## REALTY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE

## **Confidential Tax Document**

**WHO MUST FILE** – Any party transferring real property regardless of whether the transfer is or is not evidenced by deed or instrument or any party presenting an instrument or deed evidencing a transfer of real estate for recording. Real estate includes land, growing timber, buildings, structures, fixtures, fences and improvements affixed to land.

**YOU MAY OWE INCOME TAXES** – Any gain on this transfer is Montana source income and should be reported to the Department of Revenue on the appropriate income tax return.

**WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE** – The completed Realty Transfer Certificate must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder when the instrument or deed evidencing a transfer of real estate is presented for recording.

If the transfer is by operation of law, then a Realty Transfer Certificate with the required supporting documentation should be filed with the local Department of Revenue office. See Part 4 for further information.

The Department of Revenue will change the ownership record when this form is fully completed and signed by the preparer.

## PART 1 - DATE OF TRANSFER (SALE)

This should be the date on which the instrument or deed was executed (the date the instrument or deed was signed by the Seller (Grantor) and Buyer (Grantee) unless otherwise specified in the deed or date of decedent's death). Contracts for Deed and Notices of Purchaser's Interest should use the date the contract or notice was initially effective.

#### PART 2 - PARTIES

**Seller (Grantor)/ Buyer (Grantee):** Enter the names of the Seller (Grantor) and Buyer (Grantee) exactly as they appear on the transferring document. Business organizations, corporations, trusts, etc. should enter their name(s) exactly as it appears on the transferring document.

**Addresses:** For the Seller (Grantor), enter the current mailing address. The Seller (Grantor) and the Buyer (Grantee) are requested to mark Yes or No to indicate if the property subject to this transfer has been or will be the location of their principal residence. A principal residence is a residential dwelling that was occupied, in the case of the Seller (Grantor), or will be occupied, in the case of the Buyer (Grantee), for at least 7 months. The Buyer (Grantee) must enter the permanent mailing address. If the tax notice is to be sent to a different mailing address, please complete the additional mailing information.

**SSN or FEIN:** For individuals, provide the last four digits of the social security number of all legal owners named in the transferring document. Business organizations, corporations, trusts, etc., provide the last four digits of the federal ID number(s) of the legal entity(ies) named in the transferring document. See 15-1-201, MCA and 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i)(iv). The Department of Revenue uses personal identification numbers to cross match Realty Transfer Certificates with income tax returns to verify taxpayer compliance on gains from real estate sales or transfers and to identify delinquent taxpayers. Additional SSN or FEIN numbers (last four digits) may be provided on an attachment.

Daytime Phone and Email Addrress: Enter phone numbers and email addresses for both the Seller (Grantor) and Buyer (Grantee).

#### PART 3 - PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

This section identifies the parcel that is being transferred by location and is the legal description found on the instrument or deed conveying the real estate or the abstract to the real estate.

The property description may be provided on an attachment and can be identified by checking the applicable box.

## PART 4 – DESCRIPTION OF TRANSFER (Please refer to When and Where to File above.)

Check the box(es) that describes the transfer for which an instrument is to be recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder.

**Transfer by Operation of Law:** Check the box(es) that apply to the type of transfer. A copy of the following applicable documentation must be attached to the Realty Transfer Certificate:

- Termination of joint tenancy or life estate by death copy of the certified death certificate.
- Court Decree certified copy of the order or decree requiring the transfer.
- Merger, consolidation or other business reorganization plan of reorganization filed with the Secretary of State.
- Name change only documents filed with the Secretary of State to accomplish the name change.

# PART 5 - EXCEPTION FROM PROVIDING SALES PRICE INFORMATION

If any of the exceptions listed apply to this transfer, check the appropriate box and do not complete Section 6. If you are unsure whether this transaction should be defined as an exception or if you have any other questions concerning exception status, request a determination from your local Department of Revenue office.

## PART 6 – SALE INFORMATION (If there is no exception checked in Part 5, you must complete this section.)

Confidentiality: Sale information is confidential and for official use by the Department of Revenue only.

Enter the total purchase price paid for the sale parcel. This should include cash, mortgages, property traded, liabilities assumed, leases, easements and personal property.

