



## Gallatin Conservation District Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/16/2026

### Call to Order: 402

**Supervisors Present:** Briana Schultz, Mike Hansen, Bob Logar, Loren Blanksma, Jason Camp

**Supervisors Absent:** Sherwin Leep, Tammy Swinney

**Staff present:** Becky Clements, Elizabeth Emeline, Bea McNamara

**Guests Present:** Chris Mahony (NRCS), Keith Wellstone (FWP), Taylor Winkel (RESPEC/GCD), Roger Nerlin (Rey Creek), Audra Bell (Allied Engineering), Bob Roadarmel (Rey Creek), Jack Roadarmel (Rey Creek), Jim Lovell (Pinyon Engineering)

**Zoom attendees:** Ben Tolan (59-26), Andrew Grahm (AESI, 59-26), Joselyn Hartwig (WWC- 60-26), Jeremy May (55-26), Jane NLN, Tony Thatcher (DTM Consulting).

### 310 Applications

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| <b>Applicant Number:</b>           | 55-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Perennial Stream:</b> | Churn Creek and Private Pond |
| <b>Applicant</b>                   | East Gallatin, LLC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |                              |
| <b>Landowner:</b>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |                              |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b>           | Jeremy May – Headwaters Engineering                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                              |
| <b>Type of Project:</b>            | Agricultural and Irrigation Projects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |                              |
| <b>Purpose:</b>                    | The proposed irrigation pipe from Churn Creek to the pond will divert the owner's surface water rights from Churn Creek to the pond for irrigating the property. The proposed outlet pipe replacement will provide additional pond outflow capacity after adding the Churn Creek flows to the pond.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                              |
| <b>Proposed Construction Date:</b> | <b>Start Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7/15/2026                | <b>End Date:</b> 12/1/2026   |
| <b>Inspection Date:</b>            | 7/7/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |                              |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>  | Approval as proposed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |                              |
| <b>Inspection Comment</b>          | There is an existing boardwalk along the painted hills trail system. Applicant seeks to replace the existing wooden support structures with steel supports. The existing boardwalk decking will be replaced. A mini excavator will be used to remove the existing structure, and volunteers will hike the materials out of the wetland area. Machinery may be used to drive the new steel supports. No visible water in the area. Probably not jurisdictional but we did permit a project up-stream. Applicant seeks to replace a bridge downstream using all hand tools. Again, no defined bed or banks. |                          |                              |
| <b>318 Authorization</b>           | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                              |
| <b>Discussion:</b>                 | Located near the new bike park, Churn Creek is relatively small and appropriately sized for the proposed project. Once flows are diverted, the pipe will be upsized, including the pond outflow. The inlet is new, and the pipe will be screened. No erosion concerns were identified, and the overall design is appropriate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                              |
| <b>Decision:</b>                   | Mike Hansen moved to approve the project as proposed. Bob Logar seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |                              |

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| <b>Applicant Number: 56-26</b>     | <b>Perennial Stream:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>UT</b>                   |
| <b>Applicant</b>                   | Rachael Parrott                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |
| <b>Landowner:</b>                  | Rachael Parrott                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b>           | Richard Hayes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                             |
| <b>Type of Project:</b>            | Crossing/Roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                             |
| <b>Purpose:</b>                    | Replace the boardwalk and bridge on the Painted Hills trail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                             |
| <b>Proposed Construction Date:</b> | <b>Start Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>End Date:</b> 07/12/2026 |
|                                    | 6/29/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                             |
| <b>Inspection Date:</b>            | 7/7/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>  | Approval as proposed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |
| <b>Inspection Comments:</b>        | There is an existing boardwalk along the painted hills trail system. Applicant seeks to replace the existing wooden support structures with steel supports. The existing boardwalk decking will be replaced. A mini excavator will be used to remove the existing structure, and volunteers will hike the materials out of the wetland area. Machinery may be used to drive the new steel supports. No visible water in the area. Probably not jurisdictional but we did permit a project upstream. Applicant seeks to replace a bridge downstream using all hand tools. Again, no defined bed or banks. |                             |
| <b>318 Authorization Complete</b>  | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                             |
| <b>Discussion:</b>                 | Proposal to replace an unstable boardwalk. A mini excavator will remove the existing structure from the swale, and the posts will be replaced with steel beams. The area was dry upon inspection, with no defined channel, and is likely non-jurisdictional. The project appears reasonable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                             |
| <b>Decision:</b>                   | Mike Hansen moved to declare the project non-jurisdictional. Jason Camp seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried. Applicants were thanked for applying, with the District noting the importance of erring on the side of caution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                             |

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| <b>Applicant Number: 57-26</b>     | <b>Perennial Stream:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Hebgen Lake</b>          |
| <b>Applicant</b>                   | Cole VandenAkker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                             |
| <b>Landowner:</b>                  | Cole VandenAkker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                             |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                             |
| <b>Type of Project:</b>            | Dredging project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                             |
| <b>Purpose:</b>                    | The proposed project is to simply clean and clear out the existing channel. The current homeowners have dredged/cleaned this channel in years past and it is time for us to do it again. Over the years, sediment has continually blown into the inlet and our hope is to go in and remove the sediment and debris to clean up and restore the existing space. The lake has caused silting of this inlet/marina. |                             |
| <b>Proposed Construction Date:</b> | <b>Start Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>End Date:</b> 08/15/2026 |
|                                    | 7/19/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                             |

