

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

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 Absarokee Town Ditch Betsy Steffanich
Address Lovers Lane Telephone No. 406-855-6407
City/State/Zip Absarokee, Mt. 59001

2. Location of Activity
Stream name Rosebud Creek County Stillwater
Location ¼ ¼ ¼ Section 13 Township T4S Range R18E

3. Date emergency action was taken May 15, 2026

4. Explanation of emergency causing the need for the actions described above
(attach additional sheets if necessary)

Absarokee Town Ditch has cobble and 5 concrete blocks, that are being used as plugs, to regulate water flow to its ditch's intake. Due to the extremely low water levels this year, there is no water reaching our ditch intake.

While working on and waiting for 310 permitting, we need to move some of the cobble and concrete blocks to allow us to divert overflow water from the neighboring ditch that flows next to our intake as well as possible river high water run off.

Absarokee Town Ditch is used for agriculture purposes, irrigation for Town Ditch users as well as replenishing water to dry irrigation wells in Absarokee.

5. Description of emergency action taken

On May 15, the 5 concrete blocks as well as cobble was moved to open up our intake to divert overflow water from the neighboring ditch as well as possible river high water run-off to reach our intake.

On May 22, we placed some cobble across the stream channel that runs next to our intake hoping to divert water to our intake.

On May 29, we removed part of the stream channel diversion, because of high water, to reduce the amount of water going to our headgate so we may prevent any damage to our headgate.

All work is being done by a Track Excavator from the bank with only the bucket in the channel.

6. Signature Betsy Steffanich Date May 29, 2026

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 _____