

STATE OF MONTANA
NATURAL STREAMBED AND LAND PRESERVATION ACT
NOTICE OF EMERGENCY
(This is not a permit application)

Accepted 4-15-26

When emergency action has been taken to safeguard life, property, or crops the following information must be received by the conservation district within 15 days of the activity.

1. Name of Applicant Bryan White
Address PO Box 21495 Telephone No. 406-671-9095
City/State/Zip Billings, MT 59104
2. Location of Activity
Stream name Stillwater River County Stillwater
Location SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 8 Township 4S Range 17E
3. Date emergency action was taken 28 March 2026
4. Explanation of emergency causing the need for the actions described above
(attach additional sheets if necessary)

Fallen tree due to windstorm on sloped bank and staircase leading to river.
(See Attached Photos)

5. Description of emergency action taken

Cut tree into smaller pieces so highwater does not erode bank and rip staircase out of sloped bar

6. Signature

Date 4/10/26

TO BE COMPLETED BY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Date notice of emergency received _____
2. Does the action taken meet the definition of a project? _____
 - 2a. If no, date person notified _____
 - 2b. If yes, date notice sent to Department _____
3. Team inspection requested. (Must request on site inspection within 20 days of notice.)
Date _____
4. Date of inspection _____
5. Action taken
 - ☐ Approved (no further action required by applicant)
 - ☐ Modified (applicant must submit form 270 within 90 days to mitigate damages from emergency action)
 - ☐ Denied (applicant must submit form 270 within 90 days to remove project)
 - ☐ Project does not meet definition of an emergency.
6. Special recommendations or considerations:

7. Supervisors' Signatures:

8. Date _____

VIA EMAIL: admin@stillwatercd.org

April 10, 2026

Sharon Flemetis, District Administrator
Stillwater Conservation District
PO Box 48 • 334 North 9th Street
Columbus, MT 59019

Re: Written Response to Cease and Desist Notice dated April 3, 2026
Property: 1187 Stillwater River Rd, Absarokee, MT 59001

Dear Ms. Flemetis,

Thank you for your letter dated April 3, 2026. I am writing in response to the Stillwater Conservation District's request for a written response, and I am enclosing a completed Form 275 Notice of Emergency dated April 10, 2026, which documents the activity in question.

In response to your three specific requests:

1. **Whether the work was authorized by me as the landowner:** The activity that was undertaken by my son, Bryan White in response to an emergency condition on my property was authorized by me, as landowner.
2. **The purpose and extent of the activity:** A recent windstorm caused a large tree to fall on the sloped bank of my property along the Stillwater River. The fallen tree became attached to a staircase structure leading from my property to the river. The fallen tree presented an imminent risk that rising spring high water would erode the bank and dislodge the staircase. Bryan cut the tree into smaller pieces to eliminate that risk and to prevent a large tree from floating downstream during high water flows.
3. **Whether any additional work is planned:** No additional work in or near the stream is currently planned. Should future bank stabilization or staircase repair become necessary, I will contact the District in advance to determine permitting requirements.

I welcome a site visit, upon request, and am happy to cooperate fully with the District to address any remaining concerns. Please feel free to contact Bryan White directly at 406-671-9095 or by mail at the address below.

Respectfully,



Lonney White Jr.
PO Box 21495
Billings, MT 59104

Enclosure: Form 275 Notice of Emergency, dated April 10, 2026
Pictures of the fallen tree