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| <b>Inspection Date:</b>           | 7/9/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b> | Approval with modifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Inspection Comments:</b>       | Small pinch point in marina entrance. Wanting to dredge center of inlet for boat access. Willing to wait until low water in fall for dry construction conditions. All material will be placed above high water line or off site. Also wanting to clean north edge of marina bank. Recommend rock at toe of slope and re vegetate slope that is disturbed. Also to occur during low water.                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>318 Authorization Complete</b> | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Discussion:</b>                | Standard project. The main marina requires minimal work, with most activity focused on the pinch point. Construction will occur in the fall when water levels are lower, minimizing impacts to the resource and improving construction conditions. The toe will be stabilized with a single row of rock and other erosion-control materials. Applicants agreed to the revised construction schedule. NWE anticipates the lake will be approximately 4 feet lower by mid-August. Spoils piles will be located outside the floodplain. |
| <b>Decision:</b>                  | Bob Logar moved to approve the project with the modified fall construction schedule. Jason Camp seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>Applicant Number: 58-26</b>     | <b>Perennial Stream:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Pass Creek               |
| <b>Applicant</b>                   | Chrism Cattle Company                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| <b>Landowner:</b>                  | Thomas Davis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |
| <b>Type of Project:</b>            | Agricultural and Irrigation Projects- Maintenance Permit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |
| <b>Purpose:</b>                    | To divert irrigation water using straw bales and/or sand bags placed in the stream bed to raise the water level to the level of the existing irrigation ditch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |
| <b>Proposed Construction Date:</b> | <b>Start Date:</b> 6/18/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>End Date:</b> 6/18/26 |
| <b>Inspection Date:</b>            | 7/7/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>  | Approval with modifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |
| <b>Inspection Comments:</b>        | Straw bales were placed in the stream to divert water to a small irrigation ditch. Applicant was notified that they needed a permit, so they removed the bales. Bales and/or sand bags would be placed on May 10 and removed on sept 1 each year. Sand bags will be used; straw bales have tendency to deteriorate. Discuss maintenance permit, Ensure sand bags are not leaking during the season and leave a gap for fish passage. Similar project upstream, saw photos during inspection, recommend discussing during meeting. Tablet wasn't working during inspection. Filled out form after leaving site. |                          |
| <b>318 Authorization Complete</b>  | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
| <b>Discussion:</b>                 | Landowner proposes using straw bales and sandbags to divert water in an existing ditch. The entire stream will not need to be lined. Installation is proposed for May 10 each year, with removal in October. The inspection team prefers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |

sandbags and advised the landowner to inspect them at installation and throughout the season to ensure they remain intact and are not releasing sand.

The landowner also identified a nearby location where similar practices are needed and requested that the work be included with ongoing maintenance.

**Decision:** Mike Hansen moved to approve the project with a 15-day waiver and inclusion of the minor upstream work. Bob Logar seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

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| <b>Applicant Number: 59-26</b>     | <b>Perennial Stream:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Canon Creek                          |
| <b>Applicant</b>                   | Mt Ellis Farm, LLC. Benjamin Tolman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      |
| <b>Landowner:</b>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b>           | Allied Engineering Inc. Attn. Andrew Graham                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                      |
| <b>Type of Project:</b>            | Crossing/Roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| <b>Purpose:</b>                    | The proposed driveway and culvert alignment will provide access to the acreage and proposed residence on the eastern side of the property. The crossing is designed to accommodate construction equipment, utilities, EMS and residential access to the property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                      |
| <b>Proposed Construction Date:</b> | <b>Start Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>End Date:</b> 7/20/2026 9/30/2026 |
| <b>Inspection Date:</b>            | 7/7/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>  | Approval with modifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                      |
| <b>Inspection Comments:</b>        | Swapped with the submission form for GD 59-26. Proposed 83" x 57" x 20' pipe arch culvert for a new driveway construction. Culvert span is sufficient for stream width (~4.5 bankfull width). Culvert alignment should be shifted upstream 5 to 7ft to better utilize the straightened section of stream. This will eliminate need for large riprap apron on downstream end. Existing vegetation with root systems will be left intact to the extent possible. Stream material inside the culvert should be source from that found on site. Round rock that matches engineered specifications (appropriate size) should be used instead of angular rock for habitat inside of the culvert. Reestablish channel geometry within culvert. Culvert will be embedded 6". Spoils will be placed outside of adjacent wetlands and stream corridor. |                                      |
| <b>318 Authorization Complete</b>  | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      |
| <b>Discussion:</b>                 | Residential project requiring a creek crossing with a proposed arch culvert. Because the creek bends at the proposed crossing, it is recommended to move the culvert 7–10 feet upstream to reduce pressure on the structure and improve resource protection. Round, natural cobble should be used for bedding, with riprap reduced to match the upstream conditions. Rock should be limited to the outside bank and buried as a toe treatment, with rock removed from the center of the channel. Minor dredging will be necessary for culvert installation, with suitable material used for bedding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                      |

**Decision:** Mike Hansen moved to approve the project with modifications, including relocating the culvert 7–10 feet upstream and a 15-day waiver. Bob Logar seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

**Applicant Number: 60-26**

**Perennial Stream:**

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**Applicant** Eugene Graf

**Landowner:** Eugene Graf

**Contractor/Agent:** Briana Schultz

**Type of Project:** Crossing/Roads

**Purpose:** The existing culvert will be removed and replaced with a slightly longer box culvert.

**Proposed Construction Date:** **Start Date:** 8/15/2026 **End Date:** 07/30/2027

**Inspection Date:** 7/7/26

**Inspection Recommendation:** Approval with modifications

**Inspection Comments:** Overall culvert is properly sized. Channel geometry will be reestablished through culvert. 3" material seems small and will get washed out. Upsize material to make sure it doesn't wash out in frequent flooding events. May need to add height to culvert size to accommodate larger material.

**318 Authorization Complete** Yes

**Discussion:** Briana Schultz recused herself. The project involves extending the road and upsizing the existing culvert to accommodate additional capacity. The proposal includes creating channel-like conditions using appropriately sized materials to prevent washout. Culvert depth may need to be modified to accommodate the design. The engineer is evaluating flows to determine the appropriate material size.

**Decision:** Jason Camp moved to approve the project with the listed modifications. Loren Blanksma seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

### Complaints

**Applicant Number:**

**Perennial Stream:**

**Complainant:**

**Nature of Complaint**

**Verification of Alleged Violation:**

**Inspection Date:**

**Inspection Recommendation:**

**Inspection Comments:**

**Discussion:**

**Decision:**

## Emergencies

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| <b>Applicant Number:</b>          | GD -1E-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Perennial Stream:</b> | Willow Creek |
| <b>Applicant:</b>                 | Derek Allen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |              |
| <b>Landowner:</b>                 | Cory Wiseman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                          |              |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |              |
| <b>Nature of Emergency</b>        | The diversion for our irrigation water in the creek has failed and needed replaced. Damage to crops due to lack of water was imminent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |              |
| <b>Action Taken</b>               | Removed old rock damn and tarps at diversion and replaced with concrete blocks. The work took approximately one hour to complete.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |              |
| <b>Construction Date:</b>         | 6/17/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |              |
| <b>Inspection Date:</b>           | 7/7/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |              |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b> | Approved no further action required by applicant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |              |
| <b>Inspection Comments:</b>       | Irrigator had a rock diversion blow out. Emergency action taken to install eco blocks as a new means of diverting water to the headgate. Blocks will be placed each year at the start of irrigation season and removed after the irrigation season. Currently extended across entire creek, applicant will explore removing blocks to allow better fish passage. Maintenance permit exists (under the name Cooper) but should be modified to include eco locks rather than the previously existing rocks. |                          |              |
| <b>Discussion:</b>                | Cost Share is available for blocks through the CD. Applicant was advised that a maintenance permit is required and that the permit requirement will be noted in the permit letter. The District does not have authority to approve reinstallation without a maintenance permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |              |
| <b>Decision:</b>                  | Bob Logar moved to acknowledge the emergency work and determine that no further work is required. Mike Hansen seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |              |

