

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62574-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 27.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNENW	10	19N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENW	10	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNENW	10	19N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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Water Right Number: 40C 62575-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 17, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 32.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSEW	12	19N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SOUTH CROOKED CREEK NO. 2

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSEW	12	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NW	12	19N	26E	FERGUS

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Water Right Number: 40C 62576-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 17, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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>
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***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSEW	12	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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Water Right Number: 40C 62577-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNESW	14	19N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNESW	14	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE SOURCE APPEARS TO BE AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF RASSMUNSON COULEE.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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Water Right Number: 40C 62578-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF RASSMUNSON COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NW	14	19N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NW	14	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 19.60 AC-FT

Source Name: HAY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSWSE	20	19N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** COTTONWOOD RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWSE	20	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	20	19N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62580-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: HAY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		N	W	S	W	20	19N 26E FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	N	W	S	W	20	19N 26E FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSE	20	19N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62579-00 62580-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62581-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF RASSMUNSON COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNESE	22	19N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNESE	22	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NESE	22	19N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62582-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF RASSMUNSON COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNESE	22	19N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNESE	22	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	22	19N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62581-00 62582-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62583-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1967

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF RASSMUNSON COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNENE	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENE	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNENE	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62583-00 62584-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62584-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1967

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNENE	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENE	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNENE	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

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62583-00 62584-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE SOURCE APPEARS TO BE AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF RASSMUNSON COULEE.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62585-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNWSW	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWSW	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNWSW	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

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Water Right Number: 40C 62586-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNWSW	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWSW	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNWSW	24	19N	26E	FERGUS

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Water Right Number: 40C 62587-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 7, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DOVETAIL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENSW	25	19N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENSW	25	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENESW	25	19N	26E	FERGUS

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Water Right Number: 40C 62588-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 7, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DOVETAIL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENSW	25	19N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** WEAVER RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENSW	25	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62589-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MARCH 7, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.10 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DOVETAIL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESEW	26	19N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** WEAVER DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESEW	26	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NE	SE	SW	26	19N 26E FERGUS

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Water Right Number: 40C 62590-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
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BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MARCH 7, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DOVETAIL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESEW	26	19N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESEW	26	19N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NESEW	26	19N	26E	FERGUS

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62591-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 13, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSEW	6	19N	27E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSEW	6	19N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSESW	6	19N	27E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62592-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 13, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 71.23 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSESW	6	19N	27E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSESW	6	19N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NW	SE	6	19N	27E FERGUS

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62593-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 31, 1957

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	4		7	19N	27E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** TEAL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
		7	19N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		4		7	19N	27E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62594-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 31, 1957

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	4		7	19N	27E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
		7	19N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		4		7	19N	27E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62593-00 62594-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62595-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 7.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWNE	18	19N	27E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWNE	18	19N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62596-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWNE	18	19N	27E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWNE	18	19N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSWNE	18	19N	27E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62595-00 62596-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62599-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 31, 1949

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.60 AC-FT

Source Name: LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SE	11	20N	24E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JAKES RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	11	20N	24E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			E2SW	11	20N	24E	FERGUS

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62599-00 62600-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62600-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 31, 1949

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	11	20N	24E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JAKES RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	11	20N	24E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			E2SW	11	20N	24E	FERGUS

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62599-00 62600-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62601-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSEW	30	20N	24E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSEW	30	20N	24E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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62601-00 62602-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
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Water Right Number: 40C 62602-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSEW	30	20N	24E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSEW	30	20N	24E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSESW	30	20N	24E	FERGUS

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Water Right Number: 40C 62605-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 28, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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1		NWSEW	9	20N	25E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** INDIAN BUTTES DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSEW	9	20N	25E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSESW	9	20N	25E	FERGUS

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62605-00 62606-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62606-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 28, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NW	SEW	9	20N	25E FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NW	SEW	9	20N	25E FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSESW	9	20N	25E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62605-00 62606-00

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62607-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 14, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NW	13	20N	25E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NW	13	20N	25E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNESW	13	20N	25E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62607-00 62608-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62608-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 14, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.90 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNESW	13	20N	25E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNESW	13	20N	25E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NW	13	20N	25E	FERGUS

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62607-00 62608-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62609-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESEW	15	20N	25E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** YELLOW PINE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESEW	15	20N	25E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			E2SESW	15	20N	25E	FERGUS

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62609-00 62610-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62610-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESEW	15	20N	25E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESEW	15	20N	25E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			E2SESW	15	20N	25E	FERGUS

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Water Right Number: 40C 62611-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 14, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWNW	25	20N	25E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CROOKED CRK CSGD RES NO. 4

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWNW	25	20N	25E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNW	25	20N	25E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

RESERVOIR RECORD MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62612-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 14, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWNW	25	20N	25E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWNW	25	20N	25E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNW	25	20N	25E	FERGUS

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62613-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENSW	34	20N	25E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENSW	34	20N	25E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			N2NWSW	34	20N	25E	FERGUS

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62614-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENSW	34	20N	25E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** RAINCROW RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENSW	34	20N	25E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			N2N	SW 34	20N	25E	FERGUS

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62621-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 9, 1946

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 8.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		NESWSE	10	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** PRAIRIE DOG RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESWSE	10	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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1			N2SWSE	10	20N	26E	FERGUS

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62622-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** PRAIRIE DOG RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESWSE	10	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			N2SWSE	10	20N	26E	FERGUS

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62625-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNESW	11	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESW	11	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SW	11	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62625-00 62626-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62626-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SW	11	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SW	11	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SW	11	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62625-00 62626-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62627-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SEENW	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SEENW	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	SE	20N	26E	FERGUS

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62627-00 62628-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62628-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESENW	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESENW	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SESENW	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62629-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENE	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENE	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNENE	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

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62629-00 62630-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62630-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENE	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** W BLACKTAIL DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENE	13	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			W2	NENE 13	20N	26E	FERGUS

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62629-00 62630-00

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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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62631-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 7, 1946

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWSW	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LARSON RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWSW	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSW	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62631-00 62632-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62632-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 7, 1946

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WHISKER COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWSW	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LARSON RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWSW	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSW	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62631-00 62632-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62633-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 17, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.90 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNESE	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CROOKED CREEK RES NO. 1

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESE	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NESE	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62633-00 62634-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

SOURCE NAME APPEARS TO BE UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WHISKER COULEE PER USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62634-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 17, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WHISKER COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNESE	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESE	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	15	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62633-00 62634-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62635-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 19, 1939

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

***Source Name:** WHISKER COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

***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		SWSWNW	16	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

***Reservoir:** ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWNW	16	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SESWNE	17	20N	26E	FERGUS

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62635-00 62636-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE IN THE SWSWNW SEC 16 TWP 20N RGE 26E FERGUS COUNTY.

