Meeting Details

Time: October 15, 2026 • 9:00am Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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

Zoom:
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310 MEETING AGENDA

1. 310 Applications

Applicant Number:	76-26	**Perennial Stream:**	Bozeman Creek
Applicant	Joel Sprecher		
Landowner:	same		
Contractor/Agent:	Rocky Mountain Dirt Detail		
Type of Project:	Channel/Bank Project		
Purpose:	The proposed plan is to restore the bank with minimal impact to Bozeman Creek. All work on the proposed project will be completed from the east bank of Bozeman Creek. No equipment will cross or work within the creek. The scope will include the addition toe rocks, smaller angular rip rap and top soil to retain the current bank. New vegetation will include seed with native grasses and cover crop with plants that promote root retention in the new structure.		
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:** 10/19/2026	**End Date:**	10/30/2026
Inspection Date:	10/6/26		
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval with Modifications		
Inspection Comment	Section A- Discussed modifications to current project to reduce impacts as follows: Downstream to rootwad- use larger round cobble near existing toe, slope back at 1.5-2:1 (H:V), implant willows, reseed, apply fabric to prevent erosion as needed. Leave existing trees intact as much as possible. Section B- Bank is devoid of vegetation. Use round cobble instead of angular rock and incorporate willows or other woody riparian vegetation for bank construction. 15 day waiver requested.		
318 Authorization	Yes		
Discussion:			

Decision:

Applicant Number: GD 77-26	**Perennial Stream:** Leverich Creek
Applicant	Sander Pick
Landowner:	same
Contractor/Agent:	Eli Shaul
Type of Project:	Buildings/Structures
Purpose:	The proposed project involves constructing a detached guest house and an accessory garage/workshop at 7900 Nash Road. All work will occur on level, dry upland ground, maintaining a minimum 50-foot setback from the top of the ditch bank along Nash Road and the adjacent diagonal cut. No heavy equipment will enter or cross the ditch bed or banks. No channel alterations, culvert modifications, bank grading, or bed disturbance are proposed. This application is submitted to allow the Conservation District to evaluate the site in coordination with a Gallatin County setback review.
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:** 5/2/2027 **End Date:** 12/2/2027
Inspection Date:	10/6/26
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval as Proposed
Inspection Comments:	This project does not require a 310 permit, as doesn't affect bed and bank. Applicant seeking advice/judgement on creek/ditch determination. Leverich Creek appears to have been rerouted adjacent to property and into roadside ditch. Technically no work is proposed that would require a 310 permit. Applicant should work with county for permits. Technically this is a jurisdictional stream.
318 Authorization Complete	No
Discussion:	
Decision:	

Applicant Number: GD 78-26	**Perennial Stream:** Camp Creek
Applicant	Gallatin Watershed Council (GWC)
Landowner:	Tim Venhuizen
Contractor/Agent:	Restoration Engineering, LLC
Type of Project:	Channel/Bank Projects
Purpose:	This restoration aims to restore lost channel functions, restore resiliency, and improve aquatic habitat.
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:** 11/1/26 **End Date:** 5/30/27
Inspection Date:	10/6/26
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval as proposed

Inspection Comments:	Application to improve instream habitat and enhance floodplain/wetland function. Stream has been severely incised and degraded by land use practices. Project included reactivating channels in multiple locations, excavating inside bends, low lying floodplain and wetland areas, multiple maintenance banks exist, the stream will be either relocated or pulled away from these banks to reduce fine sediment input. Project will occur during the late fall, winter and early spring, plenty of off channel work to be done to minimize in stream work during spring high flow periods caused by groundwater and irrigation return flows. Overall, project should improve instream habitat by narrowing the channel, reducing fine sediment inputs, and adding instream complexity.
318 Authorization Complete	Yes
Discussion:	
Decision:	

Applicant Number: GD 79-26	**Perennial Stream:** Camp Creek
Applicant	Darin Swenson
Landowner:	
Contractor/Agent:	
Type of Project:	Crossing/Roads
Purpose:	To build a bridge across Camp Creek to access majority of the property.
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:** 9/15/26 **End Date:** 9/20/26
Inspection Date:	10/6/26
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval as Proposed
Inspection Comments:	Applicant seeking to install 40' bridge to access majority of property. Plans provide ample freeboard and span. Location is on a straight portion of stream. Applicants to reseed disturbed areas and ensure no spoils below banks. Forms for abutments will be poured in place or _____ will be used. They will be placed far enough from the stream that _____/wingwall protection is not needed. 15 day waiver requested.
318 Authorization Complete	Yes
Discussion:	
Decision:	

