, Glacier Park International Airport

FACILITY LOCATION: North of Kalispell, Montana between Highway 2 and Glacier Park International Airport.
Street Address is 4150 US Hwy 2 E, Kalispell, MT 59901

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class 1 Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000241

A determination has been made by DEQ to issue a new Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000241, to Ehrman Enterprises, Inc. for the proposed Country Inn & Suites Hotel, Glacier Park International Airport. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The hotel, treatment facility, and the outfall are all co-located on a property between Highway 2 and Glacier Park International Airport. Wastewater is generated from an onsite restaurant, convenience store, and hotel. The treatment system provides Level 2 treatment of wastewater. DEQ recognizes that in comparison to conventional septic treatment, the proposed treatment system may provide a higher level of treatment for nutrients.

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's proposed location is: NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 03, Township 29 North, and Range 21 West. Latitude: 48.30401° Longitude: -114.24973°, in the Kalispell Valley of Flathead County.

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APPLICANT: Grass Land Estates Homeowner's Association

FACILITY NAME: Grass Land Estates Subdivision

FACILITY LOCATION: 3828 Timothy Lane; Township 10 N., Range 03 W. Section 09
NE1/4NW1/4

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000160

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A determination has been made by DEQ to renew Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000160, to the Grass Land Estates Homeowner's Association for the proposed Grass Land Estates Subdivision. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation, and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The applicant operates the Grass Land Estates Subdivision which generates domestic strength wastewater. The wastewater generated by this facility will undergo treatment and on-site disposal. Wastewater treatment may include use of Level II treatment prior to disposal within a subsurface drainfield (or similar). DEQ recognizes that in comparison to conventional septic treatment, the proposed treatment system may provide a higher level of treatment for nutrients.

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's proposed location is: Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 09, Township 10 North, Range 03 West; Latitude: 46.64472° North, Longitude: -111.99472° West; Lewis and Clark County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 28, 2018. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 28, 2018, 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 the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@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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