

Meeting Details

Time: February 19, 2026 • 9:00am Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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

**Zoom:**

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**310 MEETING AGENDA**

**1. 310 Applications**

Applicant Number:	GD 02-26	Perennial Stream:	Hyalite Creek
<b>Applicant</b>	Andrew Rosston		
<b>Landowner:</b>			
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	Springline Construction		
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Other		
<b>Purpose:</b>	Installl water line underneath Hyalite Creek via horizontal directional drilling (HDD). Drill rig will drill form existing grade surface, approximately 150ft away from the river. Surface excavation 50ft away from river will be required to tie waterline drilled below creek to surrounding waterline. Traffic control will be in place eliminating the west bound lane of Baxter, and reclamation of disturbed areas is included in the project.		
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/30/26	<b>End Date:</b> 6/30/26	
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	No Inspection		
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Decision:</b>			

Applicant Number:	GD 13-26	Perennial Stream:	Unnamed Outlet Channel
<b>Applicant</b>	Michael Nelson		
<b>Landowner:</b>	Michael Nelson		
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	Jeremy May		
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Channel/Banks, Other		
<b>Purpose:</b>	The existing pond will be dewatered in order to excavate deeper and reshape the outer bank lines. The outlet channel will also be excavated at this time. Excess material generated		

from the excavations will be used to shape bank lines and fill the existing portions of the pond proposed to be filled. The remaining fill will be hauled to an upland disposal area. The pond deepening and reduction of the footprint will help reduce the thermal affects and algae buildup.

<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	Start Date: 2/20/26	End Date: 8/1/26
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	2/10/26	
<b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>	Board discussion	
<b>Inspection Comments:</b>	Surface water, spring fed pond. Proposal to reduce acreage and increase depth of pond. And construct new outlet channel to tie in to existing channel downstream of pond. Existing outlet location is shallow and channel is overgrown. FWP concerns with proposed channel acting as spawning outlet and facilitating escapement into wild fishery. Fish observed in pond. Board discussion.	

**318 Authorization Complete**

<b>Discussion:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>

Applicant Number:	GD 15-26	Perennial Stream:	East Gallatin River
<b>Applicant</b>	Kurt Klonsinski		
<b>Landowner:</b>	Riverside Country Club		
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	NA		
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Agriculture and Irrigation		
<b>Purpose:</b>	During low water flows in the East Gallatin River (in most years around July 1), we create a minor diversion with existing river rocks to increase flows into our irrigation ditch system for golf course irrigation requirements. Manual labor will spend approximately 2 hours creating an approximately 15' - 20' long rock diversion structure that is just high enough (approximately 18" - 24") to divert some extra water through our headgate and into our irrigation ditch. At the end of the irrigation season (approximately October 15), we use manual labor to deconstruct the rock diversion and, as much as possible, return the rocks to their original locations in the riverbed. <b>5 year maintenance permit.</b>		
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	Start Date: 7/1/26	End Date:	7/15/26
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	2/10/26		
<b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>	Approval as proposed		
<b>Inspection Comments:</b>	Applicants seeking a 5-year maintenance permit. They will use rocks around the headgate to construct a 15-20 ft long barb. Barb will be placed by hand and removed at the end of irrigation season.		

<b>318 Authorization</b>	Yes
<b>Discussion:</b>	
<b>Decision:</b>	

<b>Applicant Number:</b>	GD 16-26	<b>Perennial Stream:</b>	UT of West Dry Creek
<b>Applicant</b>	Jeff Pfeil		
<b>Landowner:</b>	Jeff Pfeil		
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>			
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Other - Utilities		
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of the application and project is to install sewer and water lines within an HOPE sleeve across the stream. The Sleeve will be extended 2' beyond the banks of the stream bed and banks.		
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 7/6/26	<b>End Date:</b> 7/8/26	
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	2/10/26		
<b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>	Board discussion		
<b>Inspection Comments:</b>	Applicant seeks to install water and sewer lines beneath the spring. Sewer line will be sleeved - 20 ft sleeve sealed on each end. Water will be diverted by sandbags or other temporary measures and pumped during trenching. Approximately 6.5 ft depth for both lines.		
<b>318 Authorization</b>	Yes		
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Decision:</b>			

