

# Bitterroot Focus Watershed Stakeholders Meeting\*

Monday February 28, 2022

Hamilton City Hall Community Room (Bedford Building, upstairs)

223 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Hamilton, MT<sup>†</sup>

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*GOAL: Improve effectiveness of ongoing and upcoming water quality projects by providing a venue to share information, receive feedback, and foster partnerships.*

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## AGENDA

- 12:50** Virtual troubleshooting or in-person mingling—hop online, get comfortable
- 1:00** Welcome & “conclusions” about the Bitterroot Focus Watershed effort  
**Hannah Riedl, DEQ**
- 1:10** Bitterroot River Nutrient Protection Plan (open for public comment 02/28/2022 – 03/28/2022 via [deq.mt.gov/public/publiccomment](http://deq.mt.gov/public/publiccomment)) and ongoing mainstem and tributary monitoring  
**Hannah Riedl, DEQ**  
**w/ contributions from**  
**John DeArment, Clark Fork Coalition**  
**Michael Howell, Bitterroot River Protection Association**
- 1:30** Clark Fork Coalition projects on Miller, O’Brien, and Upper Lolo Creeks  
**Katie Racette, Jed Whitely, and Adam Switalski, Clark Fork Coalition**

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\* More info about the Bitterroot Focus Watershed and past stakeholder meetings:

<http://mtwaterqualityprojects.pbworks.com/w/page/134520603/Bitterroot%20Focus%20Watershed>

<sup>†</sup> DEQ is committed to preventing the spread of COVID-19 and promoting the health and wellness of others.

Members of the public may participate either in-person or virtually. For in-person meetings, while face masks are not required, meeting attendees are welcome to wear masks. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend the in-person meeting.

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- 1:50 Stevensville and Hamilton shallow water aquifer studies  
Todd Myse, MT Bureau of Mines & Geology
- 2:05 ARPA recipients panel  
Donny Ramer, City of Hamilton  
Tracy Campbell, City of Missoula  
Shane Stack, Missoula County  
Jeff Burrows, Ravalli County
- 2:25 BREAK
- 2:40 USFS infrastructure funding  
Andy Efta, US Forest Service
- 2:55 Targeted Implementation Plans and how to get one started  
Stacey Welling, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 3:10 Bitterroot Conservation District projects:  
  - Improving irrigation on the Bitterroot mainstem
  - Cost share projectsKent Myers, Bitterroot Conservation District
- 3:25 Bitter Root Water Forum projects:  
  - Water quality projects
  - A River Conditions Tool for drought resiliency
  - Water conservation on Bitterroot tributariesAndrea Price, Bitter Root Water Forum
- 4:00 BREAK
- 4:15 Trout Unlimited projects:  
  - North Burnt Fork channel realignment at the Lee Metcalf
  - Skalkaho Creek fish screensChristine Brissette, Trout Unlimited
- 4:30 Outreach to new homeowners with septic systems  
John Palacio, Ravalli County Environmental Health
- 4:45 Lower Bitterroot lead monitoring results from 2021  
Hannah Riedl, DEQ