

Meeting Details

Topic: GCD Board Meeting

Time: June 19, 2025 • **4:00pm** Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Location: GCD Conference Room- 120 S. 5th Street, Suite B102- Manhattan, MT

Zoom:

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310 MEETING AGENDA

1) 310 Applications

Applicant Number:	GD 12-25	Perennial Stream:	Camp Creek
Applicant	Trout Unlimited		
Landowner:	Turner Enterprises Inc. and Grindle Slough		
Contractor/Agent:			
Type of Project:	Channel/ Banks		
Purpose:	TU proposed using a combination of instream habitat structures, riparian plantings, and fencing to restore natural process to Camp Creek, West Fork Camp Creek, and some ephemeral tributaries on the Flying D Ranch. The proposed restoration actions will restore natural processes that result in improved water quality, increase lates season return flow, and restores habitat.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	6/1/25	End Date: 9/15/25
Inspection Date:	6/10/25		
Inspection Recommendation	Approve as Proposed		
Inspection Comment	Stream is very entrenched And lacking riparian vegetation. BDA structures will be placed to slow velocities and create ‘natural’ water storage and raise stream elevation, log jam structures to create cover and facilitate channel scour for pool habitate and channel meandering. Willows will be planted to stabilize stream banks that are void of vegetation. Wildlife fencing will be constructed along restored areas and kept in place for 10 years to allow vegetation to establish.		
318 Authorization	Yes		
Discussion:			
Decision:			

Applicant Number:	GD 29-25	Perennial Stream:	Jackson Creek
Applicant	Northwestern Energy		
Landowner:	John Robert Sierra Sr.		
Contractor/Agent:	RMC		
Type of Project:	Utilities		
Purpose:	Electric distribution line going under Jackson Creek tributary will be installed via HDD.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 9/2/25	End Date:	9/5/25
Inspection Date:	No Inspection		
Frac Out Plan	On File		
Discussion:			
Decision:			

Applicant Number:	GD 30-25	Perennial Stream:	Baxter Creek Tributary
Applicant	Northwestern Energy		
Landowner:	Petra Academy Inc		
Contractor/Agent:	RMC		
Type of Project:	Utilities		
Purpose:	Distribute electric and gas services to Petra Academy new secondary building.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 7/14/25	End Date:	7/18/25
Inspection Date:	No Inspection		
Frac Out Plan	On file		
Discussion:			
Decision:			

Applicant Number:	GD 31-25	Perennial Stream:	Gallatin River
Applicant	Julia Riley		
Landowner:	Jeffery St Cyr		
Contractor/Agent:	Josh Riley		
Type of Project:	Agricultural/ Irrigation		
Purpose:	As needed on an annual basis, approximately 250 lineal feet of temporary ditch, 4 feet wide and 2 feet deep would be installed across an existing gravel bar to connect the Wright Ditch Headgate to the Gallatin River. Approximately 75 cubic yards of alluvium would be removed and set on the downstream side of the temporary ditch.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 6/16/25	End Date:	6/16/30
Inspection Date:	6/10/25		
Inspection Recommendation	Approved as Proposed		
Inspection Comment	Applicant held a 3-year maintenance permit to maintain connectivity to headgate. Applicant wants to renew 5 year permit in order to excavate a		

Applicant Number:	GD 31-25	Perennial Stream:	Gallatin River
		flow path to the headgate. Reasonable project to meet irrigation needs. Will only do excavation work when Gallatin is on West Bank.	
318 Authorization:	Yes		
Discussion:			
Decision:			

