



FAQ:

1. What is Gilly?

Gilly is a software platform that standardizes and streamlines the 310 Joint Permit Application process for both applicants and administrators.

The name Gilly comes from an ancient Gaelic term for a guide on an expedition in the wilderness or on a river and Gilly is a software platform that guides river preservation and restoration.

2. What does Gilly do?

Gilly provides applicants with an online form with helpful tools and all the information they need to complete the application and submittal process.

Gilly allows administrators to manage the 310 submission, inspection, and review process.

Gilly maps 310 permits for easy access and review and helps inform decisions that affect the preservation and restoration of our rivers and streams in accordance with Montana's Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act.

3. Who can use Gilly?

Anyone can use the free 310 Joint Permit Application form to apply for permits in ALL 58 conservation districts in the state of Montana.

4. What permits are included on the 310 Joint Application?

The 310 Joint Application Form can be used to obtain permits from the following local, state, and federal agencies:

- **310 Joint Application**
Conservation Districts
- **SPA Permit**
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
- **Floodplain Permit**
City or County Floodplain Administrators
- **Section 404 and Section 10 Permit**
US Army Corps of Engineers
- **318 Authorization**
Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)



- **401 Certification**
Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- **Navigable Rivers Land Use License / Lease / Easement**
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

After completing the application form, hand deliver or mail the required number of copies with original signatures to each applicable agency. **Each agency issues separate permits.**

5. Why use Gilly?

Applicants appreciate the clarity and ease of use that Gilly brings to the application process. Gilly simplifies the application process by providing:

- Informative, easy-to-use online forms
- Saving in-process applications to review and complete later
- Saving applications as PDFs and printing paper copies in the state-approved format
- Saving completed applications for future reference

For supervisors and administrators, Gilly modernizes the 310 application and approval process from start to finish. Gilly simplifies initial submission, allows for necessary changes and corrections, and tracks each permit's progress through completion, inspection, and approval. Gilly digitizes the important information contained in the completed forms, stores that data, maps it, and makes the data readily available for review and analysis.

6. Do I need a 310 Permit?

Montana's Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act, also known as the 310 Law, is a state mandate that requires any person planning to work in or near a stream or river on private or public land to obtain a 310 Permit from their local conservation district **PRIOR** to beginning that work.

The purpose of the 310 Law is to keep rivers and streams in as natural a condition as possible, minimize sedimentation, and recognize beneficial uses. Failure to obtain a 310 permit is a misdemeanor crime, subject to a civil penalty and a fine of up to \$500 for each day of unauthorized activity. Additionally, you may be required to restore the damaged stream at your own expense.

7. When should I apply for a 310 Joint Permit?

You must obtain individual authorizations and/or permits from each applicable agency **PRIOR** to conducting your work.

8. Can I print my application when I'm finished?



Yes! Use the print function to print a hard copy of your permit application in the state-approved format.

Using Gilly, you can:

- Save in-process applications to review and complete later
- Save applications as PDFs and print paper copies
- Return to Gilly to reference completed applications

9. How do I submit my application?

Currently, 310 applications can be submitted electronically to the Gallatin Conservation District, Missoula Conservation District, and Lewis and Clark Conservation District.

If you are submitting a 310 application outside of the Gallatin, Missoula, or Lewis and Clark Conservation Districts you will need to inquire with your specific district to determine how they prefer to receive applications. Typically, applications are mailed or submitted in-person.

Please contact the appropriate agency for submission of SPA, Floodplain, Section 10, Section 404, and 318 permits, 318 Authorization, 401 Certification, and Navigable Rivers Land Use License / Lease / Easements.

10. How much does it cost to access Gilly's administrative support system?

The 310 Joint Permit Application form is provided free of charge as a service from the Four Corners Foundation. Currently, we're working with Missoula, Gallatin, and Lewis and Clark Conservation Districts on creating a funding structure for full administrative access. Ideally, the State of Montana and all applicable agencies will support the platform and help CDs absorb the expenses associated with implementing, maintaining, and enforcing the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act.

Please contact info@gilly.org with any additional questions.