## Extension Requests:

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| <b>Applicant Number:</b> | GD 12-25                                                              | <b>Perennial Stream:</b> | Camp Creek |
| <b>Applicant</b>         | Trout Unlimited                                                       |                          |            |
| <b>Landowner:</b>        | TURNER ENTERPRISES INC & GRINDLE SLOUGH LLC<br>C/O TURNER ENTERPRISES |                          |            |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b> |                                                                       |                          |            |
| <b>Type of Project:</b>  | Channel/Bank Project                                                  |                          |            |
| <b>Purpose:</b>          | The proposed restoration actions will restore natural processes       |                          |            |

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|                                   | that result in improved water quality, increased late season return flow, and restored habitat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Proposed Construction Date</b> | <b>Start Date:</b> 06/01/2025 <b>End Date:</b> 9/15/2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Inspection Date:</b>           | 6/10/25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b> | Approve as Proposed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>318 Authorization Issued?</b>  | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Extension Request Reason</b>   | There are still some BDAs we need to add streambed materials to and some maintenance of last year's work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>2025 Discussion:</b>           | South of Anceney. Construct BDA to reestablish floodplain and get riparian vegetation established. Large project, approximately a ½ mile. 10 year plan for wildlife fencing to make sure the vegetation gets established. Creek is incised. Heavy grazing in the past. Phases for the project. They will make sure there is sufficient flow going through to make sure not to impact downstream water users. |
| <b>2025 Decision:</b>             | Sherwin Leep motioned to grant final approval with 15 day waiver. Mike Hansen supported. All in favor, motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>2026 Discussion:</b>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>2026 Decision:</b>             | Bob Logar motioned to approve a one year extension. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <b>Applicant Number:</b> | GD 38-25 | <b>Perennial Stream:</b> | West Gallatin River |
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| <b>Applicant</b>                  | Lindsay Stock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Landowner:</b>                 | same                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b>          | Headwaters Engineering, Inc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Type of Project:</b>           | Channel/Bank Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Purpose:</b>                   | The proposed restoration actions will restore natural processes that result in improved water quality, increased late season return flow, and restored habitat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Proposed Construction Date</b> | <b>Start Date:</b> 06/01/2025 <b>End Date:</b> 9/15/2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Inspection Date:</b>           | 10/8/24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b> | Approval with Modifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>318 Authorization Issued?</b>  | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Extension Request Reason</b>   | The work was delayed due to costs and she is still working on that. The current goal is to complete the work this fall with touchup and seeding in the spring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>2025 Discussion:</b>           | Previously denied application due to heavy hand rip rap. Lots of erosion over the years. Existing RR grade, which exacerbates the problem. Have lost a structure since last application. New plan is not as heavy handed and will remove another structure that is also too close. Constructed flood plain. Much more preferred approach than prior application. Methods will be used to slow velocity into that corner. Jeremy May states if this plan doesn't work there just might not be anything that can be done at this location. Hard turn, railroad grade. Tough area. Reinforced hydro seeding will be used. Other vegetation will be considered as the project progresses. Eroding approximately 30' per year. |
| <b>2025 Decision:</b>             | Bob Logar motions to approve as proposed and 15 day waiver. Jason Camp supports. All in favor, motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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**2026 Discussion:**

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**2026 Decision:** Mike Hansen motioned to grant 1 year extension. Bob Logar supported. All in favor, motion carried.

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| <b>Applicant Number:</b>          | GD 52-25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Perennial Stream:</b> | Middle Fork West Fork<br>Gallatin River |
| <b>Applicant</b>                  | Gallatin River Task Force, Attn: Emily O'Connor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                                         |
| <b>Landowner:</b>                 | Antler Ridge Homeowners Assoc Inc c/o John Bauchman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |                                         |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b>          | WGM Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |                                         |
| <b>Type of Project:</b>           | Channel/Bank Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |                                         |
| <b>Purpose:</b>                   | Project implementation includes construction of 1 LWD Jam, 20 Post Assisted Log Structures (PALS), 29 Beaver Dam Analogs, and 1 culvert, along with trail decommissioning and construction. The LWD jam is designed to redirect the flow into a historic channel in the middle of the meadow. The PALS are designed to enhance habitat in the historic channel. The BDAs are designed to slow the flow of water through the meadow adjacent to the historic channel and in the existing channel downstream of the LWD jam. The culvert is designed to double the capacity of an existing culvert where the trail crosses and natural side channel. The trail along the top of the eroding streambank will be decommissioned and relocated away from the stream channel. Project plan details are included in <b>Attachment A</b> titled <i>Middle Fork West Fork Gallatin River – Restoration Project 5</i> . This project will be completed using a combination of heavy equipment for installation of the LWD Jam and culvert and manual labor for installation of PALS and BDAs. Woody materials that are appropriate to the landscape setting will be sourced on-site and from nearby areas of Big Sky. |                          |                                         |
| <b>Proposed Construction Date</b> | <b>Start Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 09/01/2025               | <b>End Date:</b> 8/30/26                |
| <b>Inspection Date:</b>           | 8/12/25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          |                                         |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b> | Approval with modifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |                                         |
| <b>318 Authorization Issued?</b>  | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |                                         |
| <b>Extension Request Reason</b>   | We are planning to implement this project in September 2026 and the permit expires 8/21/26.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |                                         |
| <b>2025 Discussion:</b>           | Already had a 310, but it expired. Restoration of eroding bank. Kick water into perched floodplain by integrating in stream structure. Selective excavation. Relic channel will be used to kick the water into. Enhance inlet. Will use log structure/plug to dewater channel and put in relic channel. Culvert addition has been dropped from project. BDA will be constructed on floodplain surface and in relic channel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |                                         |
| <b>2025 Decision:</b>             | Mike Hansen motioned to approve with 15 day waiver. Bob Logar supported. All in favor, motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |                                         |
| <b>2026 Discussion:</b>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                                         |
| <b>2026 Decision:</b>             | Bob Logar motioned to grant 1 year extension. Loren Blanksma supported. All were in favor, motion carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                         |

