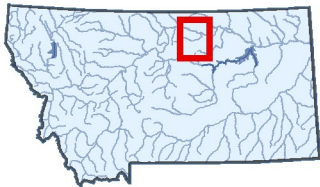


Fort Belknap - Montana Compact (85-20-1001, MCA)



- Fort Belknap Reservation
- Major Rivers
- DNRC Basins
- Active USGS Gages

Development of groundwater connected to surface water is counted within the limits on surface water. Groundwater not connected to surface water may be developed without adverse effect on other users.

Milk River: 645 cfs from mainstem, limited by 1) 125 cfs of natural flow for direct use to irrigate a max of 10,425 acres (FBIP) and 2) 520 cfs direct use and/or off stream storage--up to 60,000 AFY for historic and future irrigation and up to 4,000 AFY for non-irrigation. In the event of shortage from Milk River, the Tribes shall seek satisfaction of their right through releases in Fresno Res from the Milk River Project.

Peoples Creek: Tribes entitled to all water in the stream after satisfaction of rights shown in Appendix 3. A reservoir is proposed on Peoples Creek to keep water in the stream for stock, fisheries, and recreation. Tribal water right priority shall not be asserted over non-irrigation rights upstream of Reservation in this basin or against irrigation rights set forth in Appendix 3. It may be asserted over rights developed after the effective date of the Compact.

Beaver Creek: The Tribes are entitled to historic senior irrigation of 8,024 AFY or enough to irrigate 2,241 acres, plus new small impoundments for stock and 180 acres of new irrigation from surface flow or hydrologically connected groundwater.

Missouri River: The Tribes have the right to divert up to 1,135 AFY for irrigating 297 historically irrigated acres and 18 acres of other land. The Tribes may divert 1,290 AFY for conveyance to Peoples Creek basin.

Priority Date of Tribal Water Right:
October 17, 1855