SOURCE NAME AND POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62636-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 19, 1939

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 34.60 AC-FT

***Source Name:** WHISKER COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESWNE	17	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESWNE	17	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESWNE	17	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME AND POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62637-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNWSW	25	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNWSW	25	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNWSW	25	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62638-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 19.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNWSW	25	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CATFISH RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNWSW	25	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWN	SW	25	20N	26E FERGUS

Remarks:

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THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SENWSW SEC 25 TWP 20N RGE 26E FERGUS COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62639-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 27, 1962

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** TURKEY TRACK DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE SOURCE NAME APPEARS TO BE UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF PIPES COULEE.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62640-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 27, 1962

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF PIPES COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

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62639-00 62640-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62641-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 14, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.10 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CROOKED CREEK CSGD RES NO. 2

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62641-00 62642-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62642-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 14, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF PIPES COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NW	SENE	32	20N	26E FERGUS

Remarks:

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62641-00 62642-00

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SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62643-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 23, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: PIPES COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

***Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BUFFALO WALLOW RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSESE	29	20N	26E	FERGUS
2			NWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62643-00 62644-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62644-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 23, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 24.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM Reservoir Name: BUFFALO WALLOW RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1
Dam Height: 30.44 FEET
Depth: 27.44 FEET
Surface Area: 26.38 ACRES
Capacity: 186.37 ACRE-FEET

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>
1			NWNENE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS
2			SWSESE	29	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62643-00 62644-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

SOURCE NAME APPEARS TO BE PIPES COULEE.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62645-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1960

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF PIPES COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESENW	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESENW	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

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62645-00 62646-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SENWSE SEC 32 TWP 20N RGE 26E FERGUS COUNTY.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62646-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1960

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SEENW	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** RAYMOND RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SEENW	32	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	SE	20N	26E	FERGUS

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62645-00 62646-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SENWSE SEC 32 TWP 20N RGE 26E FERGUS COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

SOURCE NAME APPEARS TO BE UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF PIPES COULEE.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62647-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 14, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESENW	34	20N	26E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CROOKED CREEK CSGD RES NO. 3

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESENW	34	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NE	SE	NW	34	20N 26E FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62648-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 14, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESEW	34	20N	26E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESEW	34	20N	26E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NE	SE	20N	26E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62651-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENE	19	20N	27E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENE	19	20N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNENE	19	20N	27E	FERGUS

Remarks:

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62651-00 62652-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62652-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 11.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENE	19	20N	27E	FERGUS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENE	19	20N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNENE	19	20N	27E	FERGUS

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62651-00 62652-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62653-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HOLLAND DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESW	30	20N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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62653-00 62654-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62654-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 4, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	30	20N	27E	FERGUS

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	30	20N	27E	FERGUS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SENE SW	30	20N	27E	FERGUS

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62653-00 62654-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62655-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LIGHT COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWN	SW	8	13N	32E GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWN	SW	8	13N	32E GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSW	8	13N	32E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62655-00 62656-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62656-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 13.21 AC-FT

Source Name: LIGHT COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNWSW	8	13N	32E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWSW	8	13N	32E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSW	8	13N	32E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62655-00 62656-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62657-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CALF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESWNE	2	13N	33E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESWNE	2	13N	33E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	SWNE	2	13N	33E GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62657-00 62658-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62658-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.01 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CALF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESWNE	2	13N	33E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESWNE	2	13N	33E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESWNE	2	13N	33E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62657-00 62658-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62659-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1963

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: DOG CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSESE	4	14N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSESE	4	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			S2SESE	4	14N	31E	GARFIELD
2			N2NENE	9	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62659-00 62660-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62660-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1963

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 8.21 AC-FT

Source Name: DOG CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSESE	4	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSESE	4	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			S2SESE	4	14N	31E	GARFIELD
2			N2NENE	9	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62661-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 9, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SAGE HEN CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNWSW	10	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SHAW DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNWSW	10	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWN	SW	10	14N	31E GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62661-00 62662-00

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BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62662-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 9, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SAGE HEN CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWN	WSW	10	14N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWN	WSW	10	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWN	WSW 10	14N	31E	GARFIELD

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62663-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: **WITHDRAWN**

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HUGHES COULEE

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 10/19/83.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62664-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: **WITHDRAWN**

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HUGHES COULEE

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 10/19/83.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62665-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 30.41 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SAGE HEN CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSWNW	28	14N	32E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWNW	28	14N	32E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			W2W2NW	28	14N	32E	GARFIELD

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE SOURCE APPEARS TO BE AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SAGE HEN CREEK, SOUTH FORK. CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62666-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SAGE HEN CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		NWSWNW	28	14N	32E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWNW	28	14N	32E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			W2W2NW	28	14N	32E	GARFIELD

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62665-00 62666-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62667-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 14, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CALF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNWNE	14	14N	33E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GEORGE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNWNE	14	14N	33E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNWNE	14	14N	33E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62668-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 14, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 11.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CALF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNWNE	14	14N	33E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNWNE	14	14N	33E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNWNE	14	14N	33E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62669-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 29, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.50 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNESW	22	15N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESW	22	15N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNESW	22	15N	30E	GARFIELD

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62670-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 29, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.50 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNESW	22	15N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MOSBY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESW	22	15N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNESW	22	15N	30E	GARFIELD

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62671-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: **WITHDRAWN**

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 10/19/83.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62672-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: **WITHDRAWN**

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 10/19/83.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62673-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 18, 1945

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: HALEY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSWSW	23	16N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BOWEN RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWSW	23	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSWSW	23	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62674-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 18, 1945