Other 310 Business:

### 310 Old Business:

- **Rey Creek Presentation- DNRC funded review. Pinyon Environmental – Mike Sanctuary and Jim Lovell.**

### August 2025:

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| <b>Applicant Number: 47-25</b>     | <b>Perennial Stream:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Rey Creek</b> |
| <b>Applicant</b>                   | Rey Creek Ranch LLC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Landowner:</b>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                  |
| <b>Contractor/Agent:</b>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                  |
| <b>Type of Project:</b>            | Agriculture/Irrigation, Channel/Banks, Crossing/Roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                  |
| <b>Purpose:</b>                    | The proposed work on Rea Creek, a large spring creek tributary to the Gallatin River and that also conveys irrigation water from the Madison River. It has base flows of approximately 40 CFS due to irrigation conveyance. The project reach is significantly degraded, including chronic turbidity and high summer water temperatures. Preliminary turbidity monitoring has identified a major source of sediment to be Sloan Ditch; an irrigation wastewater return that also acts as a drain with perennial flow entering Rea Creek just south of the project reach on the upstream property owners land.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |
| <b>Proposed Construction Date:</b> | <b>Start Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>End Date:</b> |
|                                    | 10/1/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 9/30/2026        |
| <b>Inspection Date:</b>            | 8/1/25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |
| <b>Inspection Recommendation:</b>  | Approval with modifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                  |
| <b>Inspection Comments:</b>        | Move bridge downstream to terrace pinch to avoid filling impact. Rec'd coordinate with downstream users for any concerns, consider sediment mitigation feature to minimize export of construction related turbidity. Key abutment bottoms sufficiently below existing bed. Need cross sections for run, riffle, pool complexes with specific, proposed depths. Key goal should be ensuring proposed stream widths are narrow enough to transport sediment. And to avoid over-pool habitats to avoid settlement of excess fine in constructed habitat. Applicants want to avoid construction during irrigation window. Good to see inclusion of juvenile habitat features including backwaters and shallow overflow channels. Avoid instream work from October 1 -November 15 for brown trout spawning period. |                  |
| <b>318 Authorization Complete</b>  | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Discussion:</b>                 | Briana Schultz recuses. Bob Logar chair. 3 parts to this project. Remove existing bridge. New siphon for Sloan ditch at new bridge location to reduce sediment. Redirect Sloan ditch. Narrow up creek, replant vegetation, reduce temps, improve habitat. Loren- manages Sloan ditch for 20 years and is 12 miles away. No sediment in that stretch of ditch. Upper Sloan ditch. Goal is to gain more grazing ground and to reduce turbidity. 10/1-11/15 construction restrictions. No construction during irrigation season as well. Approx 1 mile stretch. Discussions on if downstream landowners' concerns have been addressed. Project is designed to keep sediment moving and create habitat along the way, contractor states. Is                                                                       |                  |

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rerouting the ditch even jurisdictional to GCD? Discussion on water rights off Rey Creek. Neighboring landowners ask the board to table and come look at the mess that a previous project left. Destroyed habitat, destroyed irrigation infrastructure, devastated Rey Creek. Scott G. states the project that was responsible for the devastation was 10 years ago. Different circumstances, different stretch of stream. No official complaints were ever received until 5 or 6 years after that project. Chronic problem for 30 years on this creek. Surprised that the complaints are coming now. Loren- coordination with downstream water users is crucial. That hasn't happened yet.

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**Decision:**

**Loren Blanksma motioned to put application on hold. Jason Camp supports. Communicate and iron out differences with adjacent landowners. Dyk ditch/Darlington ditch discussion. All in favor, motion carries**

**October 2025:**

B. GD 47-25- Briana recuses.

i. Settlement pond design.

ii. 2 letters from downstream irrigator's lawyer

iii. Information from DNRC- can help out with a 3rd party review. Board will need to motion.

Scope of work will need to be identified by the board. \$5K budget from DNRC. Board would be responsible for anything above that. Can put app on hold for up to a year. Advised to not use previous data. Sediment yield needs to be considered. Mike motions to have DNRC pursue a 3rd party consultant for technical review the Rey Creek plan with a focus on downstream sedimentation. Bob supported. All in favor, motion carried. Scope review during December meeting.

**Scope of Work and Deliverables**

GCD is seeking a qualified consultant to conduct a technical review of this project. The review would consist of an investigation to help the GCD board of Supervisors approve, deny, or modify the project as proposed. The technical review parameters are:

1. Determine whether the designed project will provide net benefits to the natural sediment regime on the Rey Creek watershed.
2. Evaluate the potential of sediment contribution downstream of project site from project implementation prior and post construction.
3. Determine sediment trap options as a viable solution for settling out suspended sediments at the lower end of the project reach during and after construction.

**Deliverables**

1. A report to the GCD Board of Supervisors providing a second opinion on the design of the overall project and the sediment retention pond. This will need to be finalized before the August 2026 310 meeting.
2. A presentation of the report to the Board of Supervisors during a board meeting and availability to answer questions during the meeting and subsequently. Board meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month.