**Financing:** If you paid cash for the entire sale parcel, check the box for Cash. If you financed the property by receiving a loan, check the appropriate box: Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Loan, Veterans Administration (VA) Loan or Conventional. If this was a contract for deed or trust indenture, check the box for Contract. If there was some other type of financing used such as a Montana Board of Housing Loan, trade of property, etc. check the box for Other. Also, indicate whether this was a new loan or an assumption of an existing loan.

**Personal Property:** Enter the dollar amount of any personal property included with the sale of this parcel. Personal property includes furniture and fixtures, business and farm equipment, livestock, recreational vehicles, leases and easements, and mobile homes. Anything that is permanently attached to the real estate should not be included. Negligible personal property included in a residential sale need not be reported.

**SID** (Special Improvement District – liens levied against the property for amenities like street paving, sewers, water systems, etc.): Answer the questions by checking the appropriate boxes, and include the amount of the SID paid or assumed.

Value of Inventory: Provide the value of any business inventory that was included in the sales price.

Value of Licenses: Provide the value of any licenses included in the sales price, i.e., liquor licenses, gambling licenses, etc.

**Value of Good Will:** Provide the value of Good Will included in the sale price. (Good Will is defined as "the economic advantage over competitors that a business has acquired by virtue of habitual patronage of customers.")

PART 7 – WATER RIGHTS DISCLOSURE – This disclosure must be completed and signed by the Seller (Grantor) or the Seller's legally appointed agent if box B, C or D is checked. Seller's (Grantor) signature is not required if box A is checked. If Box D has been checked, the Certification of Water Right Ownership Update, Form 640 (page 5), must also be signed by the Seller (Grantor), the Buyer (Grantee), and the escrow agent (if applicable) for the deed or instrument to be recorded by the County Clerk and Recorder. Refer to page 2 for further information about the disclosure.

**PART 8 – PREPARER INFORMATION** – All Realty Transfer Certificates must be signed and dated by the preparer. By his/her signature, the preparer indicates the information provided is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, that the Seller (Grantor) and the Buyer (Grantee) have examined the completed Realty Transfer Certificate and agree the information contained within is correct and accurate.

## WATER RIGHT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

The Water Right Disclosure is required by Montana Law. The Legislature requires both the buyer and seller of property to know what the water right situation is—whether any water rights exist and whether they are being transferred with or withheld from the property.

A water right is a legally protected right to beneficially use water in priority that was obtained in accordance with Montana law. Buyers should investigate whether water being used on a property is allowed as a valid water right, or is merely an unauthorized and unprotectable use of water. In Montana, all irrigation water rights must have a valid Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) water right number to be of record. However, existing water rights for livestock and individual domestic use, as opposed to municipal use, based on an instream flow or groundwater source before July 1, 1973, do not need a DNRC water right number. If a water right does not have a DNRC number, and does not fall within the above narrow exception, there is no water right.

Once the water rights belonging to a property have been identified, the investigation of water rights should not stop there. Although a water right may have a valid DNRC water right number, it may still be subject to final adjudication in Montana's general stream adjudication. The Montana Water Court is currently adjudicating all Statements of Claim for pre-July 1, 1973 water rights. A water right's validity is dependent on the results of its adjudication, and how its priority compares to other water rights on a source of supply. The buyer and seller of a property may need to consult an attorney or water rights consultant for an opinion of the status of the property's water right. The Montana Water Court can answer questions about the current status of Statements of Claim being adjudicated by calling 1-800-624-3270 (in state) or 406-586-4364.

**Important:** If there are water rights that have been historically used on the property being transferred, but are not going to be transferred in the sale of land, the deed must specifically exempt (reserve) those water rights from the land sale. If the deed is silent, the water rights automatically pass with the land by operation of law.

The following descriptions may be helpful to determine the appropriate box to mark in Part 7, Water Rights Disclosure. If further assistance is needed, the buyer and seller of a property may want to seek legal advice.

# CHECK ONLY ONE BOX (on Part 7, Water Rights Disclosure on page 3)

To correctly complete the water right disclosure, the seller (grantor) needs to know if there are water rights belonging to the subject property on record with the DNRC.