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.70 AC-FT

Source Name: HALEY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSWSW	23	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BOWEN RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWSW	23	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSWSW	23	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62675-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 19, 1945

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLIAMS COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSESW	34	16N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BLUE BELL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSESW	34	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSESW	34	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62676-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 19, 1945

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLIAMS COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSEW	34	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BLUE BELL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSEW	34	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSESW	34	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62677-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 16, 1957

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 21.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SHEEP COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESWNW	8	16N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SHAW BROS RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESWNW	8	16N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			N2S2NW	8	16N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62678-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 16, 1957

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SHEEP COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESWNW	8	16N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESWNW	8	16N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			N2S2NW	8	16N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62679-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.20 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SMITH COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNENW	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LILY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENW	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			N2NENW	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62679-00 62680-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62680-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SMITH COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNENW	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENW	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			N2NENW	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62679-00 62680-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62681-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 19, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SANDAGE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SEN	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SEN	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SEN	WSE	9	17N	30E GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62681-00 62682-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62682-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 19, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SANDAGE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENWSE	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ROSS RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENWSE	9	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SEN	WSE	9	17N	30E GARFIELD

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62681-00 62682-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62683-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 21, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNWSW	10	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CARL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNWSW	10	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWN	WSW 10	17N	30E	GARFIELD

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62683-00 62684-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62684-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 21, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWN	WSW	10	17N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWN	WSW	10	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNWSW	10	17N	30E	GARFIELD

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62683-00 62684-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62685-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 18, 1956

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SANDAGE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENWSE	21	17N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** EZEKIAL RESERVOIR 1

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENWSE	21	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SENWSE	21	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62685-00 62686-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62686-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 18, 1956

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SANDAGE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENWSE	21	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** EZEKIAL RESERVOIR 1

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENWSE	21	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SEN	WSE	21	17N	30E GARFIELD

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62685-00 62686-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62687-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 14, 1956

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESEW	23	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** EZEKIAL RESERVOIR 2

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESEW	23	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			S2	SES	W 23	17N	30E GARFIELD

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62687-00 62688-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62688-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 14, 1956

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESEW	23	17N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** EZEKIAL RESERVOIR 2

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESEW	23	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			S2	SES	W 23	17N	30E GARFIELD

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62687-00 62688-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62689-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 21, 1947

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENW	23	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENW	23	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SW	NENW	23	17N	30E GARFIELD

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62689-00 62690-00

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62690-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 21, 1947

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENW	23	17N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENW	23	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNENW	23	17N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62689-00 62690-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62691-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1963

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 49.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BATTLE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESEW	2	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

*Reservoir: ONSTREAM Reservoir Name: MISPLACED RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
NESESW	2	17N	31E	GARFIELD	

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1
Dam Height: 13.00 FEET
Depth: 10.00 FEET
Surface Area: 0.40 ACRES
Capacity: 11.05 ACRE-FEET

THE CAPACITY, DAM HEIGHT, MAXIMUM DEPTH, AND SURFACE AREA HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED BY DNRC.

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>
1		SESW	2	17N	31E	GARFIELD	

Remarks:

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62691-00 62692-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

RESERVOIR RECORD MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62692-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1963

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BATTLE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NE	SE	W	2	17N 31E GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NE	SE	W	2	17N 31E GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESW	2	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62691-00 62692-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62693-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 30, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 20.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH KIRBY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SW	SE	SE	5	17N	31E GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

*Reservoir: ONSTREAM Reservoir Name: PARKS RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSESE	5	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1
Dam Height: 13.00 FEET
Depth: 10.00 FEET
Surface Area: 2.30 ACRES
Capacity: 6.52 ACRE-FEET

THE CAPACITY, DAM HEIGHT, MAXIMUM DEPTH, AND SURFACE AREA HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED BY DNRC.

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>
1			SWSESE	5	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62693-00 62694-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62694-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 30, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH KIRBY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SW	SE	5	17N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SW	SE	5	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSESE	5	17N	31E	GARFIELD

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62693-00 62694-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62695-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 8, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 7.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	3	NW	6	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LODGE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NW	6	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		3	NW	6	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62695-00 62696-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62696-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 8, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	3	NW	6	17N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LODGE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NW	6	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1		3	NW	6	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62697-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 6, 1948

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNENW	10	17N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ROUNDING BUCK RES

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENW	10	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNENW	10	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62698-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 6, 1948

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH KIRBY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNENW	10	17N	31E	GARFIELD	

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ROUNDING BUCK RES

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENW	10	17N	31E	GARFIELD	

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNENW	10	17N	31E	GARFIELD

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE SOURCE APPEARS TO BE AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62699-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 23, 1956

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESWNE	20	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** EAST SIDE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESWNE	20	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SESWNE	20	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62700-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: **WITHDRAWN**

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 01/27/93.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62701-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 8, 1948

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NEN	31	17N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** RICH RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NEN	31	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NENWSE	31	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62701-00 62702-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62702-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 8, 1948

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LODGEPOLE CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENWSE	31	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** RICH RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENWSE	31	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENWSE	31	17N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62701-00 62702-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62703-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 7.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SHERMAN COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNESW	2	18N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** PHLOX RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESW	2	18N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SW	NESW	2	18N	30E GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62703-00 62704-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62704-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SHERMAN COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SW	NESW	2	18N	30E GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SW	NESW	2	18N	30E GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SW	NESW	2	18N	30E GARFIELD

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62703-00 62704-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62705-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SEVENTYNINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWN	SW	13	18N	30E GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** PETUNIA RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWN	SW	13	18N	30E GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNWSW	13	18N	30E	GARFIELD
2			NESE	14	18N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62705-00 62706-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62706-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SEVENTYNINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNWSW	13	18N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNWSW	13	18N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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2			NESE	14	18N	30E	GARFIELD

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62705-00 62706-00

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62707-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.76 AC-FT

Source Name: BRATTEN COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNWNE	15	18N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ROSE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWNE	15	18N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNWNE	15	18N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62707-00 62708-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62708-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BRATTEN COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNWNE	15	18N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWNE	15	18N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNWNE	15	18N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62707-00 62708-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62711-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 26, 1959

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 10.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SEVENTYNINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENWSE	6	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** 7 W RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENWSE	6	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SEN	WSE	6	18N	31E GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62711-00 62712-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62712-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 26, 1959