***Rey Creek Restoration Project – Jim Lovell Presents:***

## **Project Discussion**

*Jim Lovell presented information regarding the proposed Rey Creek restoration project. Jim has extensive experience in the Rey Creek area and is very familiar with the watershed.*

*Several tributaries contribute significant sediment to Rey Creek. These tributaries are likely former or existing ditches, although some may have been spring-fed historically. The Crowley Ditch, Hot Springs Ditch, and another tributary are believed to contribute substantial amounts of sediment to the system.*

*The proposed project is intended to improve fish habitat and overall stream condition by removing accumulated sediment, narrowing the channel, and revegetating the stream corridor. The project also proposes relocating the Sloan Ditch. The Sloan Ditch cannot be taken offline, so the project will need to accommodate continued operation of the ditch.*

*The primary source of sediment in Rey Creek has not been definitively determined. The creek does not receive a significant flushing flow and is influenced by a groundwater system. Agricultural operations may contribute some sediment, and icing may also contribute episodically. Waterfowl activity is another potential contributor, as Rey Creek is a spring creek and attracts significant numbers of waterfowl; however, waterfowl are not believed to be a primary source of the sediment.*

*The soils in the area are dispersive clays with different chemical characteristics that allow them to disburse easily. Jim indicated that these soils are likely the primary source of the sediment. Rey Creek flows through some of these clay materials, while the Crowley and Hot Springs ditches pass through substantially more of this material.*

*Past projects have contributed much sediment to the system and resulted in impacts to local irrigation ditches. There is currently a substantial amount of sediment within the creek, although the stream appears to be beginning to improve.*

*Jim stated that the proposed project should provide an overall benefit to the reach being treated and should not adversely impact upstream areas. There is potential for temporary downstream impacts during construction, primarily from sediment released during construction activities. However, once completed, narrowing and revegetating the channel should improve stream conditions and should not increase the overall amount of sediment moving through the system.*

## **Sediment Trap**

*The Board discussed whether a sediment trap should be incorporated into the project to reduce the potential for construction-related sediment impacts.*

*Jim indicated that sediment traps are widely used and can be effective when properly designed. A sediment trap would be expected to capture the majority of sand and silt generated during construction. An existing pond on the property is being considered as a potential sediment trap. The pond is located relatively close to the creek and could provide a suitable location for this purpose.*

*Jim noted that the sediment trap would require regular maintenance. Following construction, the pond could either be reclaimed or potentially remain in place as a permanent sediment trap. While the sediment trap would not address sediment that has already entered the stream system, it could help prevent additional sediment from worsening existing conditions.*

*Mike noted that the Board had previously reviewed an in-stream sediment trap design and expressed support for that concept, particularly because it would provide a permanent structure. However, he recognized that a permanent trap would require ongoing maintenance and suggested that it may be preferable to take the structure offline when it needs*

*to be cleaned.*

### ***Irrigator and Downstream Concerns***

*Irrigators expressed concern about potential impacts from a project that is not located on their property but could result in sediment being transported onto their properties. There was particular concern regarding who would be responsible for maintenance and removal of accumulated sediment from the proposed trap.*

*Tony Thatcher stated that the landowner is agreeable to utilizing the existing pond as a sediment trap during the project. However, it is not yet clear whether the landowner is willing to accept long-term maintenance responsibilities for the sediment trap.*

*Tony indicated that the landowner wants to work cooperatively with neighboring landowners and improve the overall condition of Rey Creek. It was also noted that the proposed project does not address the sediment currently being contributed by the Crowley, Hot Springs, and other ditches.*

*The Board discussed how long the sediment trap should remain operational following construction. One year was suggested. Downstream monitoring was also discussed, including a monitoring location north of the interstate.*

### ***Monitoring***

*The Board discussed establishing baseline sediment measurements immediately upstream of the project area and collecting additional measurements immediately downstream of the project area. These measurements would provide a basis for evaluating the effectiveness of the sediment trap and determining whether the project is contributing additional sediment to the system.*

*Tony stated that the landowner would have no objection to monitoring being conducted on the property.*

*Tony indicated that they are willing to establish baseline conditions at their own expense and conduct monitoring following construction.*

*The Board discussed monitoring for one to two years following the project. Jack suggested one year, while Mike indicated that two years would be more appropriate.*

### ***Timing and Irrigation***

*The Board discussed completing the project outside of the irrigation season to minimize impacts to irrigation operations.*

*Potential work windows to avoid that were discussed included:*

- ***April 1 – May 15***
- ***October 1 – November 15***

*No in-channel work would occur during the irrigation season. The project could also potentially be completed between November and April to avoid impacts to irrigation operations.*

### ***Project Revisions Should Include:***

*The Board determined that additional design work is necessary before the project can be considered for approval.*

*The revised submittal should include:*

- *A redesigned and engineered settling/sediment pond;*

- *Details regarding the operation and maintenance of the settling pond;*
- *A plan for removal and management of accumulated sediment;*
- *Baseline sediment monitoring locations and procedures;*
- *Monitoring locations immediately upstream and downstream of the project area;*
- *A proposed duration for post-construction monitoring; and*
- *A complete revised project plan reflecting the proposed changes.*

*The revised plan will need to be resubmitted to the District for consideration.*

*The Board discussed whether to wait until the September meeting or request that the revised information be submitted for the August meeting. While 60 days had been discussed at the January meeting, irrigators indicated that having the revised information available for the August meeting would be reasonable. This would provide approximately 30 days between meetings for irrigators to review the revised proposal with their attorney and hydrologist.*

#### **2026 Board Decision**

***Loren Blanksma moved to place the Rey Creek restoration project on hold pending submission of a revised project design addressing the settling/sediment pond. The revised submittal shall include monitoring data and proposed monitoring locations both as sediment enters and exits the project area and shall be submitted for consideration at the August Board meeting. Jason Camp seconded.***

***All in favor. Motion carried.***

#### **310 Coordinator's Report- Becky**

##### **Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business**

Adjournment of 310 Meeting -706

## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

### **Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting- none**

### **Governance Calendar**

- Minutes to DNRC, C&R- 7/17/2026
- Positive Pay to GC Treasury- 7/17/2026 + repeated attempts to get Shelley added.
- 941 Q3-1- 7/15/2026

### **Consensus Agenda**

- Consensus agenda- Mike Hansen moves to accept. Jason Camp supported.
- Tammy Swinney absent- out of country, Sherwin Leep absent. Both excused.

### **NRCS Report**

- Snow water equivalent is a good report for spring + winter. Now reporting on precipitation- will continue through the summer/fall.

### **Supervisor Report: Planning Boards**

- Planning board- met last night. CUP for a duplex.
- County Planning Board- Nolan report read by Becky.
- GLWQD- August
- MACD Update- Tammy absent
- Gallatin Watershed Collaborative- tour. ACOE + city of BZN – removing the 310 requirement from zoning regs.