<b>Applicant Number:</b>	GD 17-26	<b>Perennial Stream:</b>	UT of Dry Creek
<b>Applicant</b>	Daniel Corfee/ Matt Miles		
<b>Landowner:</b>			
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	Confluence Consulting, Mike Sanctuary		
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Channel/Banks		
<b>Purpose:</b>	The plan is to reconstruct a new channel alignment away from the reed canary grass that provides increased length and sinuosity and vastly improved aquatic habitat complexity. Habitat will be improved by constructing a series of pool and riffle features, installing spawning gravel to encourage salmonid recruitment, incorporating small and large wood along the channel, and isolating the stream away from areas dominated by reed canary grass. Berms adjacent to the channel will be leveled and used to backfill the existing channel and restore the wetlands that once existed there. A trail system will be incorporated near the spring creek, necessitating one		

	stream crossing.	
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 4/1/26	<b>End Date:</b> 12/31/26
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	2/10/26	
<b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>	Approval with modifications	
<b>Inspection Comments:</b>	<p>Applicants seek to construct a new channel off line of the existing, ditched stream. Goals are to improve fish and wildlife habitat. Extensive existing reed canary grass; the rationale for constructing new channel is to avoid canary grass proliferation in and adjacent to constructed stream. FWP would like to see inclusion of LWD and backwater, shallow habitats for juvenile fish refuge. System run clear, and is mostly groundwater fed. Streambed substrate will be salvaged from existing stream. Sod will be harvested on site and used on new stream banks and constructed floodplain area. New stream alignment will be an improvement to existing conditions. Proposed construction of new stream channel downstream. Coordinate with downstream project manager to ensure cohesion. Recommend phasing as much off alignment channel as possible before connecting to existing alignment and adjust proposed alignment to reduce connection with existing channel. Channel will be narrowed to be appropriately sized for flow rate. Minimal sediment in channel and flows clear so no anticipated sediment issues in pools. Disturbed and backfilled relic stream channel areas will be reseeded with native wetland mix.</p>	

<b>318 Authorization</b>	Yes
<b>Discussion:</b>	
<b>Decision:</b>	

<b>Applicant Number:</b> GD 18-26	<b>Perennial Stream:</b> Unnamed Tributary
<b>Applicant</b>	Montana Opticom
<b>Landowner:</b>	Gallatin County Road and Bridge Department
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	All American Underground LLC
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Other- Utilities
<b>Purpose:</b>	Extend fiber optic network. Place conduit along the road ROW via Directional bore.
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/17/26 <b>End Date:</b> 7/3/26
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	No Inspection
<b>Discussion:</b>	
<b>Decision:</b>	

<b>Applicant Number:</b> GD 19-26	<b>Perennial Stream:</b> Unnamed Tributary
<b>Applicant</b>	Montana Opticom

<b>Landowner:</b>	Gallatin County Road and Bridge Department	
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	All American Underground LLC	
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Other- Utilities	
<b>Purpose:</b>	Extend fiber optic network. Place conduit along the road ROW via Directional bore.	
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/17/26	<b>End Date:</b> 7/3/26
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	No Inspection	
<b>Discussion:</b>		
<b>Decision:</b>		

Applicant Number:	GD 20-26	Perennial Stream:	Unnamed Tributary
<b>Applicant</b>	Montana Opticom		
<b>Landowner:</b>	Gallatin County Road and Bridge Department		
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	All American Underground LLC		
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Other- Utilities		
<b>Purpose:</b>	Extend fiber optic network. Place conduit along the road ROW via Directional bore.		
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/17/26	<b>End Date:</b> 7/3/26	
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	No Inspection		
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Decision:</b>			

Applicant Number:	GD 21-26	Perennial Stream:	Unnamed Tributary
<b>Applicant</b>	Montana Opticom		
<b>Landowner:</b>	Gallatin County Road and Bridge Department		
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	All American Underground LLC		
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Other- Utilities		
<b>Purpose:</b>	Extend fiber optic network. Place conduit along the road ROW via Directional bore.		
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/17/26	<b>End Date:</b> 7/3/26	
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	No Inspection		
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Decision:</b>			