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SEVENTYNINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENWSE	6	18N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENWSE	6	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SENWSE	6	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62711-00 62712-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62715-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 9, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.
RUNOFF

Volume: 22.70 AC-FT

Source Name: NORTH KIRBY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESENW	21	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

*Reservoir: ONSTREAM Reservoir Name: SHOREY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
SESENW	21	18N	31E	GARFIELD	

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1
Dam Height: 15.00 FEET
Depth: 12.00 FEET
Surface Area: 3.55 ACRES
Capacity: 17.04 ACRE-FEET

THE CAPACITY, DAM HEIGHT, MAXIMUM DEPTH, AND SURFACE AREA HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED BY DNRC.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENW	21	18N	31E	GARFIELD	

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62715-00 62716-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

RESERVOIR RECORD MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62716-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 9, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: NORTH KIRBY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	ENW	21	18N	31E GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	ENW	21	18N	31E GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENW	21	18N	31E	GARFIELD

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62715-00 62716-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62717-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DEAD HORSE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNWSE	25	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** PONDEROSA DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWSE	25	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNWSE	25	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62718-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DEAD HORSE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNWSE	25	18N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWSE	25	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNWSE	25	18N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62721-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF GERMAINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENW	14	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CONFUSION RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENW	14	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNENW	14	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62721-00 62722-00

AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE POINT OF DIVERSION, PLACE OF USE AND PLACE OF STORAGE COMPLETED 1-16-84. FILE REFLECTS RIGHT AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY 1973. APPROVED CHANGES WILL BE RECORDED AFTER FINAL DECREE.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62722-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF GERMAINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNENW	14	19N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CONFUSION RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENW	14	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNENW	14	19N	30E	GARFIELD

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62721-00 62722-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62723-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF GERMAINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNWNE	24	19N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWNE	24	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			N2NWNE	24	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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Water Right Number: 40C 62724-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF GERMAINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNWNE	24	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ZINNIA RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWNE	24	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			N2NWNE	24	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62725-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF GERMAINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		S	WSENE	24	19N	30E GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SWEET PEA RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	S	WSENE	24	19N	30E GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSENE	24	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62725-00 62726-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62726-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1958

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF GERMAINE COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSENE	24	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SWEET PEA RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSENE	24	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			S	WSENE	24	19N	30E GARFIELD

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62725-00 62726-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62727-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 10, 1952

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SHERMAN COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESESE	27	19N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESESE	27	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESESE	27	19N	30E	GARFIELD

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62728-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 10, 1952

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 8.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SHERMAN COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESESE	27	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESESE	27	19N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESESE	27	19N	30E	GARFIELD

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62727-00 62728-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62739-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 20, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	2	NE	2	8N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIT

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NE	2	8N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1		2	NE	2	8N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62739-00 62740-00

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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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62740-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 20, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	2	NE	2	8N	24E	MUSSELSHELL	

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIT

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HANSEN PIT

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NE	2	8N	24E	MUSSELSHELL	

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		2	NE	2	8N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62741-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 3.99 GPM

Volume: 5.66 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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	8	NW	3	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1		8	NW	3	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62741-00 62742-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT CANNOT DECREE THIS RIGHT WITHOUT FURTHER PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE CONCERNING PRIORITY DATE OF THIS WATER RIGHT. TO ASSURE THE ORDERLY ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS, THE COURT WILL SET A HEARING TO DETERMINE THIS ISSUE IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE MADE.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62742-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 3.99 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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	8	NW	3	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1		8	NW	3	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62741-00 62742-00

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62743-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 1, 1965

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

Volume: 3.99 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS NEWTON 3 WELL

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	4	NE	4	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1		4	NE	4	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62743-00 62744-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62744-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 1, 1965

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS NEWTON 3 WELL

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	4	NE	4	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1		4	NE	4	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62743-00 62744-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62745-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 23, 1935

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ALKALI CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS NEWTON SPRING

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	7	NE	5	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1		7	NE	5	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62746-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 23, 1935

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ALKALI CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS ALKALI CREEK

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	7	NE	5	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1		7	NE	5	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62747-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 1, 1965

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 3.99 GPM

Volume: 5.65 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS NEWTON 2 WELL

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	5	NW	6	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1		5	NW	6	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62748-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 1, 1965

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 3.99 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS NEWTON 2 WELL

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	5	NW	6	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1		5	NW	6	8N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62749-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.51 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSWSW	6	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** IMP DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWSW	6	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSWSW	6	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62750-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSWSW	6	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** IMP DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWSW	6	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSWSW	6	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62751-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESEW	21	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ANTONE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESEW	21	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	SESW	21	9N	24E MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62752-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESEW	21	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ANTONE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESEW	21	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SESEW	21	9N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62753-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 8, 1966

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

Volume: 3.99 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS OSET 2 WELL

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		SENW	1	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SENW	1	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSNW SEC 01 TWP 9N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SWSNW SEC 1 TWP 9N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62754-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 8, 1966

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SWS	1	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SENW	1	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSEW SEC 01 TWP 9N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62755-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

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		SESW	4	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SESW	4	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62756-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

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		SESW	4	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SESW	4	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62755-00 62756-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62757-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SESESE	12	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESE	12	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62757-00 62758-00

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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SESESE SEC 12 TWP 9N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62758-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

Volume: 3.99 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS ADOLF WELL

***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		SESESE	12	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESE	12	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62757-00 62758-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SESESE SEC 12 TWP 9N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62759-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 1, 1965

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.39 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS HANSEN WELL

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		SESE	19	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESE	19	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62759-00 62760-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62760-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 1, 1965

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SESE	19	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESE	19	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62759-00 62760-00

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62761-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MARCH 23, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.71 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SE	20	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIT

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HANSEN DUGOUT

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	20	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENW	20	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62761-00 62762-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62762-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MARCH 23, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENW	20	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIT

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENW	20	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SENW	20	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62763-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESE	29	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	29	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	29	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62764-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 6.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESE	29	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HANSEN PIT

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	29	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	29	9N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62765-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.48 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

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		SWSESW	1	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SESW	1	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

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62765-00 62766-00

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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSESW SEC 01 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62766-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.48 GPM