- A. Property is served by a public water supply, i.e., city or water district provides water. Check this box if the water you use on the land described in this document is provided by a city, town, water users association or other entity. Seller's (grantor) signature is not required in Part 7 if box A is checked. The seller does not need to file a Water Right Ownership Update form.
- **B.** Seller has no water rights on record with DNRC to transfer. Check this box if there are no water rights appurtenant to the subject property on record with the DNRC. The seller does not need to file a Water Right Ownership Update form.
  - If only filing a Beneficiary Deed, water rights do not transfer at this time. Check this box.
- C. Seller is transferring ALL water rights on record with DNRC to the Buyer. If all of the water rights belonging to the subject property on record with the DNRC will be transferred to the buyer, check this box. All of the water rights associated with the land described in Part 3 will have the owner name updated once the fee is submitted. Submit the proper fee and DNRC Water Right Ownership Update, Form 608 (pages 6-7), to your local water resources office.
- D. Seller is dividing or exempting (reserving) water rights. If the seller (grantor) has divided the property and water rights or has exempted (reserved) the water rights (not transferred with the land sale), check this box and complete the Certification of Water Right Ownership Update, form 640 (page 5). The seller (grantor) must submit a DNRC Ownership Update Exempt (Reserve) Severed Water Right, Form 642 and filing fee identifying which water right has been kept by the seller. If a water right has been divided, the seller must file a DNRC Ownership Update Divided Interest, Form 641 and filing fee explaining how and with whom the water right was divided.

Contact the DNRC for information if water is used on the property other than described above.

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	ontana law requires this form be completed and may impose up to \$500 penalty for failure to file a Realty Transfer Certificate (15-7-304,				
(MM/DD/YYYY) 15	15-7-305 and 15-7-310, MCA)				
PART 2 – PARTIES Please complete this section in full; if additional space is required, please attach a separate page					
Seller (Grantor)  Name  Mailing Address (Permanent)  CitySTZip	FEIN XX - XXX Daytime Phone Double Daytime Phone				
Seller Principal ResidenceYesNo	Email Address P				
Buyer (Grantee)           Name	SSN XXX - XX - FEIN XX - XXX  Daytime Phone				
Mailing Address	Representative: Trust FEINXX XXX				
PART 3 – PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Please complete full	y; if additional space is required, please attach a separate page.				
Add/SubBlo CountyCity/Town					
PART 4 – DESCRIPTION OF TRANSFER Please complete full	y, more than one may apply.				
□ Transfer is subject to a reserved life estate □ Beneficiary deed  Distressed sales: □ Sheriff's deed □ Trustee's deed □ Dee  Transfer by Operation of Law □ Termination of joint tenancy by □ Termination of life estate death  PART 5 – EXCEPTIONS FROM PROVIDING SALES PRICE INF □ Transfer between husband/wife or parent/child for nominal consideration □ Termination of joint tenancy by death □ Transfer to a revocable living trust □ Gift □ Correction, modification, or supplement of previously recorded instrument, no additional consideration □ Merger, consolidation or reorganization of business entity □ Land currently classified as agricultural land and for continued use for agricultural purposes (15-7-307, MCA)  PART 6 – SALE PRICE INFORMATION Please complete full	by Court order or decree (except sheriff's sale) Merger, consolidation, or other business entity reorganization  ORMATION Please complete fully, more than one may apply.  Transfer in contemplation of death without consideration Transfer of property of the estate of a decedent Transfer pursuant to court decree (except sheriff's sale) Termination of life estate by death Transfer by government agency Tax deed Land currently classified as forestland and for continued use for producing timber (15-7-307, MCA)				
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Actual Sale Price \$ Financing:CashFHAVAContractOther Terms:New loan	Value of good will included in sale \$				
PART 7 - WATER RIGHT DISCLOSURE Disclosure is only ap	oplicable to the property identified in PART 3 above.				
■ A. Property is served by a public water supply, i.e., city, irrigation district, or water district provides water. ■ B. Seller has no water rights on record with DNRC to transfer.	□ C. Seller is transferring ALL water rights on record with DNRC to the Buyer. □ D. Seller is dividing or exempting (reserving) water rights. Seller must file Water Right Update form.				
X Seller (Grantor) Signature	Date				
PART 8 – PREPARER INFORMATION Preparer's signature	is required.				
X Signature					
Clerk and Recorder Use Only					
Recording Information: Document No Book	PageDate				

