

Joint Application for Proposed Work in Montana's Streams, Wetlands, Floodplains, and Other Waterbodies

CD/Agency Use Only

Application Number: Date Received:
 Stream or Waterbody:
 Date Accepted: Initials: Date Forwarded to FWP:

This section is for all Department of Transportation and SPA 124 Permits (government projects)

Project Name:
 Control Number: Contract Letting Date:
 MEPA/NEPA Compliance: Yes No If yes, #C5 of this application does not apply.

Applicant Use

This is a standardized application to apply for one or all local, state, or federal permits listed below. Check the box(s) for each permit being applied for.

- Refer to the instructions to determine which permits apply to your project and submit an application to each applicable agency.
- Incomplete applications will result in a delay of application processing.
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and landowner permission before beginning work.
- Other laws may apply.

	Permit	Agency	Required Application Sections:	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	NSLPA 310 Permit	Local Conservation District	A-E and G	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPA 124 Permit	Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)	A-E and G	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	318 Authorization 401 Certification	Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	A-E and G	\$250 (318); \$400-\$20,000 (401)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Navigable Rivers Land Use License, Lease, or Easement	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Trust Lands Management Division	A-E and G	\$50, plus additional fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 404 Permit, Section 10 Permit	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	A-G and F1-10	Varied (\$0-\$100)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floodplain Permit	Local Floodplain Administrator	A-G	Varied (\$25-\$500+)

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A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT (*party responsible for project*) Roger Clift

Has the landowner consented to the project? Yes No

Mailing Address: 117 Glen Way City, State: Eureka, MT Zip: 59917

Physical Address: Same City, State: Zip:

Daytime Phone: 806-736-9531 Email:

LANDOWNER NAME (*if different from applicant*)

Mailing Address: City, State: Zip:

Physical Address: City, State: Zip:

Daytime Phone: Email:

CONTRACTOR/COMPANY NAME (*if applicable*) Jeff Evjene

Mailing Address: 300 Tobacco Siding Rd City, State: Eureka, MT Zip: 59917

Physical Address: City, State: Zip:

Daytime Phone: 406-250-9695 Email:

B. PROJECT SITE INFORMATION

Refer to section B1 of the instructions

1. NAME OF STREAM OR WATERBODY at project location: Sinclair Creek

Project Address/Location: Sinclair Creek Rd Nearest Town: Eureka, MT

County: Lincoln Geocode: 56-4824-19-1-01-04-0000

Township: 36N Range: 26W Section: ¼ Section: ¼ Section:

Latitude: Longitude:

Driving directions or other instructions needed for finding the site:

Refer to section B2 of the instructions

2. Is the proposed activity within **SAGE GROUSE** areas designated as general, connected, or core habitat?

Yes No Attach consultation letter if required.

Refer to section B3 of the instructions

3. Is this a **STATE NAVIGABLE WATERWAY**? The state owns the beds of certain navigable waterways.

Yes No If yes, send a copy of this application to the appropriate DNRC land office.

Refer to section B4 of the instructions

4. **WHAT IS THE CURRENT CONDITION** of the proposed project site? What vegetation is present? Describe the existing bank condition, bank slope, height, nearby structures, and wetlands.

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Please see attached. The proposed project is near the Glen Lake Irrigation Siphon. The site was mitigated following a siphon failure across Sinclair Creek Road.

C. PROJECT ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Refer to section C1 of the instructions

1. **TYPE OF PROJECT** (check all that apply)

- Agricultural and Irrigation Projects:** Diversions, Headgates, Flumes, Riparian Fencing, Ditches, etc.
- Buildings/Structures:** Accessory Structures, Manufactured Homes, Residential or Commercial Buildings, etc.
- Channel/Bank Projects:** Stabilization, Restoration, Alteration, Dredging, Fish Habitat, Vegetation or Tree Removal, or any other work that modifies existing channels or banks.
- Crossing/Roads:** Bridge, Culvert, Fords, Road Work, Temporary Access, or any project that crosses over or under a stream or channel.
- Mining Projects:** All mining related activities including, Placer Mining, Aggregate Mining, etc.
- Recreation Related Projects:** Boat Ramps, Docks, Marinas, etc.
- Other Projects:** Cisterns, Debris Removal, Excavation/Pit/Pond, Placement of Fill, Drilling or Directional Boring, Utilities, Wetland Alteration. Any other project type not listed here.

Refer to section C2 of the instructions

2. Is this application for an **ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PERMIT**? Yes No

If yes, attach an annual plan of operations to this application

Refer to section C3 of the instructions

3. Why is this project necessary? State the **PURPOSE OR GOAL** of the proposed project.

A crossing is necessary to access the other side of the property for repairs and maintenance.