### **Staff Reports**

- a. Administrator's Report- Becky
- b. NRS Report- Elizabeth- quarterly reports due yesterday. WGM contracting has been finalized. Pollinator Initiative grant- Bob Logar motions, Mike Hansen supports to submit another pollinator grant. All in favor, motion carried.
  - i. Grants/Agreements/Cost Share/Contract Report
- c. Education and Outreach Director- Bea- Summer Stewards in full swing. Leia helping lots. Business crawl. Ag tour coming up. Plant workshop.
- d. Education Assistant- Leia absent
- e. AGAI Report- Rebecca
- f. DNRC Update- see report

### **Old Business**

- Office update- starting construction beginning of August.
- Other old business?

### **New Business**

- Other new business?



## **310 Report**

Gallatin Conservation District

### 310 Business

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6 New 310 Applications

0 Modification

4 Extension Requests

7 Site Inspections

1 Emergency Application

2 Complaints- pending

4 Permits entered into Gilly

0 Reinspections

- Fielded questions and information related to the 310-application process.
- Scheduled inspections and prepped all meeting materials
- Still trying to find a groove!

**Parking Lot**

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

- Mike Hansen motioned to accept the financials as presented. Bob Logar supported. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Adjournment of Business Meeting 815- All in favor, motion carried.**

*Briana Schmitt*

*8/20/26*

Minutes approved by

Date

*Becky Clements*

*8/14/26*

Minutes prepared by

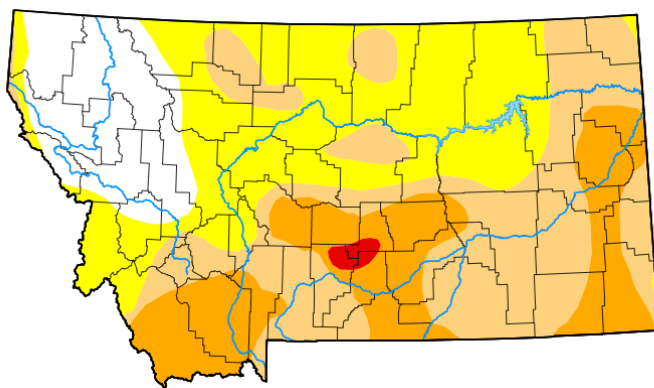
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## Water Year to Date (precipitation) 7/10/2026 (Water year begins October 1-September 30);

|              |            |                       |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Gallatin:    | July; 96%  | June; 91% of normal   |
| Madison:     | July; 96%  | June; 92% of normal   |
| Jefferson:   | July; 93%  | June; 94% of normal , |
| Yellowstone: | July; 100% | June; 101% of normal  |

## Montana

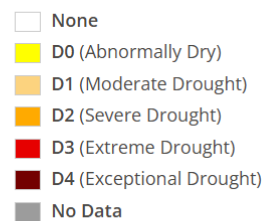
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**Map released: Thurs. July 9, 2026**

Data valid: July 7, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT

### Intensity



### Authors

United States and Puerto Rico Author(s):

[Curtis Riganti](#), National Drought Mitigation Center

Pacific Islands and Virgin Islands Author(s):

[Anthony Artusa](#), NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC

## EQIP Programs; for 2027 funding

As of 7/10/2026 (17 applications)

2 Bridger Bangtail apps

3 Horseshoe hills apps

1 Grazing lands apps

8 NWQI apps

7 Regenerative ag apps

1 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP; no money remaining)

## CSP 2026 (No more renewals; will be batched with regular csp)

As of 7/10/2026 (3 applications)

Current contract items due in 2026 – 270 (not including RCPP)

## **Groups (updates)**

### **Watershed council/Water collaborative;**

### **Trout Unlimited;**

-none

### **Extension:**

- Extension diagnostic lab drop off clinic Wednesdays between 11-2

-summer webinar series

-July 14; range conditions and grazing during the summer to manage for fall grazing

-july 28; Harvested forage management

-Aug 11; Including a brand in estate planting

### **Fire Adapted (county):**

-will conduct home risk assessments

### **Stockgrowers:**

-none

### **AGAI:**

-none

### **Weed District:**

-none

## **Events**

### **Past;**

Bozeman Area Soil Health team (BASH) visit Gallatin Grown (Cover crops) 6/25/26

### **Future;**

DEQ tour; July 13; Gallatin and Park counties

Post Farm tour; July 16 starting at 8 a.m.

## **Misc**

Arianna on detail to Whitehall office; (16 weeks)

Dates for local working group (fall/winter?)

# July.

## Administrator's Report- July 16, 2026

### **Accounting**

- Paid bills and taxes, PERS and payroll

### **Media**

- Updates to Facebook and website.

### **Board Meeting**

- Information, planning, and organization for the July meeting. Agenda + June minutes prepped.

### **Other: Miscellaneous**

- Weekly-ish (heavy on the ish) staff meetings
- Positive Pay upload for April- 6/19/26
- ACH to GC Treasury
- 941- Q2-3- 7/15/26
- HOA BOD meeting- monthly- last Monday
- Regular HOA communications
- 310 Civil Penalties research + participation in working group + "homework" completed
- Spring board attendance + 310 CP Reform presentation prepped + given
- SET planning meeting prep + budget meeting attendance + coordinated conflict management speaker
- TLC -scoped lines. Report- size, scope, condition of current un-utilized lines
- Office sewer back up issue- insurance + Infinite + R&S communications
- 310 Inspections coordinated + iPad set up + delivered to RESPEC
- Lots of garden work
- 310 permit materials prepped and out
- Supervisor manual review
- Multiple meetings with bookkeeper
- Frequent updates to staff on office issues
- 310 organization – site inspections scheduled + inspection forms completed + drive directions
- MFM – weekly- prep + attendance
- MPERA – troubleshoot
- BOD communications regarding stairway 2
- Grant submission- redo for FY27

### **Discussion Items:**

- Town Center Annual Meeting – 7/23/26- 3pm

### **Meetings in Conference Room (scheduled):**

- All postponed at this time

### **Upcoming workshops/Meetings (attending):**

- HOA BOD Meeting- 7/28 10am
- SET- 8/3-5 Miles
- CD Roundtable- 7/15, 10-11

**Grants: Closing Before the End of 2026 / Continuing into 2027 / Not yet finalized**

(See attached Excel sheet for full grant overview. Below is a brief status summary.)

