2016 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Report

The detection of the illicit discharge found in July of 2016 happened during the repair of storm sewer on Woolman Street in uptown Butte, MT. Our construction crew was rerouting a storm sewer line to Henry street from a mid block line that was causing damage due to back ups, and they noticed soapy water being discharged into the storm inlet they were working on. Through the use of our camera truck the crew was able to follow the line back to its source and located a small two inch sewer service line ran from a four-plex located at 1018 Antimony into the storm sewer. We then ascertained the name of the property owner; made contact and alerted them to the problem. We were able to use funds available to the uptown area to help the property owner fix the illicit connection and stop the flow of waste water into our MS4.