Refer to section C4 of the Instructions

4. Provide a brief description of the **PROPOSED PROJECT PLAN** and how it will be accomplished.

This project was approved by the Lincoln Conservation District in 2024. The project has not changed; however, the 310-permit expired during the permitting process while waiting for approval from other agencies. The proposed project includes the placement of a 40' engineered bridge across Sinclair Creek. The first step of the project will be to prepare the road approach to the bridge. Concrete will also be poured during suitable weather conditions. The existing GLID structure was measured to determine measurements for the bridge placement. In high flow events, debris can pass under the GLID pipe. The distance from the bottom of the bridge to the surface of the water will be a minimum of 72" All construction work will occur 14 ft away from the stream. A rock guard barrier will be set to grade and bolted to the edge of the bridge to prevent any material from entering the stream. Any disturbed areas will be revegetated to prevent weed establishment and erosion. An excavator will be used to set the bridge so no machinery will enter the stream. Please see attachments for engineering and project design.

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Refer to section C5 of the instructions

5. What **OTHER ALTERNATIVES** were considered to accomplish the stated purpose of the objective? Why was the proposed alternative selected?

Alternative 1 would be to place a culvert in the stream for a crossing. This option is not ideal as heavy equipment may cross the stream, and culverts are not an option for longevity. Alternative 2 would be to for the stream. This is not ideal as it could cause turbidity and impact water quality. Alternative 3 would be to access the property using an existing bridge downstream. This option is not ideal as the bridge is not built for heavy equipment. The proposed option is an engineered bridge that is designed for equipment crossing. This option is safer reduces negative impacts to the stream, and provides a permanent crossing solution.

Refer to section C6 of the instructions

6. What are the **NATURAL RESOURCE BENEFITS** or **POTENTIAL IMPACTS**? Please complete the information requested below to the best of your ability:

6a. Explain any temporary or permanent changes in erosion, sedimentation, turbidity, or increases of potential contaminants. What will be done to minimize impacts?

This project is designed to keep construction activity away from the stream. A barrier is included to prevent sedimentation. Having a bridge crossing will minimize any potential impacts to the stream if crossings are necessary for infrastructure or property maintenance.

6b. Will the project cause temporary or permanent impacts to fish and/or aquatic habitat? What will be done to protect the fisheries and habitat?

Since construction activities are set back from the bank and no equipment will be entering the stream, it is unlikely that there will be any impact to fish or aquatic habitat.

6c. What will be done to minimize temporary or permanent impacts to the floodplain, wetlands, or riparian habitat?

The project site already includes an approach to the stream. The road will be prepped to ensure a proper grade to the bridge.

6d. What efforts will be made to decrease flooding potential upstream and downstream of the project?

The bridge will be set at a distance at least equal to that of the existing GLID pipe which is upstream of the project. In high water events, debris can easily pass under that structure to crease the likelihood of any flooding potential.

6e. Explain any potential temporary or permanent changes to the water flow or to the bed and banks of the waterbody. What will be done to minimize those changes?

There are no anticipated changes to the water flow or the streambed. All construction activities will be set back at least 14' from the bank. An excavator will be used to span the bridge across the stream. No equipment will enter the stream.

6f. How will existing vegetation be protected and its removal minimized? Explain how the site will be revegetated, including weed control plans.

Any disturbed areas will be revegetated with a native forest mix. The area was disturbed in the past year due to a blowout at the GLID siphon so it is unlikely that there is any existing vegetation that has established.

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D. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Refer to section D1 of the instructions

1. Proposed **CONSTRUCTION DATES:** Start: November 15, 2025 dep. on weather End: October 30, 2026

Is any portion of the work already completed? Yes No If yes, please describe previously completed work:

Refer to section D2 of the instructions

2. **PROJECT DIMENSIONS.** Describe the length and width of the project.

Please refer to attachments

Refer to section D3 of the instructions

3. **MATERIALS.** Provide the total quantity and source of materials proposed to be used or removed. Note: this may be modified during the permitting process, therefore it is recommended that you do not purchase materials until all permits are issued. List soil/fill type, cubic yards and source, culvert size, rip-rap size, and any other materials to be used or removed on the project.

Cubic yards/ Linear Feet

Size and Type

Source

Refer to section D4 of the Instructions

4. **EQUIPMENT.** List all equipment that will be used for this project. How will the equipment be used on the bank and/or in the water? Note: all equipment used in the water must be **CLEANED, DRAINED, AND DRY.**

Komatsu 238 excavator, Cat 308 Excavator, John Deere 700 Dozer and a roller compactor. Most of the equipment will be used to build and compact the road approach.