Applicant Number:	GD 22-26	Perennial Stream:	Unnamed Tributary
<b>Applicant</b>	Montana Opticom		
<b>Landowner:</b>	Gallatin County Road and Bridge Department		

<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	All American Underground LLC	
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Other- Utilities	
<b>Purpose:</b>	Extend fiber optic network. Place conduit along the road ROW via Directional bore.	
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/17/26	<b>End Date:</b> 7/3/26
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	No Inspection	
<b>Discussion:</b>		
<b>Decision:</b>		

<b>Applicant Number:</b> GD 23-26	<b>Perennial Stream:</b> East Gallatin River
<b>Applicant</b>	Mike Tracy
<b>Landowner:</b>	
<b>Contractor/Agent:</b>	Confluence Consulting, Mike Sanctuary
<b>Type of Project:</b>	Channel/Banks
<b>Purpose:</b>	The project will include stabilizing two eroding bank segments along the north bank of the West Gallatin River. The upstream bank segment is 650 feet long and will be stabilized with a combination of rock toe, toe wood, willow cuttings, and a fabric-encapsulated soil lift. The lower bank segment is 765 feet long and will be stabilized in the same fashion. Details of each bank reach are shown on the plan sheets. Extension of GD 84-22 see project documents for previous discussion and decisions
<b>Proposed Construction Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b> 4/1/26 <b>End Date:</b> 12/31/26
<b>Inspection Date:</b>	2/10/26
<b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>	Approval with modifications
<b>Inspection Comments:</b>	Project approved in 2022, app lapsed, resubmitted. Channel currently occupies southern end of active channel area, construction would occur mostly in the dry, as it stands during inspection. Woody debris likely needs to be deeper to stay wet during low water. FWP would like board discussion on downstream portion of project. Mitigation credits already approved for both phases of project, would require purchasing entirety of the credits regardless of the length. Worth discussion. No imminent threat to bank of phase 2 currently, and no migration documented since 2022. Targeted construction window before runoff (4/1), stopping for high water, then continue during base flow. Contingent on floodplain permit.

**318 Authorization**

**Discussion:**

**Decision:**

2. Complaints
3. Emergency Applications
4. Extension Request

Other 310 Business:

5. 310 Old Business:
  - a. GD 22-21 Reinspection
  - b. Bozeman Planning Department Representative- recently adopted planning regs changes.
  - c. GD 47-25 Technical Review Estimate
  - d. Model Rules
6. 310 Coordinator's Report- Audra
7. Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business
8. Adjournment of 310 Meeting

## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting-
  - a. USGS Mapping Project for Lower Gallatin
2. Governance Calendar
  - a. Minutes to DNRC, C&R- 1/15/2026
  - b. Positive Pay to GC Treasury- 1/15/2026
  - c. 941 Q1-1- 2/3/2026
  - d. w2/w3- 1/20/2026
  - e. Payroll Report- 1/20/2026
  - f. 1099s- 1/23/2026
3. Consensus Agenda
4. NRCS Report
5. Supervisor Report: Planning Boards
  - a. Planning board-
  - b. County Planning Board-
  - c. GLWQD-
  - d. MACD Update-
  - e. Gallatin Watershed Collaborative-
6. Staff Reports
  - a. Administrator's Report- Becky
  - b. NRS Report- Elizabeth
    - i. Grants/Agreements/Contract Report
      1. WTCS-04-26- \$110.25
  - c. Education and Outreach Director- Bea
  - d. AGAI Report- Rebecca
  - e. DNRC Update- see report
7. Old Business
  - a. Phase 2- Aquifer Recharge Grant
  - b. Other old business?
8. New Business
  - a. GCD Annual Plan
  - b. Other new business?
9. Parking Lot
10. Accounting (Deposit, Credit Card, Invoices) + Updated P&L, Balance Sheet

Adjournment of Business Meeting

February 19, 2026  
9:00am

GALLATIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes approved by

Date

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Minutes prepared by

Date