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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Petition to Assess Middle Segment Gallatin River Beneficial Uses & Make Impairment Determination
Attachments: GallatinListing-TMDL Petition Response 5-31-22.pdf

Dear Mr. Alsentzer,

Attached is DEQ's response to the petition submitted by the Upper Missouri Waterkeeper, the Gallatin River Task Force, Montana Trout Unlimited, American Rivers, and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition to assess the middle segment of the Gallatin River.

Sincerely,

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Dear Director Dorrington & DEQ Staff:

On behalf of Upper Missouri Waterkeeper, the Gallatin River Task Force, Montana Trout Unlimited, American Rivers, and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, please accept the letter attached below petitioning DEQ under MCA § 75-5-702 and 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(1) to:

- assess beneficial use attainment on the middle segment Gallatin River,
- make a determination that recurrent, nuisance algal blooms have degraded uses of this waterway and constitute overwhelming evidence of impairment,
- list this segment on the 303(d) List of impaired waters and submit to EPA for approval, and
- find that development of Total Maximum Daily Loads for nitrogen and phosphorus pollutants are necessary for the middle segment Gallatin River.

A hard copy of this petition and supporting exhibits is also being mailed first class to DEQ.

We appreciate DEQ's careful consideration of our petition and look forward to a reply on or before 60 days from today.

Respectfully submitted-
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