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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NPDES PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS NOTICE ANNOUNCES (1) EPA'S INTENTION TO REISSUE A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) DISCHARGE PERMIT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND (2) EPA'S REQUEST FOR THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES TO CERTIFY CLEAN WATER ACT COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 401(A)(1) OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

PERMIT INFORMATION

The facility to be covered by the permit is Jocko River Trout Hatchery located on the Flathead Reservation in Lake County, Montana.

PERMITTEE NAME: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

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Arlee, MT 59821

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NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030546

The Jocko River Trout Hatchery produces Arlee rainbow trout broodstock for egg production. The Hatchery is located at 47°10'8"N, 114°04'56"W. Water from tanks and raceways is discharged through a sump and a settling pond to the Jocko River.

EPA TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS



EPA staff has prepared a draft of the permit that it proposes to issue. EPA staff has made a tentative determination that the effluent limitations and other conditions included in the draft permit will assure compliance with applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act. EPA has also requested that Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe issue, deny, or waiver certification pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act concerning compliance with certain Clean Water Act requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R., Part 124.10, this comment period ends 30 calendar days after the date of the publication of this notice. Comments may be directed to Rosemary Rowe (8MO); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 10 West 15th Street, Suite 3200, Helena, MT 59626.

If no objection is received within the specified comment period, the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 8 intends to issue a final NPDES permit within sixty days of the date of this notice. EPA will hold a public hearing if the response to this notice indicates significant public interest.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The draft permit and the statement of basis for the draft permit are available for download at www.epa.gov/region8/water/wastewater/download. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling Rosemary Rowe at (406)457-5020 or e-mail rowe.rosemary@epa.gov or David Rise at (406)457-5012 or e-mail rise.david@epa.gov or by writing to the address listed above. The complete application and related documents are available by appointment for review and reproduction at the address listed above during the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, Federal holidays excluded. To make an appointment to look at the documents, call contact Rosemary Rowe or David Rise at the above phone numbers or e-mail.