Will equipment from out of state be used? Yes No Unknown

Will the equipment cross west over the Continental Divide to the project site? Yes No Unknown

Will equipment enter the Flathead Basin? Yes No Unknown

E. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

1. Plans and/or drawings of the proposed project should include:

a. Plan/Aerial View

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- b. An elevation or cross-section view
 - c. Dimensions of the project (height, width, depth in linear feet)
 - d. Location of storage stockpile materials and location of fill or excavation sites
 - e. Drainage facilities
 - f. Location of existing/proposed structures, such as buildings, utilities, roads or, bridges
 - g. An arrow indicating north
 - h. Site photos
2. Attach a vicinity map or a sketch, which includes: The water body where the project is located, roads, tributaries, and other landmarks. Plan an "X" on the project location. Provide written directions to the site. This is a plan view (looking at the project from above).
 3. If requesting a Maintenance 310 Permit, attach an Annual Plan of Operation.
 4. Attach an Aquatic Resource Map, which documents the location and boundary of all waters of the U.S. in the project vicinity and includes wetlands and other special aquatic sites. Show the location of the ordinary high-water mark of streams or waterbodies if requesting a Section 404 or Section 10 Permit. Include the ordinary high-water mark delineation on plans or drawings and/or a separate wetland delineation.

F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) SECTION 404, SECTION 10, AND FLOODPLAIN PERMITS

Refer to section F of the instructions

Section F should only be filled out by those needing Section 404, Section 10, and/or Floodplain permits.

Applicants applying for Section 404 and/or Section 10 permits must complete questions F1-10. For questions on Section 404 and/or Section 10 permits, contact the USACE by telephone at 406-441-1375 or by email at montana.reg@usace.army.mil.

Applicants applying for Floodplain permits must complete all of Section F.

Refer to section F1 of the instructions

1. Does the proposed activity and/or property have permitting history with USACE? If yes, and available, provide the USACE project number(s) associated with the previous permits, including no permit required letters and approved jurisdictional determinations.

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Refer to section F2 of the instructions

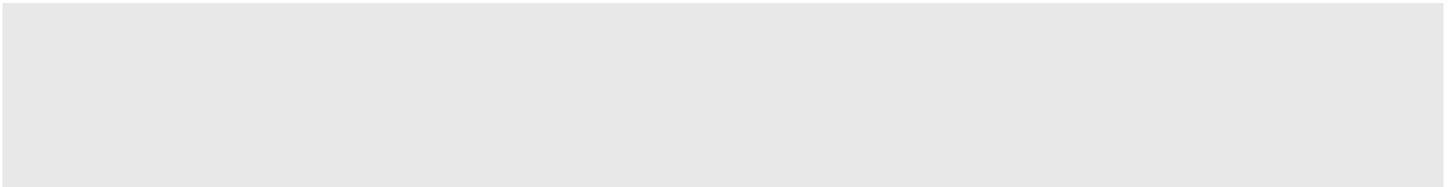
2. Identify the specific **Nationwide Permit(s)** that you want to use to authorize the proposed activity.

Refer to section F3 of the instructions

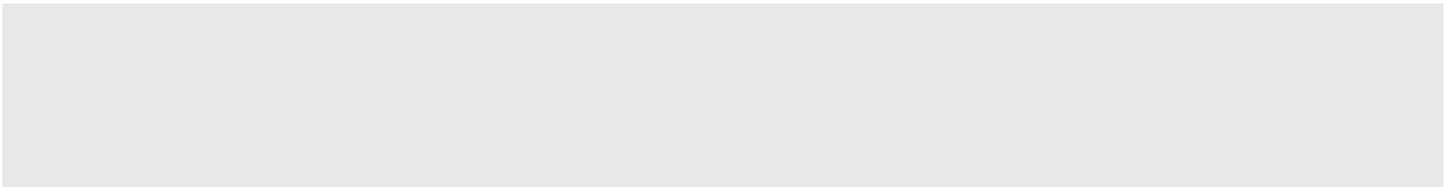
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3. Provide the footprint of impacts and the quantity of materials proposed to be placed in wetlands and/or below the ordinary high-water mark in waters of the United States. Delineations are required of wetland and other special aquatic sites, and other waters, such as lakes and ponds, and perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, on the project site.

3a. What is the length and width (or square footage/acreage) for each impact occurring within the waters of the United States, including wetlands?

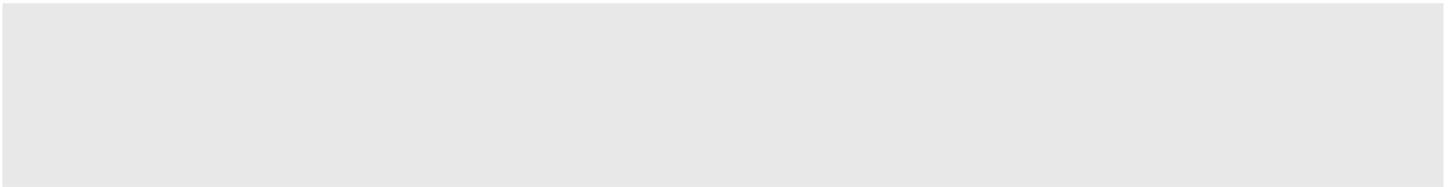


3b. How many cubic yards of fill material will be placed below the ordinary high-water mark, in a wetland, stream, or other waters of the United States?