Applicant Number:	GD 32-25	Perennial Stream:	Gallatin River
Applicant:	Kaiser Real Estate West		
Landowner:			
Contractor/Agent:	Shedhorn Services, Alex Fox		
Type of Project:	Crossing/Roads		
Purpose:	The goal of the project is provide improved access to the northern portion of the ranch. Specifically the area proximal to the Gallatin River as the ranch plans for expanded agricultural and recreational use. The existing access also does not allow the landowner timely access if time sensitive management actives are necessary (i.e. trespass management, irrigation equipment management, etc.).		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	8/1/25	End Date: 8/30/25
Inspection Date:	6/10/25		
Inspection Recommendation:	Approve with Modifications		
Inspection Comment:	Applicant states access to northern portion of the ranch has limited accessibility for farm equipment, emergency response, and fire protection. The proposed ford locations are reasonable; shallow sections with low banks. The fords will be constructed with round cobble, not angular rock. Anticipated crossings = 20 or less. No crossings during high water. Limit crossings from October 1 - November 15 to emergency response and fire protection. All equipment should be inspected and free of fluid leaks before all crossings.		
318 Authorization:	Yes		
Discussion:			
Decision:			

Applicant Number:	GD 33-25	Perennial Stream:	Rey Creek
Applicant:	Dane Tracey		
Landowner:			
Contractor/Agent:	Kelly Rowe		
Type of Project:	Agricultural/irrigation		
Purpose:	The plan is to lift up the existing diversion using an excavator, replace it with a precast screw gate with concrete headwall.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	7/1/25	End Date: 7/2/26
Inspection Date:	6/10/25		
Inspection Recommendation:	Approve as Proposed		

Applicant Number:	GD 33-25	Perennial Stream:	Rey Creek
Inspection Comment:	Pin and plank headgate is leaking and needs to be replaced. Applicants will build up a sediment dam to cut off headgate during headgate replacement. New headgate is precast and will be placed in the existing headgate footprint.		
318 Authorization:	Yes		
Discussion:			
Decision:			

Applicant Number:	GD 34-25	Perennial Stream:	Yellowdog Creek
Applicant:	Sherry Metzger		
Landowner:	Sherry Metzger		
Contractor/Agent:			
Type of Project:	Agricultural/irrigation and channel/banks		
Purpose:	The ditch diverted water from Yellowdog Creek and ran across my property, the road and thru the corrals for cattle ac		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	Not Provided	End Date: Not Provided
Inspection Date:	6/10/25		
Inspection Recommendation:	Board Discussion		
Inspection Comment:	Project would take place almost entirely on the ditch. Applicant would like to abandon the ditch and fill it in to expand available haying area. The project would result in more water in Yellow Dog Creek. The applicant should conduct the project after the water to the ditch is shut off to avoid turbidity and sedimentation to where the ditch returns to the creek. Applicant should reslope the bank of the creek adjacent to the headgate and revegetate with a native seed mix. Applicant has coordinated with downstream property. That property will submit separate permit.		
318 Authorization:	Yes		
Discussion:			
Decision:			

2) Emergency Applications

Applicant Number	GD 02E-25	Perennial Stream:	Gallatin River
Applicant	Northwestern Energy		
Landowner:	Mark Duffy		
Contractor/Agent:			
Nature of Emergency	There is an approximate 50ft Section of abandoned natural gas transmission line that has become exposed in the Gallatin River and is protruding from the current bank location out into the water. The protruding pipe may pose a hazard for person/animals on the river or during flood events.		
Action Taken	No action has been taken yet. The original plan was to use an excavator or crane to hold the pipe, then cut the pipe off at the river bank without disturbing the bank. Upon review of the current conditions during the week of April 28, 2025, the bank was found to be so unstable that it is not safe to have a worker there cutting the pipe or equipment near the bank. After discussion, the new plan is to uncover the pipe approximatley 20ft from the bank and hook a cable from it to a dozer and pull the pipe to the west away from the river.		
Construction Date:	5/5/25		
Inspection Date:	6/10/25		
Inspection Recommendation:	Approved no further action required by applicant		
Inspection Comments:	No recommendations. Pipe was excavated 20' back from bank and pulled through the ground without disturbing bank. Woody debris was removed for pit excavation and returned in place. Pipe needed to be removed for safety and debris build up. Disturbed areas were reseeded.		
Discussion:			
Decision:			

3) Complaints

Applicant Number:

Perennial Stream:

Complainant:

Nature of Complaint

The landowner are currently excavating along Fawn creek without permits and a neighbors' well. There is pipe in the ground along the creek. Furthermore, the landowner have been ordered to remediate damage to the property and stream bed because they are not in compliance with zoning. This is a perennial stream and a major Rocky Creek Tributary.