Volume: 1.63 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS GRIFFITH SPRING

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		SESW	1	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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62765-00 62766-00

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSESW SEC 01 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSEL SHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SWSESW SEC 01 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSEL SHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62767-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESW	3	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESW	3	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SESW	3	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62768-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESW	3	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GRIFFITH RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESW	3	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESW	3	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62769-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 13, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

Volume: 7.25 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS GIESLER WELL

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		SWSE	8	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSE	8	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSWSE SEC 08 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSEL SHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SWSWSE SEC 08 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSEL SHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62770-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 13, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SWSWSE	8	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSE	8	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSWSE SEC 08 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62771-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

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		SWSNW	11	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SENW	11	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSEW SEC 11 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62772-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

Volume: 3.99 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GRIFFITH SPRING NO. 1

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		SE	11	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SE	11	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSNW SEC 11 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SWSNW SEC 11 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62773-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GRIFFITH SPRING NO. 2

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		NESW	11	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NESW	11	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62773-00 62774-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWNESW SEC 11 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE NWNESW SEC 11 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62774-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

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		NWNESW	11	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NESW	11	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62773-00 62774-00

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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWNESW SEC 11 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62775-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESE	12	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GRIFFITH PIT

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	12	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	12	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62775-00 62776-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62776-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESE	12	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	12	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	12	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62775-00 62776-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62777-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62777-00 62778-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62778-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSW	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GRIFFITH RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62779-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1939

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESE	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MILTON PIT RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62779-00 62780-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62780-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1939

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESE	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MILTON PIT RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	15	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE SOURCE APPEARS TO BE AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62781-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 5, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 0.99 GPM

Volume: 0.82 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS REEPLOEG SPRING

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		NESE	17	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NESE	17	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWNESE SEC 17 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SWNESE SEC 17 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62782-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 5, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 0.99 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

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		SWNESE	17	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NESE	17	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

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62781-00 62782-00

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POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62783-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	22	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	22	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSW	22	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62784-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSW	22	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BROWN PIT RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	22	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	22	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62785-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

Volume: 7.25 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS BROWN WELL

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		SWNE	28	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWNE	28	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT CANNOT DECREE THIS RIGHT WITHOUT FURTHER PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE CONCERNING PRIORITY DATE OF THIS WATER RIGHT. TO ASSURE THE ORDERLY ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS, THE COURT WILL SET A HEARING TO DETERMINE THIS ISSUE IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE MADE.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSWNE SEC 28 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SWSWNE SEC 28 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62786-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SWSWNE	28	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWNE	28	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSWNE SEC 28 TWP 9N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62787-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 23, 1966

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 9.96 GPM

Volume: 90,001.52 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS LIND WELL

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		SENWSW	31	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SENWSW	31	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT CANNOT DECREE THIS RIGHT WITHOUT FURTHER PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE CONCERNING VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT. TO ASSURE THE ORDERLY ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS, THE COURT WILL SET A HEARING TO DETERMINE THIS ISSUE IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE MADE.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM FEASIBLE VOLUME. BASED ON THE FLOW RATE AND PERIOD OF USE, THE MAXIMUM VOLUME POSSIBLE IS 16.11 ACRE-FEET PER YEAR.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62788-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 23, 1966

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 9.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SENWSW	31	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SENWSW	31	9N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62789-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESEW	6	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GRIFFITH RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESEW	6	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	SESW	6	9N	27E MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62790-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 11, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESESW	6	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESESW	6	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SESEW	6	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62791-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENWSE	10	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ECUTA RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENWSE	10	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSE	10	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62792-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENWSE	10	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ECUTA RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENWSE	10	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSE	10	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62793-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 36.42 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESENW	22	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** FANTAIL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESENW	22	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENW	22	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62793-00 62794-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62794-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	22	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** FANTAIL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	22	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SENW	22	9N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62795-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 12, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	SENE	10	9N	28E MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	SENE	10	9N	28E MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

RESERVOIR NAME: GOFFENA PIT RESERVOIR

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	SENE	10	9N	28E MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62795-00 62796-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62796-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 12, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	SENE	10	9N	28E MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	SENE	10	9N	28E MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SESENE	10	9N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62795-00 62796-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62797-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSESW	4	9N	29E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** OLE BLUE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSESW	4	9N	29E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SW	SES	4	9N	29E MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62797-00 62798-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62798-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 12.71 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MCLEAN COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSESW	4	9N	29E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** OLE BLUE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSESW	4	9N	29E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SW	SES	W	4	9N 29E MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62797-00 62798-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE SOURCE APPEARS TO BE AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF THE MUSSELSHELL RIVER.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62799-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: **WITHDRAWN**

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 07/16/93.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62800-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 23, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	35	10N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LAKE BASIN

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	35	10N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSE	26	10N	23E	MUSSELSHELL
2			NWNE	35	10N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62801-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 23, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNE	35	10N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LAKE BASIN

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	35	10N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNE	35	10N	23E	MUSSELSHELL
2			SWSE	26	10N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62802-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	ENW	17	10N	24E MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	ENW	17	10N	24E MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	SE	17	10N	24E MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62802-00 62803-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62803-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

***Volume:** 0.51 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	ENW	17	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ANNA K RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	ENW	17	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	ENW	17	10N	24E MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62804-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 26, 1973

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

Volume: 4.09 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS STANLEY WELL

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		NESWNE	19	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			NESWNE	19	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62805-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 26, 1973

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS STANLEY WELL

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		NESWNE	19	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			NESWNE	19	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62806-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 7, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		S	W	20	10N	24E MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	S	W	20	10N	24E MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSNW	20	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62807-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SENE SW	20	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SENE SW	20	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

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62807-00 62808-00

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

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62808-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.50 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SENE SW	20	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62809-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 7, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.31 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSE	20	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** PEERLESS OIL & GAS RES

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	20	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			S	WSENW	20	10N	24E MUSSELSHELL

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62810-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 21, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS HOCKMOUTH WELL

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		SESESE	29	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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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62810-00 62811-00

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62811-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 21, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS HOCKMOUTH WELL

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		SESESE	29	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESESE	29	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62812-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	31	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** STANLEY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	31	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNE	31	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62813-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESWNE	31	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESWNE	31	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNE	31	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62814-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 19, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 3.01 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS DOUGHERTY WELL