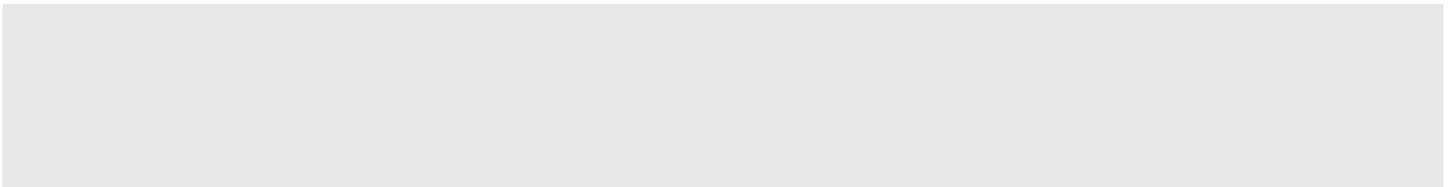
Refer to section F4 of the instructions

4. How will the proposed project avoid or minimize **impacts to waters of the United States**? Attach additional sheets if necessary.



Refer to section F5 of the instructions

5. Will the project impact(s) be equal to or greater than 0.10 acre of wetland and/or 0.03 acre of stream or other waters? If yes, describe how the applicant is going to **compensate (mitigation bank, in-lieu fee program, or permittee responsible)** for these unavoidable impacts to waters of the United States.



Refer to section F6 of the instructions

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6. Is the proposed activity within any component of the **National Wild and Scenic Rivers System**, or a river that has been officially designated by Congress as a “**study river?**” Yes No

Refer to section F7 of the instructions

7. Does this activity require permission from the **USACE because it will alter or temporarily or permanently occupy or use a USACE authorized civil works project?** (Examples include USACE owned levees, Fort Peck Dam, and others). Yes No

Refer to section F8 of the instructions

8. List the **ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES** and **CRITICAL HABITAT(S)** that might be present in the project location.

Refer to section F9 of the instructions

9. List any **HISTORIC PROPERTY(S)** that are listed, determined to be eligible or are potentially eligible (over 50 years old) for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Refer to section F10 of the instructions

10. List all **APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PERMITS** and indicate whether they were issued, waived, denied, or pending. Note: all required local, state, and federal, or proof of waiver must be issued prior to the issuance of a floodplain permit.

404 – Waived; Floodplain in process; 310 in process again

Refer to section F10 of the instructions

11. List the **NAMES AND ADDRESS OF LANDOWNERS** adjacent to the project site. This includes properties to and across from the project site. Note: Some floodplain communities require certified adjoining landowner lists.

NAME/ADDRESS OF **Adjacent Landowner:** Troy and Sarita Welch PO Box 2401, Eureka, MT 59917

NAME/ADDRESS OF **Adjacent Landowner:** Mike Marvel 577 Sinclair Cr. Road, Eureka, MT 59917

NAME/ADDRESS OF **Adjacent Landowner:**

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NAME/ADDRESS OF Adjacent Landowner:

Refer to section F11 of the instructions

12. Floodplain Map Number: 3001570235B

Refer to section F11 of the instructions

13. Does this project comply with local planning or zoning regulations? Yes No

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G. SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Refer to section G of the instructions

Some agencies require original signatures for an application to be considered complete. After completing the application form, make the required number of copies and sign each copy. Send the copies with original signatures and additional information required directly to each applicable agency.

The statements contained in this application are true and correct. The applicant possesses the authority to undertake the work described herein or is acting as the duly authorized agent of the landowner. The applicant understands that the granting of a permit does not include landowner permission to access land or construct a project. Inspections of the project site after notice by inspection authorities are hereby authorized.

**By signing or typing my name on the signature line below, I hereby swear and affirm that I am the applicant for this project and am responsible for all information contained in this application.*

*APPLICANT (party responsible for project)

LANDOWNER (If different from applicant)

Roger Clift

Same

Print Name

Print Name

Roger Clift

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Landowner

CONTRACTOR (If applicable. Contact agency to determine if contractor signature is required)

Jeff Evjene

Print Name of Primary Contract

Company/Entity Name (If applicable)

Jeff Evjene

Signature of Contractor

Date

Signature:



Roger Clift (Oct 17, 2025 08:28:52 CDT)

Email: roger_clift@yahoo.com

Signature:



Jeff Evjene (Oct 16, 2025 14:25:38 MDT)

Email: jeffevjene@hotmail.com

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