- **DNRC Watershed Management Grant (with AGAI):** See Rebecca Kurnick's report attached. Quarterly progress report submitted.
- **RDG Planning Grant Phase 2, GV Managed Aquifer Recharge:** Contract with WGM Group signed. Field work scheduled, monitoring sites identified, and progress meetings planned. Quarterly progress report submitted.
- **CD Administrative Grant, MACD Dues & 2025 310 Permits:** Application submitted.
- **RDG Project Grant Managed Aquifer Recharge structures:** Application submitted.

**\*NEW\* Area 6 Pollinator Initiative application for DNRC CBD Pollinator Grants**

\*Requesting approval to pursue earlier than last round. ~\$14,000 if we compare to '24 amount approved.

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**Cost Share Programs:**

**Well Testing Cost Share & Conservation Cost Share:** CS\_01\_26 and CS\_02\_26 are ready to close out their contracts! Reports are coming next month.

**USGS Agreement:** Contract signed, checks from partners are in, invoice received, ready to pay!

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**Outreach:**

**Water Supply Report:** The June 2026 Water Supply Report was completed, posted online, & distributed via email.

**Monitoring:** Monitoring has begun. No toxic samples sent into the lab yet, we have been lucky not to have algae yet. AIS samples are being processed.

**Pollinator Initiative:** Currently looking into the next area wide grant and seeing the interest in continuing initiatives from other CDs.

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**Events & Meetings Attended:**

- Algae monitoring – 6/22,6/29,6/6,6/13
- AIS monitoring – 6/29,6/13
- AGAI Meeting – 6/25
- Grant Meeting with AGAI – 6/2
- Hebgen HABS Coordination Call – 7/1
- Out of office – 6/8-6/11
- EO Roundtable – 6/17
- MFM – 6/24,7/1,7/8,7/15
- Wildflower Fest – 7/7
- Meeting with NRCS staff – 7/8
- MAR Ph2 Kickoff call- 7/9
- SET Calls – 7/14, 7/21
- CD Roundtable – 7/15
- Grant Progress reports due – 7/15
- Summer Stewards – 7/16

**Upcoming Events & Meetings:**

- Algae monitoring – 7/20,7/27,8/10,8/17
- AIS monitoring – 7/27, 8/10
- Summer Stewards – 7/23,7/30,8/6,8/13
- Medicinal Plant WS – 7/21
- CEMIST call – 7/22
- Collab call – 7/28
- AGAI meeting – 7/30
- Land Tour – 7/31
- SET – 8/3-5
- Out of Office – 8/6, 8/7
- CD Roundtable – 8/19

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Emeline | [elizabeth@gallatincd.org](mailto:elizabeth@gallatincd.org)

| Grant Report   Gallatin Conservation District Board Meeting   July 2026 |                                 |                                  |                           |                        |                     |                                                   |                                                    |                                |                        |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Grants                                                                  | Funding Provided For:           | Partners?                        | Date Approved             | Total Amount Requested | Total Amount Funded | Grant Progress (Funds used or committed) (7/2026) | Current Amount spent or reimbursed by GCD (7/2026) | Final Amount Reimbursed to GCD | Final Report Submitted | Final Report Deadline |
| <b>DNRC Watershed Planning Grant (WMG-24-0103)</b>                      | Capacity for AGAI               | AGAI                             | 2/15/2024                 | \$50,000.00            | \$50,000.00         | \$32,420.00                                       | \$24,560.00                                        |                                |                        | 12/31/2026            |
| <b>DRNC RDG - Managed Aquifer Recharge 2 (RITP-26-0229)</b>             | Aquifer Recharge Study, Phase 2 | TU, GWT & Middle Creek Ditch Co. | 9/18/2025                 | \$50,000.00            | \$50,000.00         |                                                   |                                                    |                                |                        | 12/31/2027            |
| <b>CD EDU Grant</b>                                                     | Speaker Series                  | Locals                           | 1/15/2026                 | \$5,000.00             | \$5,000.00          |                                                   |                                                    |                                |                        | 12/31/2026            |
| <b>CD Mini Edu Grant</b>                                                | 4th Grade Field Trip            | Monforton School                 | 4/16/2026                 |                        |                     |                                                   |                                                    |                                |                        |                       |
| <b>DRNC RDG - GV MAR Projects</b>                                       | Implementation of MAR           | TU, GWT & Middle Creek Ditch Co. | 4/16/2026                 | \$470,000.00           |                     |                                                   |                                                    |                                |                        |                       |
| <b>DNRC CD Admin Grant FY2027</b>                                       | Funding for MACD Dues           | DNRC, MACD                       | 3/19/2026                 | \$15,100.00            |                     |                                                   |                                                    |                                |                        |                       |
| <b>Completed Grants</b>                                                 | <b>Completed Grants</b>         |                                  | <b>Total Grant Funds:</b> |                        | <b>\$105,000.00</b> | <b>\$32,420.00</b>                                | <b>\$24,560.00</b>                                 | <b>\$0.00</b>                  |                        |                       |
| <b>Active Grants</b>                                                    | <b>Active Grants</b>            |                                  |                           |                        |                     |                                                   |                                                    |                                |                        |                       |
| <b>Not yet finalized</b>                                                | <b>Not yet finalized</b>        |                                  |                           |                        |                     |                                                   |                                                    |                                |                        |                       |

## Partnership Coordinator Activities Update

June 2026

### Engagement

- Engagement with AGAI members, water commissioner
- Weekly communication with AGAI board and president
- First Open Channels Working Group meeting of 2026,
- City of Bozeman/AGAI meeting #5, re: stormwater, easements agreement
- Planning Open Channels Working group quarterly meeting schedule
- Participated in targeted E&O planning for DDAMP
- Third letter of support for WG/MCDC/GWT RDGP project
- City of Bozeman/AGAI meeting #4 Attended Spain-Ferris Annual Ditch meeting
- Pre-interview planning phone call for cover story in Irrigation Leader Magazine
- Communication with Adam Sigler/MSU for project support

*Upcoming:* Bozeman IWRP July meeting, Engage with Cities of Belgrade and Manhattan

### Education

- Engaged with residents and HOA communities by responding to ditch inquiries
- Communication moving forward to secure locations for interpretive signs - Belgrade FFA Gardens, City of BOzeman
- First (of 10) Oral Histories Interviews
- Self-tour of Spain-Ferris/Mammoth ditch infrastructure

