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Mountain Water Company Kicks Off 2014 Infrastructure Projects

Company to invest another \$4 million in Missoula's water system.

May 5, 2014 – MISSOULA, Mont. — As part of its ongoing commitment to improve water infrastructure for Missoula residents, Mountain Water Company has commenced the first of four water main replacement projects slated for 2014.

“For the second year in a row, we are investing \$4 million in Missoula’s water system to help ensure safe, reliable service now and for future generations,” said John Kappes, president of Mountain Water Company. “We thank the citizens of Missoula in advance for their patience as we work our way through these projects.”

Earlier this month, crews began work relocating three water services near the intersection of Dore Lane and Brooks Street. The project will eliminate 1,200 feet of two-inch, galvanized steel water main. Affected customers will be connected to a newer, existing main. This project is being completed in coordination with the South Crossing retail development and redesign of Dore Lane.

Two new in-line water valves will allow most of the affected customers to enjoy uninterrupted service for the duration of the project, and will minimize future outages. As part of the larger Dore Lane redesign project, the Missoula Redevelopment Agency will relocate two fire hydrants and 110 feet of water main. The overall project is scheduled for completion by the end of May 2014.

The second of this summer’s infrastructure improvements, involving the replacement of a water main along Grant Street, will commence in the coming week. This project will replace approximately 1,000 feet of 6-inch thin-walled steel ‘invasion’ water main between Kensington and Burlington avenues with 8-inch ductile iron main. Mountain Water Company is coordinating with the

Missoula Redevelopment Agency's street overlay project in this area planned for later this summer.

Later this summer, Mountain Water Company will undertake a water main replacement project on South 5th Street West from Higgins Avenue to Orange Street, in coordination with the Missoula Public Works Department asphalt overlay project. This water project will entail replacing 1,500 feet of 100-year-old Kalemian type pipe with 8-inch ductile iron.

And fourth, Mountain Water Company will install 1,700 feet of 24-inch ductile iron main in Hillview Way near Moose Can Gully to eliminate older 20-inch and 8-inch water mains.

Throughout the four projects residents and businesses in affected areas will be kept informed of localized impacts, which are expected to be minimal. Community members are urged to keep apprised of traffic and other impacts via the company's website, mtnwater.com, and via the company's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MountainWaterCo.

"We will go out of our way to assure public safety and minimize inconveniences by keeping the community informed about the brief, localized impacts caused by these projects," Kappes said.

About Mountain Water Company

Mountain Water Company provides quality tap water, irrigation and fire flow to 72,000 residents in Missoula through 37 wells, 20 booster stations, 40 pressure reducing valve stations, 24 storage facilities with a capacity of more than 10 million gallons, and 320 miles of main. Additional information is available online at mtnwater.com or, on Facebook, at www.facebook.com/MountainWaterCo.

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