

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NO. MT-26-03
MARCH 16, 2026**

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC
NOTICE**

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website <https://deq.mt.gov/public/index>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

**APPLICANT:
DRH Chico Tenant, LLC**

FACILITY NAME: Chico Hot Springs Resort and Day Spa

FACILITY LOCATION: 163 Chico Road, Pray, Montana 59065

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water

**PERMIT NUMBER:
MTX000105**

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000105, to DRH Chico Tenant, LLC for the Chico Hot Springs Resort and Day Spa. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to groundwater. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the existing wastewater treatment and disposal system.

The facility uses pressure dosed drainfields (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The facility's location is Section 01, Township 06 South, Range 08 East, Park County; Latitude: 45.34001°, Longitude: -110.69501°.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on APRIL 15, 2026.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. **All comments received or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on APRIL 15, 2026,** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail DEQWPB-PublicComments@mt.gov

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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