*Upcoming:* AGAI Newsletter

### Fundraising

- DNRC/CD/AGAI grant reporting plan
- Led executive board session for planning new sponsorship and large contribution
- Continued review, formatting, and planning for sharing funding pitch
- Funding and partnership search/development for infrastructure improvement projects
  - GWC
  - NRCS
  - BOR WaterSmart

*Upcoming:* Board outreach to key partners

### New Business/Pending Discussion/Decisions

- ☐ Open Channels working groups update/status
- ☐ Exec Session on funding

Ongoing:

- ☐ Newsletter Outline & Topics
- ☐ Presidents Update

- ☐ What's happening in the Community - Upcoming Events
- ☐ Coordinators update
- ☐ "Out and About" - Board member activities, farm update ie. for this newsletter - upcoming maintenance and what we are doing to increase awareness
- ☐ Guest/Project Update

**Bea McNamara**  
**Staff Report: July 2026**  
**Education & Outreach Director**

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**Education and Outreach Events**

- Small acreage land tour (6/23)
- Summer Stewards: Leave no Trace (6/25)
- Bozeman library macroinvertebrate program (6/29)
- Summer Stewards: River Rodeo (7/2)
- Summer Stewards: Bear Aware (7/9)
- Big Sky Youth Empowerment Programming (7/13 & 7/14)
- Summer Stewards 7/16: What a Tree-t
- Manhattan Farmers Markets (Wednesdays)

**Office and Garden Work**

- Continue to create and plan the curriculum for summer programming.
- Look for community and partner events to attend and participate in.
- Begin planning Farm to Table dinner by getting ingredients and supplies together.
- **Education and Outreach Center:**
  - Tend to plants and succession plant beets, lettuce, and carrots. Weed plots that need weeding. Mow the lawn when needed.
  - Keep the shed and greenhouse organized for programming and between programming.
  - Continue to create a welcoming environment in the garden space for the community to be a part of.
- **Summer Stewards:** Continue to plan games and activities for each week's program, including what meals we will be making based on what will be harvestable, and communicate with all partners and presenters
- **Manhattan Farmers Market:** Continue outreach and organization of the market. Continue to plan the business crawl for the Manhattan Farmers Market by coordinating with Manhattan businesses, getting T-shirts ordered, flyers made, and advertising. Coordinate with musicians. Plan and implement the educational table at the markets for kids and adults alike.
- **Adult Education:** Continue to plan summer programs: Small acreage horse property tour with Jen Mohler, medicinal plants workshop with Wendy Dyk, and mini education grant agricultural tour, Beaver talk in the EOC, pollinator talk in the EOC.
- **Online:** Maintain social media about upcoming events. Send out the June newsletter and begin drafting the July newsletter.
- Work on the DNRC mini education grant, getting the progress report created and submitted.

# Wait... What? It's July Already?!

2026

The garden is full of bloom and buzz...  
→ The peas are ripe & ready, beets are coming on, tomatoe plants  
came out of the nip of frost, squash... not so much, pumpkin  
plants look great, the Goldfinches are back waiting for the  
sunflowers to bloom, singing their sweet song!

## Summer Standards

• July 2<sup>nd</sup> → Rolling Rivers  
Trailer

Macroinvertebrates, clean, drain  
and baby ducks

We also went on a patriotic parade  
around town, and shared a red, white  
& blue snack!

• July 9<sup>th</sup> → Be Bear Aware

Nicolle from FWP did an excellent  
presentation → exciting for both kids  
and adults!

• Sheep presentation coming up on  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be sheer joy!

## Farmers Market

July 1<sup>st</sup> Tried to have it but  
rain, wind & storm  
came up ∴ cancelled

July 8<sup>th</sup> Rain, no wind,  
quite a few vendors  
shuck it out!  
It was a good  
market for Carpenter  
Frog our Hot Dog Vendor!  
Some other vendors  
said they did well  
also!

• A new couple that just  
moved here is interested  
in some of our programs!

• Most asked question at Farmers  
Market is "where are our  
Produce Vendors?"

Big Sky County Fair is July 15<sup>th</sup> → 19<sup>th</sup>  
Support those 4H & FFA Youth!

Ever Grateful  
as always ~  
Leia



## REPORT TO MT CONSERVATION DISTRICTS JULY 2026

### CATEY'S COMMENTS

I have a short report for July with reminders and updates. Please see the CDB newsletter for additional important information.

The FY27 Education Mini grant cycle opens July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Below is an outline of the CDA funding process after the FY27 deadline.

CDs must follow Open Meeting Law. It is important for CDs to maintain consistency when posting agendas.

**If your district has hired a new administrator, I am happy to schedule a DNRC onboarding meeting with them.**

Please let me know if you would like me to attend a board meeting. I'm available via Zoom or, schedule permitting, in person.

### FY27 EDUCATION MINI GRANT CYCLE OPENS JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>

- Please submit applications 3 months before event or start of program to ensure adequate time for contracting.
- Events and programs should be identified in annual workplans.
- Any partnerships CDs have with other entities in the events and/or programs should be explained clearly in the applications.
- If applying for an annual event or program, please identify prior successes in the application.

### CDA FUNDING PROCESS FOLLOWING FY27 DEADLINE

- Awards will be determined and award letters will be sent in late July or August.
- Executed grant agreements and payments will likely be early fall due to fiscal year end and processing.

### REMINDER – OPEN MEETING LAW

- CDs must post the agenda consistently at least 48 hours before board meetings.
- The agenda must be posted on the CD's website or social media page.
- If free, CDs can also post in local newspapers or on the newspaper's website.
- An agenda cannot be amended after it is posted.
- Statute contains [requirements](#) when convening a quorum of the board of supervisors.
- A supplemental document on these requirements is available [here](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

**July 1** FY27 begins; Education Mini grant cycle opens, *Submittable*  
**July 6** Preliminary budgets due to county; CD Grant Administrative Rules public comments due  
**July 15** Quarterly reports for CDB P3 and Education Mini grants due, *Submittable*  
**Sept 1** [MACD Resolutions](#) Submittal Deadline  
**Sept 29-Oct 6** MACD Area Meetings

**Please let me know if you'd like me to attend a board meeting. I'm available via Zoom or, schedule permitting, in person.**



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