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		SESENW	33	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESENW	33	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62814-00 62815-00

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62815-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 19, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 3.01 GPM

Volume: 4.05 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS DAUGHERTY WELL

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		SESENW	33	10N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62816-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENE	4	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JOHNSON BROTHERS RES

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	4	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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62816-00 62817-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62817-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	4	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	4	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	4	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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62816-00 62817-00

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Water Right Number: 40C 62818-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 11.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNW	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JOHNSON BROTHERS RES

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNW	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNW	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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62818-00 62819-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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Water Right Number: 40C 62819-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNW	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNW	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNW	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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Water Right Number: 40C 62820-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		NENE	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JOHNSON BROTHERS RES

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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62820-00 62821-00

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Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

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BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		NENE	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	11	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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Water Right Number: 40C 62822-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 6.96 GPM

Volume: 10.45 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS JOHNSON BROTHERS WELL

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		NENW	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			NENW	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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62822-00 62823-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWNWNE SEC 17 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE NWNWNE SEC 17 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62823-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 6.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		NWNWNE	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			NENW	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62822-00 62823-00

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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWNWNE SEC 17 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62824-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENE	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BOULE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENE	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62825-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENE	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BOULE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENE	17	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62826-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		NWSE	22	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SE	22	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62826-00 62827-00

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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWSNW SEC 22 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62827-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	22	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62828-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 2, 1962

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 10.41 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESE	25	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MARILYN DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	25	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	25	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62828-00 62829-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62829-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 2, 1962

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESE	25	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	25	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	25	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62830-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NESE	30	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	30	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	30	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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62830-00 62831-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62831-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESE	30	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** STANLEY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	30	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	30	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62832-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 18, 1965

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 7.99 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		NWSESW	33	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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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62832-00 62833-00

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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWSESW SEC 33 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62833-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 18, 1965

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 7.99 GPM

Volume: 12.10 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS WACKER WELL

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		SESW	33	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESW	33	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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62832-00 62833-00

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWSESW SEC 33 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE NWSESW SEC 33 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62834-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 20, 1967

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

Volume: 3.99 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS WACKER SPRING NO. 1

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		SENW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SENW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWSENW SEC 34 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE NWSENW SEC 34 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62835-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 20, 1967

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

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		NWSEW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SEW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWSNW SEC 34 TWP 10N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62836-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 16, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NE	SW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62837-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: **WITHDRAWN**

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 07/16/93.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62838-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1967

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62839-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1967

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SKUNK RETENTION RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSW	34	10N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62840-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 14, 1966

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 19.97 GPM

Volume: 31.43 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS PRAIRIE WELL

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		NENESW	10	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			NENESW	10	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62841-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 14, 1966

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 19.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS PRAIRIE WELL

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		NENESW	10	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			NENESW	10	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62842-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 6.61 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LITTLE BILL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62843-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MARCH 23, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

Volume: 7.27 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS KLOS SPRING

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		SWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62844-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MARCH 23, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

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		SWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62843-00 62844-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62845-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LITTLE BILL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNE	32	10N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62842-00 62845-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62846-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWNE	26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWNE	26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSWNE	26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62846-00 62847-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62847-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWNE	26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWNE	26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

RESERVOIR NAME: WACKER RESERVOIR 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSWNE	26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

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62846-00 62847-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62848-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 17, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NEN	SW 26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NEN	SW 26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NEN	SW 26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62848-00 62849-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62849-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 17, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 8.51 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENSW	26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** DONALD DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENSW	26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NEN	SW 26	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62848-00 62849-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62850-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNENE	28	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BUSTER RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENE	28	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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62850-00 62851-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62851-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.11 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNENE	28	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BUSTER RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENE	28	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNENE	28	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62852-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 13, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SW	SESE	28	10N	27E MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SW	SESE	28	10N	27E MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSESE	28	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62852-00 62853-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62853-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 13, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSESE	28	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LACKEY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSESE	28	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SW	SESE	28	10N	27E MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62854-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 21, 1966

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 6.96 GPM

Volume: 10.43 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS LACKY WELL

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		SWSESE	29	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSESE	29	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

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62854-00 62855-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62855-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 21, 1966

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 6.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS LACKY WELL

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		SWSESE	29	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSESE	29	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62856-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.01 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENSW	32	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LACKEY DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENSW	32	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSW	32	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

EXISTENCE OF THE CLAIMED RESERVOIR CANNOT BE CONFIRMED WITH AVAILABLE DATA.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62857-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENSW	32	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENSW	32	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSW	32	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

EXISTENCE OF THE CLAIMED RESERVOIR CANNOT BE CONFIRMED WITH AVAILABLE DATA.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62858-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 10, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENENE	34	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENENE	34	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NENE	34	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62858-00 62859-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62859-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 10, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENENE	34	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GOFFENA RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENENE	34	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENE	34	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62858-00 62859-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62860-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS MATTSON SOUTH SPRING

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		SESESW	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SESESW	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62860-00 62861-00

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62861-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS MATTSON SOUTH SPRING

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		SESESW	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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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62860-00 62861-00

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62862-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 31, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 148.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESENW	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** EASY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESENW	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL
2			NE	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62862-00 62863-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62863-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 31, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESENW	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESENW	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SESENW	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL
2			NENESW	35	10N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62862-00 62863-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62864-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 13, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENESE	12	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENESE	12	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENESE	12	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62864-00 62865-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62865-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 13, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.10 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENESE	12	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LOUIS GOFFENA RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENESE	12	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENESE	12	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62864-00 62865-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62866-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MCLEAN COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSWSW	34	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWSW	34	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

RESERVOIR NAME: SUTTLE DAM

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSWSW	34	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62866-00 62867-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62867-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MCLEAN COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSWSW	34	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SUTTLE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWSW	34	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSWSW	34	10N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62868-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1939

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.04 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENESE	26	10N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENESE	26	10N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			N2NESE	26	10N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62869-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1939

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 11.96 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENESE	26	10N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MELSTONE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENESE	26	10N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			N2NESE	26	10N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62870-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1879

