

Complaint # 26-014C

Date rec'd _____

Application # 26-015

**STATE OF MONTANA
NATURAL STREAMBED AND LAND PRESERVATION ACT
OFFICIAL COMPLAINT**

1. Alleged Violator Absarokee Town Ditch c/o Betsy Steffanich
Address P.O. Box 87 City Roscoe
State MT Zip 59071 Phone 406-855-6407

2. Location of activity: Name of perennial stream Rosebud Creek
 S13 T 4S R 18E

3. Nature of complaint. Please give specific written description of the activity and draw a sketch of the site. Please note any landmarks. Provide photos if available.

During a team inspection near the Absarokee Town Ditch headgate, district staff observed a completed rock/cobble placement and concrete blocks at or near a side channel leading toward the ditch intake. The observed condition appeared to restrict, close, or modify flow through the side channel. The work was reported to have been completed in approximately 2023. The involved party stated that the work was believed to be covered by a maintenance permit; district review indicates that the maintenance permit applies to a different location. No location-specific written consent was identified for the prior work. See attached photographs, notes, and narrative.

4. Verification of alleged violation. Please state whether you have personally viewed the site of the alleged violation, and the date of the viewing. If you have not viewed the site, please state the basis that forms your belief that a alleged violation is occurring.

I personally viewed the site and the completed stream-channel condition on April 30, 2026. I observed rock/cobble placement and concrete blocks at or near the side-channel area leading toward the ditch intake. My complaint is based on that site observation, supporting photographs, the reported history of the work, and review of the maintenance permit, which applies to a different location. This complaint is submitted for investigation and Board review.

5. Complainant's Signature _____

Please print name Sharon Flemetis

Address PO Box 48 City Columbus

State MT Zip 59019 Phone 406-780-0285

Please note: **ANY COMPLAINTS FILED WITH OUR OFFICE
MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

TO BE COMPLETED BY TEAM MEMBER

INSPECTION REPORT

1. The following is the determination of the team member who conducted the on-site inspection of the alleged violation site.

2. Determination _____ activity has been initiated on a perennial flowing stream without a valid permit.
- _____ activity violates emergency procedures.
- _____ activity is outside the scope of permit.
- _____ activity is not a violation as defined by district rules.

- ### 3. Recommended course of action

Team _____ Member _____ Date _____