

Public Notice

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on the “Kootenai-Fisher Project Area Metals, Nutrients, Sediment, and Temperature TMDLs and Water Quality Improvement Plan.” The document describes metals, nutrients, sediment, and temperature water quality problems in Big Cherry, Bristow, Lake, Libby, Quartz, Raven, Snowshoe, Stanley, and Wolf Creeks in the Kootenai and Fisher River watersheds in Lincoln County, and provides total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to help address these problems. The document also outlines a strategy for improving water quality in order to meet Montana’s surface water quality standards. The document is not related to clean-up operations for asbestos contamination in Libby.

The draft document is posted on the DEQ web site at <http://deq.mt.gov/pubcom.mcp> and copies are available at the Troy and Libby Public Libraries and the Montana State Library in Helena. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., March 4, 2014, and may be mailed to DEQ, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, or submitted electronically at <http://comment.cwaic.mt.gov/>. For more information, contact Christina Staten at (406) 444-2836 or by e-mail at cstatten@mt.gov.

A public meeting will be held February 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Libby Public Schools Central Administration Building, 724 Louisiana Avenue, in Libby, MT. DEQ will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this meeting. If you require an accommodation, please contact Carrie Greeley at: cgreeley@mt.gov or 406-444-6749 by February 10, 2014.