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Buyer/Seller Copy

# Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation 1424 9th Avenue, PO Box 201601 Helena, MT 59620-1601

Helena, MT 59620-1601 Phone: 444-6601, FAX: 444-0533



# **Certification of Water Right Ownership Update**

The Realty Transfer Certificate submitted with the deed or other instrument indicates a water right is being divided or exempted (reserved) from the property. The Clerk and Recorder may not record the deed or instrument unless this certification is completed and signed by the buyer, seller and escrow agent (if applicable). See 85-2-424(6), MCA.

☐ The required DNRC Ownership Update Divided Interest, Form 641 or DNRC Ownership Update Exempt (Re Severed Water Right, Form 642 and the required fee are held in escrow.		
	I certify under penalty of false swearing that the statement appearing here is to correct.	the best of my knowledge true and
	Seller Signature	Date
	Buyer Signature	Date
	Escrow Agent Signature	Date
	There is no escrow. The required DNRC Ownership Update Divided Interest, Fexempt (Reserved) / Severed, Form 642, has been prepared and will be sent v of Natural Resources and Conservation within five business days of recording. that failure to file the appropriate form and fee may result in the department impuyer. See 85-2-431 and 85-2-424(6)(b), MCA.	vith the required fee to the Department The transferee (buyer) acknowledges
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	Seller Signature	
	Buyer Signature	Date

# If you have questions, contact your local water resources regional office.

### **BILLINGS**

406-247-4415

Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Fallon, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure and Yellowstone Counties

### **BOZEMAN**

406-586-3136

Gallatin, Madison and Park Counties

#### **GLASGOW**

406-228-2561

Daniels, Dawson, Garfield, McCone, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley and Wibaux Counties

#### **HAVRE**

406-265-5516

Blaine, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Pondera, Teton and Toole Counties

#### **HELENA**

406-444-6999

Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Powell and Silver Bow Counties

#### **KALISPELL**

406-752-2288

Flathead, Lake, Lincoln and Sanders Counties

#### **LEWISTOWN**

406-538-7459

Cascade, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Meagher, Musselshell, Petroleum and Wheatland Counties

#### **MISSOULA**

406-721-4284

Granite, Mineral, Missoula and Ravalli Counties

File in WR No.		

# DNRC WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE

This form is for DNRC record keeping purposes only as required by 85-2-101(2), MCA. The deed is the legal document transferring the water right.

Use a new form for each deed transaction.

# Filing Fee

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email

Phone \_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to DNRC.

**BUYER** (Grantee)

Phone

1. CLOSING / CONTACT INFORMATION

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CLOSING / CONTACT INFORMATION	_
Date of Closing If applied	cable, provide your file number
Name Address	Phone
SELLER (Grantor)	
Mailing Address	
CitySta	ateZip

If you attach a **recorded** deed or other document of conveyance showing transfer of the property/water rights, DNRC will process the form. If no deed is attached, DNRC will wait for transfer information from the Department of Revenue to process the update.

City \_\_\_\_\_\_State \_\_\_\_\_Zip \_\_\_\_\_

5. List all water rights that require updated ownership. Attach a list if additional space is needed. If the buyer did not receive 100 % of the seller's interest in the water rights, do not use this form. File Form 641.

County	Geocode of Property being Transferred	Water Right Number

## DNRC OWNERSHIP UPDATE INFORMATION

- If you do not attach the proper **recorded** deed or instrument of conveyance, DNRC will wait for information from Department of Revenue indicating the deed was filed prior to updating the ownership on your water rights.
- Do not file this form if only a portion of the seller's interest of the water right is being transferred. Complete and file Form 641 DNRC Ownership Update Divided Interest.
- Do not file this form if you are severing a water right. Complete and file Form 642 DNRC Ownership Update Exempt (Reserved) / Severed Water Right.
- Do not file this form if your only use of water is from an irrigation district, municipal system, water users' association or other public water supply.
- If the sale is on a Contract for Deed, the seller will remain listed as a co-owner of the water right until the contract is satisfied.

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http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water