Applicant Number: GD 80-26	**Perennial Stream:** Horse Creek
Applicant	Doug Hamilton
Landowner:	Robert Wesley Brownell
Contractor/Agent:	Kim Snodgrass, Water and Environmental Technologies

Type of Project:	Channel/Bank Project
Purpose:	Violation remediation. Purpose is to replace the existing informal Dry Creek diversion and pin-and-plank headgate with a more stable and controllable diversion system capable of reliably conveying water to the Horse Creek/Irving Ditch in accordance with the associated water right. The existing diversion is constructed from stacked timber and non-native debris.
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:** 10/15/26 **End Date:** 10/15/27
Inspection Date:	10/6/26
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval with Modifications
Inspection Comments:	In response to past violation. Application to install a rock vein to replace a makeshift diversion structure in Dry Creek. The rock vein will include 1' step pools to maintain the hydraulic head while allowing fish passage. Project also includes construction of a new headgate with _____ and 24" culvert, 9.5' in length. Banks will be reclaimed using coir mats and revegetated with willows. Applicant will look into use of round cobble at surface of _____. No instream work until November 16, none between May 1-June 30. Applicant will place boulders/rock with consideration of scour.
318 Authorization Complete	Yes
Discussion:	
Decision:	

Applicant Number: GD 81-26	**Perennial Stream:** Mandeville Creek
Applicant	Trout Unlimited
Landowner:	Kara Hauser, Montana DNRC
Contractor/Agent:	
Type of Project:	Channel/Bank Project
Purpose:	Maintenance permit application. TU began a restoration project on 1.2 miles of Mandeville Creek in 2024. We installed log jams, Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs), erosion control structures, and thousands of native plants. Occasionally, the BDAs and log jams require maintenance, which is why we are applying for this maintenance permit. Maintenance could include adding additional wooden posts to BDAs/log jams using a gas-powered post driver or adding additional vegetation and substrate to the habitat structures if needed.
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:** 8/24/26 **End Date:** 8/24/2036
Inspection Date:	10/6/2026
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval as proposed

Inspection Comments:	Applicant seeks maintenance permit for repairing of habitat structures by hand. Work to include willow planting, _____, and re-introduction of wood where needed.
318 Authorization Complete	Yes
Discussion:	
Decision:	

Applicant Number: GD 82-26	**Perennial Stream:**	Duck Creek		
Applicant	Big Sky Land Consulting			
Landowner:	Ray Stinnett			
Contractor/Agent:				
Type of Project:	Debris Removal			
Purpose:	The purpose of this project is to restore fish access up and down Duck Creek and prevent back at home from eroding into creek because of pond bank water. Remove 3 beaver dams.			
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:**	10/25/26	**End Date:**	10/30/26
Inspection Date:	10/7/26			
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval with modifications			
Inspection Comments:	Applicant seeks to remove 3 beaver dams on Duck Creek. Lowest beaver dam (#1) is small, only spans a side channel, and is small enough to be removed by hand. No equipment should be used. Middle beaver dam (#2) is larger, well established, and spans the whole stream. Landowner is concerned with water level along bank, but the beaver dam is actually providing protection by slowing flows. Notch by hand. Same with beaver dam #3. Beaver dams #2 and 3 (middle and upper could be removed with equipment prior to rainbow trout spawn and high water (March).			
318 Authorization Complete	Yes			
Discussion:				
Decision:				

Applicant Number: GD 83-26	**Perennial Stream:**	Bozeman Creek		
Applicant	Katherine Belendiuk			
Landowner:	Belendiuk-Tolliver Living Trust			
Contractor/Agent:	Hyalite Custom Building			
Type of Project:	Buildings/Structures			
Purpose:	This project is necessary to allow for discharge from a geothermal well system.			
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:**	10/1/26	**End Date:**	10/2/26

Inspection Date:	10/6/26
Inspection Recommendation:	
Inspection Comments:	Need to contact DEQ for appropriate permits. Pipe should not project into stream. Pipe should discharge on to armored surface prior to entering creek, in similar fashion to previously permitted project on same property. Revegetate any disturbed surfaces and pad.
318 Authorization Complete	Yes
Discussion:	
Decision:	

Applicant Number: GD 84-26	**Perennial Stream:**	Canon Creek
Applicant	Tom Kersbergen	
Landowner:	Benjamin Tolman	
Contractor/Agent:		
Type of Project:	Utilities	
Purpose:	The proposed plan is to have conduit installed while the construction company is installing their culvert for the driveway over the creek (GD 59-26). The 2 inch poly conduit could be set in place and the utilities wire could be pulled through when it's time to install power, which would likely be in the spring.	
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:** 10/21/26	**End Date:** 6/1/27
Inspection Date:	No inspection	
Inspection Recommendation:		
Inspection Comments:		
318 Authorization Complete		
Discussion:		
Decision:		

