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Fred Berger, recognized as a leader of ranch and rodeo who was born in 1957 and, "Owned and built several cattle feedlots and ranches in North Dakota. He fed 10,000 – 12,000 head of cattle annually for himself and purchased hundreds of thousands for others. It was ranching and rodeo that gave Fred countless lifelong friends and memories," according to the website. Modern-era rodeo standouts Jeff Kvamme of Voltaire, ND and Jeff Gorrell, also were recognized in that category, with Kvamme holding the distinction of being a high school state champion and Nationals competitor who also, "Entered amateur and PRCA rodeos for eight years. During this time,

he won the NDRA year-end title in bull riding three times." Gorrell, for his part, is a Williston native who graduated from Beach High School and was a high school rodeo team-roping state champion. Gorrell went on to Dawson Community College in Glendive and was the rodeo team captain, while thereafter, "claimed the men's team trophy in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association-Big Sky Region in 1977 and 1979," and competed in numerous regional rodeos with his brother, Joel, for many years, according to the website. There was a special achievement recognition for the Richardton Saddle Club for being, "the oldest known sad-

dle club in North Dakota with an unbroken charter," while another went to "Virgil," an Appaloosa mare that was born-and-raised by Dale Kling near Grassy Butte on the Kling Ranch. The Oak Coulee Ranch, with a tradition that dates back to 1902, was recognized in that category, along with pre-1940s-era rancher Charles Bahm, who was born in 1883 south of New Salem. "Charlie owned as many as 1,180 head of cattle. With no feed available, he was forced to sell off the herd, keeping only two milk cows. By 1937, conditions improved, and Charlie rebuilt. As cattle prices rose, he steadily expanded his operation, eventually owning 37 sections of land," the website said about Bahm's induction. Pre-1970s rodeo star and Fort Berthold Indian Reservation native Buddine Fredericks was recognized for her career as a rancher, teacher, and a rodeo career that included being "Crowned

Rodeo Queen at New Mexico State University who later became the North Dakota Rodeo Association Champion Barrel Racer in the late 1950s. She also competed in saddle bronc riding at local rodeos, including the Killdeer Mountain Round-Up, and supported many local cowboys and cowgirls in their rodeo careers," according to the website. Dale Pahlke earned a 2026 Legacy Award recognition for his efforts in ranching and banking careers, and he is a major contributor to the North Dakota High School/Junior High School Rodeo Association. Cowboy long-rider Wayne Halvorson was born and raised in North Dakota and is a rodeo star in his own right who, "For over 30 years has operated his successful training and breeding program in Oklahoma while continuing to manage his family's ranch in White Earth, North Dakota." Center native Howard Bubel, who "played a

vital role in sustaining the traditions of the rodeo world – where hard work, sportsmanship, and respect for animals remain at the heart of the sport," through Bubel Timed Event, helped grow and maintain the sport of rodeo. He also supplied cattle for the North Dakota Rodeo Association, North Dakota High School & Junior High School Rodeo Association, South Dakota Rodeo Association, Minnesota High School Rodeo Association, Rough Rider Rodeo Association, and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). Modern-era rancher James P. Langley out of Warwick, ND, "helped establish the livestock sales ring in Devils Lake and remained actively involved for nearly 15 years," and he was a member of American Hereford Association, the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Association, the American Legion and the Elks Club. The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame is located at 240 Main Street in Medora and can be reached by phone at 701-623-2000. For more information about the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, please visit their website at www.northdakota-cowboy.org.

Request for Bids

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

REQUEST FOR BIDS STANDING HAY ON RIGHT OF WAY OF INTERSTATE 94 AND INTERSTATE 29

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (ND-DOT) seeks sealed bids for cutting, baling, and removing hay on designated sections of highway right of way along I-94 and I-29. Bids will be for the 2026 haying season.

NDDOT will accept sealed bids in four district offices. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Interested bidders can contact the respective NDDOT district office listed below to obtain a bid document, copy of the Risk Management Appendix, and sample certificate of liability insurance. The REQUEST FOR BID document must be completed, signed in ink, sealed in an envelope marked, "Bids for Standing Hay", and submitted to the respective NDDOT district office prior to the deadline. The awarded bidder will be required to sign a contract with NDDOT agreeing to the terms for hay harvesting.

Deadlines:

- Bismarck, Fargo, and Valley City offices: 1:00 p.m. CDT Thursday, June 4, 2026.
- Dickinson office: 1:00 p.m. MDT, Thursday, June 4, 2026.

NDDOT district offices:

- Bismarck: 218 South Airport Road, Bismarck, ND 58504-6003 Ph: (701) 328-6950
 - Fargo: 503 38th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103-1198 Ph: (701) 239-8900
 - Valley City: 1524 8th Avenue Southwest, Valley City, ND 58072-4200 Ph: (701) 845-8800
 - Dickinson: 1700 3rd Avenue West, Suite 101, Dickinson, ND 58601-3009 Ph: (701) 227-6500
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the Little Missouri River, a Class II stream.

Tentative Determinations

Proposed effluent limitations and other permit conditions have been made by the department. They assure that State Water Quality Standards and applicable provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) will be protected.

Information Requests and Public Comments

Copies of the application, draft permit, and related documents are available for review. Comments or requests should be directed to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck ND 58503-1324 or by calling 701-328-5210.

All comments received by June 20, 2026 will be considered prior to finalizing the permit. If there is significant interest, a public hearing will be scheduled. Otherwise, the Department will issue the final permit within sixty (60) days of this notice.

