



April 10, 2017

Matthew Deurmeier  
79 W Alexa Ct  
Bozeman, MT 59718-6617

**RE: Water Quality Act Violation [CVID #19727]**

Dear Mr. Deurmeier:

On April 4, 2017 the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received a report of an incident that resulted in your vehicle entering South Dry Creek in Bozeman, Montana. An unknown amount of engine oils leaked into the creek.

Due to the nature of the incident, no further cleanup activities will be required by DEQ. However, because vehicle fluids did enter the creek, I am sending this letter to inform you that the release of gasoline into the South Dry Creek constitutes a violation of the Water Quality Act, which states:

- It is unlawful to place or cause to be placed any wastes where they will cause pollution of any state waters. *See* Section 75-5-605(1)(c), Montana Code Annotated (MCA). State waters is defined as a body of water, irrigation system, or drainage system, either surface or underground. *See* Section 75-5-103(34), MCA.

DEQ is closing the spill file for this incident. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shasta Steinweden".

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