2. Extension Request

Applicant Number: GD 78-25	**Perennial Stream:**	Willow Creek
s **Applicant**	Hyalite Engineers	
Landowner:	Lagacy Canyon LLC	
Contractor/Agent:	Jackson Contractor Group	
Type of Project:	Crossing/ Roads	
Purpose:	The purpose of this project is to provide an ATV and walking bridge to allow the property owner (Warriors & Quiet Waters) to access the eastern portion of the property. This will enhance	

	their ability to provide nature-based experiences for combat veterans.
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:** 7/15/26 **End Date:** 9/15/26
Inspection Date:	1/6/26
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval with modifications
Inspection Comment	East bank is currently stabilized with riprap. Bank will likely get disturbed during building removal. Recommend re-grading and spreading riprap along bank. Pull riprap out of creek that has slid off hill. Leave existing vegetation in place to extent possible.
318 Authorization	
Discussion:	Briana recuses. Inspection team reports- project for Warriors and Quiet Waters. Existing crossing on west side, so there is not a lot of vegetation to remove. Riprap on the east side. Need to regrade that riprap. No issues with the project. No concerns from FWP biologist. Spans creek and floodplain. Minimal impact. Won't affect stream function. Riprap has sloughed into creek, recommended to clean that up while they're on site with the project. Applicant is agreeable to this.
2026 Decision:	Sherwin Leep motions to approve with modifications. Mike Hansen supported. All in favor, motion carried.
Extension Reason:	Did not get it installed this summer
October 2026 Decision:	

3. 310 Old Business:

Applicant Number: GD 69-26	**Perennial Stream:** UT
Applicant	Matt Weaver
Landowner:	Clear Springs Ranch LLC (Dave Proctor)
Contractor/Agent:	
Type of Project:	Channel/Bank Project
Purpose:	Improve fish habitat, Improve wildlife habitat, Natural water storage or aquifer recharge. The proposed plan is to do the following: construct undercut bank habitat, replace existing logs, pool habitat enhancement, Construct lateral bars to narrow the channel, Construct riffle habitat, Construct point bars, Lower bank heights, Place large rock along and inset in bank, and Construct new channel sections and fill existing channel sections.
Proposed Construction Date:	**Start Date:** 10/31/2026 **End Date:** 10/02/2027
Inspection Date:	9/8/26

Inspection Recommendation:	On Hold
Inspection Comment	Board discussion. Would like to see project phased.
318 Authorization	No
September 2026 Discussion:	The applicant proposed a 0.75-mile stream restoration project to improve spawning habitat, address undercut banks, and improve fishability. Board members expressed concerns about excessive log jams from previous restoration work, potential sediment impacts to downstream landowners, and the need for extensive work given the stream's existing good water quality and fish habitat. The Board recommended a lighter-touch, natural restoration approach, with phased implementation (potentially three phases), downstream landowner notification, and additional project details and a phasing schedule.
September 2026 Decision:	Mike Hansen motioned to put project on hold for redesign with a lighter touch. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carried.
October 2026:	**New materials submitted**
October 2026 Discussion:	

4. Other 310 Business-
    a. No November Meeting- no 310 business.
5. Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business
6. 310 Coordinator's Report- Becky

Adjournment of 310 Meeting

October 15, 2026
9:00am

GALLATIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting-
2. Governance Calendar
   - Minutes to DNRC, C&R
   - Positive Pay to GC Treasury
   - 941 Q3-3
3. Consensus Agenda
4. NRCS Report
5. Supervisor Report: Planning Boards
   a. Planning board-
   b. County Planning Board-
   c. GLWQD-
   d. MACD Update-
   e. Gallatin Watershed Collaborative-
6. Staff Reports
   a. Administrator's Report- Becky
   b. NRS Report- Elizabeth
      i. Grants/Agreements/Cost Share/Contract Report
         1. Cost Share Application- Mitch Harris- Cross Cut
   c. Education and Outreach Director- Bea
   d. Education Assistant- Leia
   e. AGAI Report- Rebecca
   f. DNRC Update- see report
7. Old Business
   a. Area 6 meeting-
      i. Resolutions
   b. Convention- Dec 1-3- Area 6 hosting!
   c. Other old business?

8. New Business
    a. Public Information Records Request- formal GCD policy
    b. January 21- Rotunda Day at the Capital + Legislative Meet and Greet
        i. Conflict with January board meeting (Jan. 21st)
    c. Employee Evals
    d. GCD Christmas Party
    e. No November board meeting
    f. Other new business?

9. Parking Lot

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

11. Executive Session- NRCS Contracts

Adjournment of Business Meeting