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENE	30	10N	30E	MUSSELSHELL	

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENE	30	10N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62871-00 RESERVED CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: WITHDRAWN

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 07/16/93.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62872-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners:

JOSEPH KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

DELORES KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

WILLIAM KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 3.99 GPM

Volume: 5.66 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENENW	24	11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENENW	24	11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

A LATE OBJECTION HAS BEEN FILED TO THE OWNERSHIP, PRIORITY DATE, PURPOSE, MEANS OF DIVERSION, AND SOURCE. OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM. IT WILL BE RESOLVED DURING THE ADJUDICATION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE PRELIMINARY DECREE.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62873-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: WILLIAM KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

DELORES KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

JOSEPH KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 3.99 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENENW	24		11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			NENENW	24	11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

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62872-00 62873-00

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

A LATE OBJECTION HAS BEEN FILED TO THE OWNERSHIP, PRIORITY DATE, PURPOSE, MEANS OF DIVERSION, AND SOURCE. OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM. IT WILL BE RESOLVED DURING THE ADJUDICATION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE PRELIMINARY DECREE.

THE WATER COURT CANNOT DECREE THIS RIGHT WITHOUT FURTHER PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE CONCERNING PRIORITY DATE OF THIS WATER RIGHT. TO ASSURE THE ORDERLY ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS, THE COURT WILL SET A HEARING TO DETERMINE THIS ISSUE IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE MADE.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62874-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT
Status: WITHDRAWN**

Owners:
DELORES KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

JOSEPH KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

WILLIAM KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF JONES CREEK

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 10/19/83.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62875-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: WITHDRAWN

Owners:

JOSEPH KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

DELORES KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

WILLIAM KOMBOL
PO BOX 898
ROUNDUP, MT 59072

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF JONES CREEK

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 10/19/83.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62876-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MINERVA CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	32	11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BIG RED RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWNW	32	11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNWNW	32	11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62876-00 62877-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62877-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.31 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MINERVA CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	32	11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BIG RED RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWNW	32	11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNWNW	32	11N	23E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62876-00 62877-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62878-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 6.31 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GRAVES RANCH CO RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62878-00 62881-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62879-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 6.96 GPM

Volume: 10.50 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS GRAVES RANCH CO WELL

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		SWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62879-00 62880-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSWSW SEC 4 TWP 11N RGE 24E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SWSWSW SEC 4 TWP 11N RGE 24E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62880-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 6.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GRAVES RANCH CO WELL

***Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWSWSW SEC 4 TWP 11N RGE 24E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62881-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

***Source Name:** NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	4	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62882-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

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		NWNESE	6	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NESE	6	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWNESSE SEC 06 TWP 11N RGE 24E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62883-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

Volume: 4.09 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GRAVES RANCH CO SPRING

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		NESE	6	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NESE	6	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWNES SEC 06 TWP 11N RGE 24E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE NWNES SEC 6 TWP 11N RGE 24E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62884-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 8.35 GPM

Volume: 12.75 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GRAVES RANCH CO SPRING

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		NENE	7	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NENE	7	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

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THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62885-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 8.35 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GRAVES RANCH CO SPRING

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENE	7	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENE	7	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62884-00 62885-00

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62886-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners:

VIRGINIA E TRANEL
71 HOKAI PL
KIHEI, HI 96753

NED A TRANEL
1010 MOON VALLEY RD
BILLINGS, MT 59105

NED N TRANEL
PO BOX 50280
BILLINGS, MT 59105 0280

Priority Date: MARCH 22, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

Volume: 3.99 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	24		11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSE	24	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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KIHEI, HI 96753

NED N TRANEL
PO BOX 50280
BILLINGS, MT 59105 0280

Priority Date: MARCH 22, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 2.96 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

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Source Type: GROUNDWATER

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1		NWNENW	24		11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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Water Right Number: 40C 62888-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.50 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GRAVES RANCH CO SPRING

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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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Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

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Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

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		NWNESE	35	11N	24E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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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Water Right Number: 40C 62890-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESW	2	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** POKER RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESW	2	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62891-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.81 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESW	2	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** POKER RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESW	2	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESW	2	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62892-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 20, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.31 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSW	10	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MANG RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSW	10	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSW	10	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62892-00 62893-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62893-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 20, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSW	10	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSW	10	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSW	10	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62894-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 13, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS HEMPHILL WELL

***Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	13	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SW	13	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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62894-00 62895-00

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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SESWNE SEC 13 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62895-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 13, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS HEMPHILL WELL

***Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

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1		SESWNE	13	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWNE	13	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SESWNE SEC 13 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62896-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENE	20	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	20	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENE	20	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62896-00 62897-00

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SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62897-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENE	20	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JOHNSON BROTHERS RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	20	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENE	20	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE SOURCE APPEARS TO BE AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62898-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 13, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 29.98 GPM

Volume: 47.57 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS DEVILS BASIN WELL #1

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		SWSW	21	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSW	21	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWSWSW SEC 21 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE NWSWSW SEC 21 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62899-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 13, 1964

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 29.98 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		NWSWSW	21	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSW	21	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62900-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 6.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSW	23	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	23	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

RESERVOIR NAME: JOHNSON BROTHERS RESERVOIR

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62901-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	23	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	23	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62902-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSE	24	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	24	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSE	24	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62903-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.10 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSE	24	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JOHNSON BROTHERS RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	24	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSE	24	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62904-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

Volume: 7.25 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	25	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	25	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SESESE SEC 26 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SESESE SEC 26 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62905-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SESESE	26	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSW	25	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SESESE SEC 26 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSEL SHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62906-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

Volume: 7.25 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SWNW	25	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWNW	25	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SENWNW SEC 25 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SENWNW SEC 25 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62907-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SENWNW	25	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWNW	25	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62906-00 62907-00

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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SENWNW SEC 25 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62908-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENW	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JOHNSON BROTHERS RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENW	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENW	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62909-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENW	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENW	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NENW	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62910-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 14.99 GPM

Volume: 23.39 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS JOHNSON WELL & PIPELINE

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		NENE	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESE	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL
2			NENE	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL
3			SESE	23	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL
4			NENW	25	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62910-00 62911-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SESESE SEC 26 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSEL SHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SESESE SEC 26 TWP 11N RGE 25E MUSSEL SHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62911-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 17, 1981

