

September 8, 2025

Andy Mefford, PE Professional Consultants, Inc. 3115 S. Russell Street Missoula, MT 59801

RE:

Seventh Day Adventist Church & School

Sanders County E.Q. #24-2665 (sub) E.Q. #24-2444 (psr)

Andy:

The plans and supplemental information relating to the water supply, sewage, solid waste disposal, and storm drainage (if any) for the above referenced division of land have been reviewed as required by ARM Title 17 Chapter 36(101-805) and have been found to be in compliance with those rules.

Two copies of the Certificate of Subdivision Plat Approval are enclosed. The original is to be filed at the office of the county clerk and recorder. The duplicate is for your personal records.

Pursuant to MAR Notice No. 17-447, ARM 17.36.103 has been amended to no longer require a letter from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) or for projects within the reservation boundaries, by the appropriate water management board, regarding legal water availability (i.e. water rights) prior to certificate of subdivision approval. Thus, this certificate of subdivision approval does not consider legal water availability, but only the physical presence and properties of water (i.e. quantity and quality). For water rights determinations, contact DNRC or the appropriate management board as the regulatory authority of legal water availability.

Development of the approved subdivision may require coverage under the Department's <u>General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity</u>, if your development has construction-related disturbance of one or more acre. If so, please contact the Storm Water Program at (406) 444-3080 for more information or visit the Department's storm water construction website at http://www.deq.state.mt.us/wqinfo/MPDES/StormwaterConstruction.asp. Failure to obtain this permit (if required) prior to development can result in significant penalties.

In addition, your project may be subject to Federal regulations relating to Class V injection wells. Please contact the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding specific rules that may apply.

Your copy is to inform you of the conditions of the approval. Please note that you have specific responsibilities according to the plat approval statement primarily with regard to informing any new owner as to any conditions that have been imposed.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely.

Rachel Clark, PE.

Engineering Bureau Chief Engineering Bureau Water Quality Division

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STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CERTIFICATE OF SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL

(Section 76-4-101 et seq.)

TO: County Clerk and Recorder Sanders County Trout Creek, Montana E.Q. #24-2665

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the plans and supplemental information relating to the subdivision known as **Seventh-day Adventist Church and School**

Tract A of C.O.S. No. 72 located in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 24 North, Range 31 West, P.M.M., Sanders County, Montana as found in the records of the Sanders County Clerk & Recorder,

consisting of one lot (Tract A) has been reviewed by personnel of the Water Quality Division, and,

THAT the documents and data required by ARM Chapter 17 Section 36 have been submitted and found to be in compliance therewith, and,

THAT the approval of the C.O.S is made with the understanding that the following conditions shall be met:

THAT the Tract A size as indicated on the C.O.S. to be filed with the county clerk and recorder will not be further altered without approval, and,

THAT the lot shall be used for a church and a school, and,

THAT the public water supply and public subsurface wastewater treatment for this lot were reviewed and approved under **EQ#24-2605**, and,

THAT storm drainage facilities consist of site grading, a retention pond with a minimum of 3,640 cubic feet of storage and stormwater swales shall be constructed in accordance with the stamped and approved Storm Water Drainage Layout received by the department on June 19, 2025, and,

THAT the operation and maintenance of public water supply, onsite sewage facilities, and onsite stormwater facilities shall be the responsibility of the lot owner, and,

THAT water supply systems, sewage treatment systems and storm drainage systems will be located as shown on the approved plans, and,

THAT the developer and/or owner of record shall provide the purchaser of property with a copy of the C.O.S., approved location of water supply, sewage treatment system and storm drainage structures as shown on the attached lot layout, and a copy of this document, and,

THAT instruments of transfer for this property shall contain reference to these conditions, and,

THAT plans and specifications for any proposed sewage treatment systems will be reviewed and approved by the county health department and will comply with local regulations and ARM, Title 17, Chapter 36, Subchapters 3 and 9, before construction is started.

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THAT departure from any criteria set forth in the approved plans and specifications and Title 17, Chapter 36, Sub-Chapters 1, 3, and 6 ARM when erecting a structure and appurtenant facilities in said subdivision without Department approval, is grounds for injunction by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Pursuant to Section 76-4-122 (2)(a), MCA, a person must obtain the approval of both the State under Title 76, Chapter 4, MCA, and local board of health under section 50-2-116(1)(i), before filing a subdivision plat with the county clerk and recorder. This certificate of subdivision approval considered the physical presence and properties of water but does not constitute an entitlement to or a representation regarding water rights or the legal availability of water, which is regulated by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation or for projects within the reservation boundaries, by the appropriate water management board.

YOU ARE REQUESTED to record this certificate by attaching it to the C.O.S. filed in your office as required by law.

DATED this 8tht day of September, 2025.

Sonja Nowakowski DIRECTOR

By:

Rachel Clark, PE, Engineering Chief Subdivision Section Engineering Bureau

Water Quality Division

Department of Environmental Quality

Owner's Name: Montana Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, Inc.



