

# The Future for Protection of the Gallatin Watershed

Sponsored by the Blue Water Task Force, the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, and the MT Watercourse

Monday, January 22, 2007

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Big Sky Chapel Community Room (downstairs)

## OBJECTIVES:

1. To educate about groundwater and how it is connected to surface water near streams and rivers.
2. To describe wastewater treatment solutions available in the Big Sky community.
3. To discuss the future of water quality protection within the Gallatin Watershed.
4. To listen to the community and provide a forum to collect public questions and comments about the issue.

## AGENDA:

### A. INTRODUCTION

Jon Holtzman, Blue Water Task Force Chairman

### B. GROUNDWATER PANEL: THE BASICS

#### a. Groundwater 101

Alan English, Gallatin Local Water Quality District

#### b. Water Rights and Groundwater

Scott Compton, MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

#### c. Groundwater Information Resources

Debra Zarnt, Montana Watercourse

### C. TREATMENT PANEL

#### a. Individual scale: Septic systems

Tammy Crone, Gallatin Local Water Quality District

#### b. Neighborhood scale: Small treatment systems

Steve Anderson, Advanced Pump & Equipment, Inc.

#### c. Community scale: Water and Sewer District

Ron Edwards, Big Sky Water and Sewer District

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### D. FUTURE PROTECTION PANEL

- a. Big Sky Big Picture: Kate Ketschek, Big Sky Community and Infrastructure Subcommittee & Big Sky Chamber of Commerce
- b. Advocacy: Shawn Regnerus, American Wildlands
- c. Agency Tools: Eric Regensburger, MT Department of Environmental Quality
- d. Business Community Perspective: Brian Gallik, Attorney
- e. Local Watershed Group Activities: Katie Alvin, Blue Water Task Force
- f. Water & Sewer District Potential: Ron Edwards, Big Sky Water and Sewer District

### E. WRAP-UP

Jon Holtzman, Blue Water Task Force Chairman