



## Important Water Right Legislation Passed

Dear Montana Property Owner:

The 2005 Legislature passed House Bill 22 (HB22) to accelerate the statewide water rights adjudication. HB22 requires every water right owner in the state to pay \$20.00 every two years per water right for the next ten years. Using the DNRC ownership records, invoices will be sent every two years starting in December 2005 from the Department of Revenue. The accuracy of the DNRC ownership and address records will affect how much you have to pay.

- **If you have never owned any water rights, please ignore this notice.**
- If you owned water rights, but they should be in the name of a new owner, or if you purchased property with water rights, be sure an Ownership Update form was filed as required by law. The form and instructions can be found on the web at <http://www.dnrc.state.mt.us/>.
- If you own water rights, please confirm that your address is correct in the DNRC water right records on the web address below, or through your local DNRC Regional Office.
- If your address is incorrect, you can email a correction by using a form located on the DNRC "HB22" website described below.
- If you have a ground water right through a well that is not on record with DNRC, you can register it with DNRC. The form can be found at <http://www.dnrc.state.mt.us/>. Registration will provide you with important notices of upcoming adjudication and new water right activity that may be occurring in your area that may affect your water right.

You can research water right ownership on the web at <http://nris.mt.gov/dnrc/waterrights>.

To determine how much you will have to pay, or for more information about HB22 visit the DNRC "HB22" website at [http://dnrc.state.mt.us/house\\_bill22/default.asp](http://dnrc.state.mt.us/house_bill22/default.asp).

If you do not have web access, please contact the DNRC Regional Office listed below for the county where the water rights are located for copies of information on the website, or for information about your water rights.

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