

Project Name:

Lolo Wastewater Treatment Plant

Recipient:

Missoula County, Montana

Address:

6089 Training Drive, Missoula, MT 59808

Amount Requested:

\$1,400,000

Project Description:

The community of Lolo is deficient in the water supply requirements for having the largest well out of service and meeting the max day water demand for the system. The community currently operates a public water supply system through an RSID and requires an upgrade to Well No. 1 and Well No. 2, to increase the water supply for the community. The water rights exist, and the wells can easily be upgraded to increase their capacity. The project was bid last year, and the community didn't have enough money to award the bid. The benefit is that the project is shovel-ready and already approved by DEQ to move forward as soon as funds are available for the community to use. The community is concerned about having enough water for the citizens, but particularly concerned during the summer months when the fire season is imminent. The lack of redundancy for the water system is a great concern for the community and upgrading these two wells would provide that necessary capacity and surety.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2601

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Lolo Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lolo Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Missoula County, 200 W Broadway, Missoula MT 59802.

The funding would be used for the Lolo Water System of Well No. 1 and Well No. 2 that would double the output of both wells for the Lolo water system. The Project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will benefit the entire Lolo community. Currently, the Lolo plant is in very critical need of improvement to its operating system. The Lolo system has capacity issues and does not meet the DEQ standards the require the system to handle peak flows in the event one of the wells was shut down. This improvement plan will benefit the nearly 4,000 residents of the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Ryan Zinke
Member of Congress