

Public Notice

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is holding two public meetings to provide information, answer questions, and accept written comments on the “Lower Beaverhead River and Upper Jefferson River Temperature TMDLs” document. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 1 p.m. at the Search and Rescue building in Dillon, MT, located at 1000 Highway 41. The second meeting will be held Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall in Whitehall, MT, located at 2 North Whitehall St.

The document describes a temperature study conducted on the lower portion of the Beaverhead River located in Beaverhead County and the upper portion of the Jefferson River located in Silver Bow, Jefferson, and Madison Counties. These two river segments do not meet water quality standards for temperature, and the document provides total maximum daily loads to help address these problems and outlines a strategy for reducing surface water temperatures in these two rivers.

The draft document is available on the DEQ web site at <http://deq.mt.gov/pubcom.mcp> and copies are available at the Dillon, Twin Bridges, and Whitehall Public Libraries and the Montana State Library in Helena. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., August 7, 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 Kristy Fortman at (406) 444-7425 or by e-mail at kfortman@mt.gov. DEQ will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in either meeting. If you require special accommodation, please contact Carrie Greeley at cgreeley@mt.gov or (406) 444-6749 no later than July 10, 2014.