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. To request accommodations, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5210 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

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**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY FINDING AND
OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE NAVIGABILITY
OF THE FOLLOWING NORTH DAKOTA WATERS:
BOIS DE SIOUX RIVER, MISSOURI RIVER, MOUSE RIVER, RED
RIVER, UPPER DES LACS
LAKE, AND YELLOWSTONE RIVER**

The North Dakota Department of Water Resources (Department) hereby provides notice that pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) § 61-33-05.1(2) it is soliciting public comment on the preliminary navigability findings (made under N.D.C.C. § 61-33-05.1(1)) of the following North Dakota waters (Waters):

- Bois De Sioux River
- Missouri River
- Mouse River
- Red River of the North
- Upper Des Lacs Lake
- Yellowstone River

1. Mailing and E-Mail addresses where public comments may be sent

North Dakota Department of Water Resources
C/O Regulatory Division
1200 Memorial Highway
Bismarck, ND 58504
sovereignlands@nd.gov

2. Body of Water(s) for Finding of Navigability

The Department solicited a study of the Waters for their potential for being used for commerce, or susceptible for being used for commerce, in their condition at the time North Dakota became a state (1889). Below is a summary of the preliminary navigability findings.

Bois De Sioux River

All portions of the Bois De Sioux River within the state of North Dakota.

Missouri River

All portions of the Missouri River within the state of North Dakota.

Mouse River

All portions of the Mouse River within the state of North Dakota.

Red River of the North

All portions of the Red River of the North within the state of North Dakota.

Upper Des Lacs Lake

All portions of Upper Des Lacs Lake within the state of North Dakota.

Yellowstone River

All portions of the Yellowstone River within the state of North Dakota.

3. Public Hearing

The Department will conduct a public hearing at 9 AM on July 14, 2026, at the Lewis & Clark Room No. 238 at the Bank of North Dakota (1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58504). A virtual option will also be available at www.dwr.nd.gov.

Each of the Waters will get at least 15 minutes and up to an hour of public comment, with a break from 12 PM to 1 PM central for lunch. Each waterbody will have a hearing open and closed in the order presented in this notice. If no members of the public in-person or virtual provide comment within a 15-minute period, the hearing for that particular waterbody will be closed and the next waterbody comment hearing will be opened.

4. Public Hearing Purpose

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide the public with an opportunity to provide comment to the Department on the draft determinations of navigability prior to making a final determination of navigability. The Department welcomes all comments that will aid in the Department's final determination of navigability on all segments of the Waters under consideration.

If a waterbody is determined to be navigable, the area within the ordinary high water mark of the navigable water body is held in trust by the State of North Dakota for the people of North Dakota.

5. Availability of Preliminary Finding Documentation

The Department's preliminary finding of navigability for the Waters are available on the Department's website at www.dwr.nd.gov.

Dated the 11th of May, 2026

North Dakota Department of Water Resources
Reice Haase, Director



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NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

On May 5, 2026 the Billings County Commission held a public hearing and adopted the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

2.3(106) Definition of Temporary Use (UPDATE)
5.1.2 (t), (u), (v), & (w) Conditional Use Permits for Ag Districts (UPDATE/NEW)
5.3.2 (f) & (k) Conditional Use Permits for Recreational Districts (UPDATE/NEW)
5.4.4 (h), (i), (k) Conditional Use Permits for Commercial Districts (UPDATE/NEW)
6.17 Temporary Permitted Uses (UPDATE/NEW)

The proposed amendments are related to commercial and special event temporary uses that often cater to the traveling public or the tourism industry surrounding the Medora area.

The Planning & Zoning Commission hearing held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 recommended approval of the amendments.

The amendments will formally take effect thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. Copies of the adopted amendments are available for inspection at the office of the Billings County Auditor, Medora, ND. The amendments are also available on the county website at <https://www.billingscountynod.gov/169/Planning-Zoning>.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.D.C.C. Section 11-33-10, any person aggrieved by any provision contained within the adopted amendment shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice to file with the Billings County Auditor a petition to the County Commission for a separate hearing regarding the objection. The petition must be in writing and state with specificity the grounds for objection to the adoption of the whole, or any part, of the adopted amendments to the Billings County Zoning Ordinance.

Dated at Medora this 8th day of May, 2026
Stacey Swanson, Zoning Director

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Public NOTICE

North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality Public Notice: Reissue of an NDPDES Permit

Public Notice Date: May 21, 2026

Purpose of Public Notice

The Department intends to reissue the following North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPDES) Discharge Permit under the authority of Section 61-28-04 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Permit Information

Public Notice Number: ND-2026-016
 Permit Number: ND0022799
 Application Date: May 07, 2026
 Application Number: HQN-CBBG-ZG4MZ
 Applicant Name: Medora City Of
 Mailing Address: PO Box 418A Medora, ND 586450418
 Telephone Number: 701-623-4828
 Proposed Permit Expiration Date: June 30, 2031

Facility Description

The reissuance is for a waste stabilization system which services the City of Medora. Ponds 1 and 2 are located in the NE1/4 SW 1/4, Section 26, Township 140 North, Range 102 West. Ponds 3 and 4A are located in the SE1/4 NE1/4, Section 27, Township 140 North, Range 102 West. Pond 1 discharges directly to Railroad Creek, a Class III stream, which flows to the Little Missouri River. Ponds 3 and 4A discharge directly to