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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

**CITY OF POLSON, MONTANA  
Downtown Water System Improvements**

May 30, 2014

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. The project consists of downtown distribution system upgrades to provide system looping, eliminate low pressures and improve system hydraulics during periods of moderately high demand; and eliminate 22% to 26% water losses due to leakage in undersized cast iron distribution lines dating back to the early 1900's. The proposed project will include the abandonment of existing 4" and 6" cast iron lines and the installation of 7,200 lineal feet of new line ranging in diameter from 8" to 12". Also included are new valves; the replacement or new installation of 17 fire hydrants; service connections; and street, curb, and sidewalk restoration following construction. This categorical exclusion supersedes the one previously issued, entitled "Salish Point Distribution System Improvements Project – 2014", issued October 18, 2013.

The location of the project is the downtown area of Polson both north and south of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East (US 93) as shown on the attached aerial photograph.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality  
State Revolving Fund Loan Program  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601

City Hall  
City of Polson  
106 1<sup>st</sup> Street East  
Polson, MT 59860

Sincerely,

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