Flathead Conservation District



What is a 310 Permit? Montana's Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act, also known as the 310 Law, is a state law which requires that any person planning to work in or near a year-round (perennial) stream or river on private or public land must first obtain a 310 Permit from the local conservation district.

Who administers this law? Conservation Districts throughout Montana administer the 310 Law. See map on back page. The Flathead Conservation District administers the 310 law within Flathead County.

How long does the permitting process take? The permitting process generally takes 30 to 90 days.

What does a 310 Permit cost? What do I have to do to get one? There is no fee for a 310 Permit. For stream activities within Flathead County contact the Flathead Conservation District (406) 752-4220, www.flatheadcd.org, or stop by the office to pick up an application.

How does the permitting process work?

- 1) **Application Process:** All information requested on the 310 application, including plans, drawings, maps, and engineering plans; photos may also be provided. Incomplete applications may be rejected.
- 2) Site Inspection Process: A District representative, a Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks representative, the landowner or landowner's representative, and/or the applicant will meet to discuss the project on site.
- 3) **Decision Process:** After an inspection is conducted, team members make recommendations to the District at a regular 310 meeting, which is held on the second Monday of the month. (If a meeting is on the same day as a Holiday, the meeting will be moved to Tuesday.) All decisions are made at these meetings, which are open to the public. The Conservation District will review and approve, modify or deny the permit. The applicant has 15 days after receiving the decision, to sign & return the Board's Decision form, or the permit is automatically null and void. Permits are generally valid for one year.

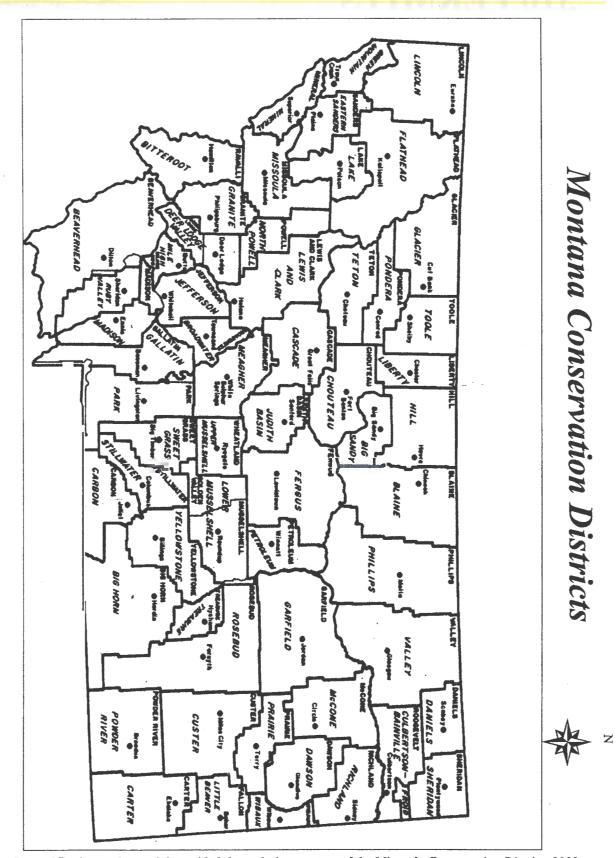
What if I have an emergency? If an emergency action is taken (to safeguard life or property, including growing crops) you must file a Notice of Emergency form within 15 days of the action. The Conservation District will review and decide whether the action was appropriate, must be modified, removed and/or replaced.

What happens if I don't get a 310 permit? A person who initiates a project or performs activities outside the scope of written consent of the supervisors, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to fines or a civil penalty as provided in 75-7-123, MCA.

Are other permits required? Yes. Refer to other agencies permit requirements listed in the Joint Application.

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General Eagle Bend West/Harbor Village Restrictive Easement Areas (inside blue line) Separate lot easements and maps are available

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