Verification of Alleged Violation:

Neighbor observation.

Inspection Date:

6/10/25

Inspection Recommendation:

Activity is not a violation as defined by district rules. No Action Required

Inspection Comments:

Neighbor observed equipment digging near the creek, but we did not see any evidence of disturbance to the stream or stream banks. All vegetation was in tact and there was no disturbance to the soil. The neighbor was probably mistaken, and the digging occurred along the road. There is a culvert set ~4 ft below the road, and the landowner explained that the trench did not reach that depth, and was rather ~3 ft.

Discussion:

Decision:

4) Extension Request

Applicant Number:	GD 41-24	Perennial Stream:	Mandeville Creek
Applicant	Mark Portman		
Landowner:	Alan and Kathryn Potts		
Contractor/Agent:	Rowe Excavation		
Type of Project:	Agriculture and Irrigation Projects		
Purpose:	Removal of sediment buildup in front of the Irish Slough diversion head gate. Ability to relocate existing blocks within the stream to more efficiently divert water. Details of work can be described by Kelly Rowe, of Rowe Excavation. Contact listed above.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	7/1/24	End Date: 10/1/24
Inspection Date:	6/13/24		
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval as Proposed		
2024 Inspection Comments:	Remove sediment build up above head gate. Blocks in stream need to be removed in the fall and not left in stream as they have been in past. Place all spoils out of floodplain. Recommend maintenance permit. May need to be emergency work if ditch runs dry in next week.		
318 Authorization Issued?	Yes		
2024 Discussion:	Needs to excavate to get more water to their headgate. The inspection team recommended applying for a maintenance permit for regular cleaning of this stretch and removal of the blocks on an annual basis. This will assist with flushing sediment away from the headgate. Remove the blocks before doing any further work, as the stream will likely flush itself out naturally. Reconfigure blocks to be on better foundation.		
2024 Decision:	Sherwin Leep motions to approve as proposed with 15 day waiver. Briana Schultz supported. All in favor, motion carried.		
Extension Request Reason	Original application was a request for a maintenance permit. The board suggested removing blocks to flush the system, but did not approve the maintenance permit. Applicant would like to extend the permit to a 5 year maintenance permit to allow for annual routine maintenance as outlined in the application. Applicant has provided photos of the current conditions.		
2025 Discussion:			
2025 Decision:			

Other 310 Business:

5) New Business

- a. Spring Board 310 Training Updates

6) 310 Old Business:

- a. Model Rules Update

7) 310 Coordinator's Report- Audra

8) Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business

Adjournment of 310 Meeting

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1) Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting-

2) Governance Calendar

- a. April approved minutes sent to DNRC, Gallatin County C&R- 5/16/2025
- b. 941- Q2-2- paid 6/9/2025
- c. GCD Newsletter + Water Supply Outlook report out on 6/1.
- d. Working on MFM vendor + musician recruitment

3) Cost Share Applications

- a. CS-01-25- Sheedy- \$1000
- b. CS-02-25- Bauer- \$819.00

4) Consensus Agenda

- a. May Meeting Minutes –
- b. Excused Absence of Board Members –

5) NRCS

- a. Report

6) Supervisor Report: Planning Boards

- a. Planning Board- Manhattan-
- b. County Planning Board-
- c. GLWQD-
- d. MACD Update –
- e. Gallatin Watershed Collaborative-
- f. DNRC Update- see report

7) Staff Reports

- a. Administrator - Becky -
- b. Natural Resource Specialist- Elizabeth –
 - i. Grants/Agreements/Contract Report –
- c. Education and Outreach Director-
- d. Education Assistant - Hannah

8) Old Business

- a. Other old business?

9) New Business

- a. County Planning Board representative
 - i) Associate supervisor(s)?
- b. Town Center HOA Board Vacancy
- c. Historic Records Disposal
- d. DNRC Accountability Assessment
- e. Other new business?

10) Parking Lot

- a. Professional Development-

11) Accounting (Deposit, Credit Card, Invoices) + Updated P&L, Balance Sheet

12) Adjournment of Business Meeting-