



PRELIMINARY DECREE



STATEMENT OF CLAIM



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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
SMITH RIVER
BASIN 41J
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

YOUR WATER RIGHT AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT MAY HAVE CHANGES FROM YOUR WATER RIGHT AS CLAIMED OR AMENDED. AN ASTERISK (*) HAS BEEN PLACED NEXT TO EACH ITEM CHANGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE EXAMINATION PROCESS. THESE CHANGES ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE MONTANA SUPREME COURT WATER RIGHT CLAIMS EXAMINATION RULES OR BY ORDER OF THE WATER COURT.

OBJECTIONS MAY BE FILED ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "NOTICE OF ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY DECREE AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY."

Water Right Number: 41J 207368-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: GENE M GUDMUNDSON
PO BOX 724
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MT 59645

Priority Date: APRIL 30, 1866

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose(use): COMMERCIAL

Flow Rate: 246.84 GPM

Volume: 398.15 AC-FT

THE USE OF THIS WATER APPEARS TO BE LARGELY NONCONSUMPTIVE.

Source Name: WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNWNW	18	9N	7E	MEAGHER

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PUMP

Subdivision: WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS ORIGINAL BLOCK: 00A

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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Subdivision: WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS ORIGINAL BLOCK: 00A

Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS WERE AMENDED BY THE CLAIMANT ON 09/25/2006: FLOW RATE AND VOLUME.

STARTING IN 2008, PERIOD OF DIVERSION WAS ADDED TO MOST CLAIM ABSTRACTS, INCLUDING THIS ONE.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM. THESE ISSUES MAY REMAIN UNRESOLVED IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED.

AT THE TIME OF THE CLAIMED PRIORITY DATE, IT APPEARS THAT THE PLACE OF USE WAS PART OF AN INDIAN RESERVATION.

VOLUME MAY BE EXCESSIVE. BASED ON THE FLOW RATE AND PERIOD OF USE, THE SYSTEM WOULD HAVE TO RUN 23.93 HOURS PER DAY TO DELIVER THE CLAIMED VOLUME. NO INFORMATION EXISTS IN THE CLAIM FILE TO CONFIRM THIS FIGURE.

A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR CLAIMED WATER RIGHT CAN BE OBTAINED BY COMPARING YOUR RIGHT WITH OTHER CLAIMS IN THE BASIN. FOR EXAMPLE, COMPARE PRIORITY DATES, FLOW RATES, VOLUMES, OR ACRES IRRIGATED. ALSO, YOUR WATER RIGHT MAY BE SUBJECT TO WATER RIGHTS IN ADJOINING BASINS OR SUBBASINS AS WELL AS BEING SUBJECT TO OTHER RIGHTS ON YOUR SOURCE OF SUPPLY. FINALLY, YOUR WATER RIGHT MAY BE SUBJECT TO INDIAN RESERVED AND FEDERAL RESERVED WATER RIGHTS.

COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC EXAMINATION RESULTS AND RELATED MATERIALS CAN BE REVIEWED AT THE OFFICE LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "NOTICE OF ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY DECREE AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY."

SEE GENERAL FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION OF YOUR CLAIMED WATER RIGHT. THESE FINDINGS CAN BE FOUND AS INDICATED IN THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "NOTICE OF ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY DECREE AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY." IF YOU NEED OBJECTION FORMS, OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WATER COURT PROCEDURES OR CHANGES TO YOUR RIGHT, YOU CAN CONTACT THE WATER COURT BY CALLING 1-800-624-3270 (WITHIN MONTANA ONLY) OR 1-406-586-4364, OR BY WRITING TO P.O. BOX 1389, BOZEMAN, MT 59711-1389.