

# REQUEST TO REDUCE A GROUNDWATER CERTIFICATE

This form may be used to reduce the flow rate, volume, place of use, period of use, and/or purposes of use for a Groundwater Certificate. Once processed, a new Certificate will be issued for the reduced amount. Once a new Certificate with the reduced elements is issued, the elements listed on the original Certificate may not be reinstated. Any right to the use of water under the original Certificate will be permanently relinquished and/or abandoned in an amount equal to the reduction.

Water Right Owner Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Groundwater Certificate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**The reason for this request is: (check one and describe below)**

- This water right was filed for more water than was actually being used.
- A portion of the original right is no longer being used and has been abandoned because:
  - A shared well user drilled another well and is no longer using this well / water right
  - The pump was changed to one that pumps at a lower flow rate
  - Irrigated acreage was reduced
  - A purpose has been discontinued/reduced (stock removed, pond filled-in (fully or partially), etc.)
- Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the flow rate less than identified on the original Groundwater Certificate?  Yes  No  
If yes, what is the actual flow rate? \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per minute

Is the purpose of use less than what is identified in the DNRC water right record?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain—be very specific (i.e. past and current number of irrigated acres, stock, dwellings, etc.).  
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Provide any additional details that will help DNRC assess this reduction. *Note that DNRC will use standard volumes by purpose (found in ARM 36.12.115) when quantifying the new use. If you are requesting a departure from those standards, explain that here.*  
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*I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed or acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Notary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public for the state of \_\_\_\_\_  
Residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

*Affix Notarial Seal/Stamp Above*