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 14.99 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SESESE	26	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	23	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL
2			NENW	25	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL
3			NENE	35	11N	25E	MUSSELSHELL
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Remarks:

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POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62912-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.81 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESE	4	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** DROVER DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	4	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	4	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62913-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESE	4	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** DROVER DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	4	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	4	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62914-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 5.97 GPM

Volume: 8.95 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS ELIASSON WELL #2

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		SWSE	5	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSE	5	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NESWSE SEC 05 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE NESWSE SEC 5 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62915-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 5.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		NESWSE	5	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWSE	5	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NESWSE SEC 5 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62916-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS ELIASSON WELL #1

***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		SESESE	8	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESE	8	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SESESE SEC 8 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSEL SHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62917-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.50 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS ELIASSON WELL #1

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		SESE	8	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SESE	8	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SESESE SEC 08 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SESESE SEC 8 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62918-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	12	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	12	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	12	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62919-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.31 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	12	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ELIASSON RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	12	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	12	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62918-00 62919-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62920-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	17	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ELIASSON RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	17	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	17	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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62920-00 62921-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62921-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	17	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	17	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	17	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62922-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NESE	19	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GRAVES RANCH CO RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	19	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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62922-00 62923-00

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62923-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NESE	19	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	19	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	19	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62924-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 28, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS ELIASSON SPRING NO. 1

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		SWNE	19	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SWNE	19	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWSWNE SEC 19 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE NWSWNE SEC 19 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62925-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 28, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

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		NWSWNE	19	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			SWNE	19	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWSWNE SEC 19 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62926-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSE	22	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	22	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSE	22	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62927-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSE	22	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GRAVES RANCH CO RES

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	22	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSE	22	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62928-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.41 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	31	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** DORTHY B DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	31	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	31	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62929-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	31	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** DORTHY B DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	31	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	31	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62930-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNE	32	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNE	32	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNE	32	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62931-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.
RUNOFF

Volume: 7.21 AC-FT

Source Name: CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNE	32	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MASON RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNE	32	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNE	32	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62932-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

Volume: 2.40 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS PROPANE WELL

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		NWNW	32	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWNWNW SEC 32 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE POINT OF DIVERSION APPEARS TO BE IN THE SWNWNW SEC 32 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELSHELL COUNTY.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62933-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.97 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		SWNWNW	32	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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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THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE SWNWNW SEC 32 TWP 11N RGE 26E MUSSELHELL COUNTY.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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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: 40C 62934-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 32.61 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENE	33	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ROSEANN DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	33	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENE	33	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

EXISTENCE OF THE CLAIMED RESERVOIR CANNOT BE CONFIRMED WITH AVAILABLE DATA.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62935-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CROOKED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENE	33	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ROSEANN DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	33	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENE	33	11N	26E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62936-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.31 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESW	6	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ELIASSON RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESW	6	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESW	6	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62937-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 16, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESW	6	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESW	6	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESW	6	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62936-00 62937-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62938-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENW	10	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** FLYING BILL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENW	10	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NENW	10	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62939-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 19.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENW	10	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** FLYING BILL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENW	10	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENW	10	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62938-00 62939-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62940-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	22	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JINGLE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	22	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSE	22	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62941-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.17 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSE	22	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JINGLE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	22	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	22	11N	27E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62942-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 19.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENENW	14	11N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** OK RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENENW	14	11N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENENW	14	11N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62943-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENENW	14	11N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENENW	14	11N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NENENW	14	11N	28E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62944-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 22, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 6.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNWNW	34	11N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SHELHAMER RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNWNW	34	11N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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Remarks:

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62944-00 62945-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62945-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 22, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNWNW	34	11N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNWNW	34	11N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNWNW	34	11N	30E	MUSSELSHELL

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62944-00 62945-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62946-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.69 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	34	12N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	34	12N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	34	12N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62946-00 62947-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62947-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.31 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE WALL CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENE	34	12N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** NEBRASKA PIT

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	34	12N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	34	12N	26E	PETROLEUM

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62946-00 62947-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62948-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	32	12N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	32	12N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	32	12N	27E	PETROLEUM

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62948-00 62949-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62949-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 6.81 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENE	32	12N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** KNOB DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	32	12N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	32	12N	27E	PETROLEUM

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62948-00 62949-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62950-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MCLAUGHLIN PROPERTIES LLC
2706 OAK GROVE RD
TRENTON, NC 28585

Priority Date: OCTOBER 13, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENWSE	10	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENWSE	10	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SEN	WSE 10	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62950-00 62951-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62951-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MCLAUGHLIN PROPERTIES LLC
2706 OAK GROVE RD
TRENTON, NC 28585

Priority Date: OCTOBER 13, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SEN	WSE	10	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENWSE	10	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENWSE	10	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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Water Right Number: 40C 62952-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: FLAT WILLOW FARM LLC
285 SAPPHIRE VW
FLORENCE, MT 59833 6620

Priority Date: APRIL 30, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.
RUNOFF

Volume: 5.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENE	14	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	14	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	14	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

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Water Right Number: 40C 62953-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: FLAT WILLOW FARM LLC
285 SAPPHIRE VW
FLORENCE, MT 59833 6620

Priority Date: APRIL 30, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
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1		SENE	14	12N	28E	PETROLEUM	

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
SENENE	14	12N	28E	PETROLEUM	

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62954-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 21, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	20	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GOFFENA BROS RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWNW	20	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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Water Right Number: 40C 62955-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 21, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

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Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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THE PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION COULD NOT BE REFINED FROM INFORMATION IN THE CLAIM FILE.

POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESERVOIR RECORD MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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Water Right Number: 40C 62956-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNE	33	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNE	33	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			W2NENE	33	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62956-00 62957-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 62957-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 23.81 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HOWARD COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNENE	33	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JOHN WAY SPECIAL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNENE	33	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			W2	NENE 33	12N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62956-00 62957-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62958-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 13, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MAGINNIS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	12		6	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
		6	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		12		6	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62958-00 62959-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62959-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 13, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 8.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MAGINNIS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	12		6	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** GOFFENA RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
		6	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		12		6	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62958-00 62959-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62960-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: ANNIE E SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

STUART H SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 1, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(usage): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MAGINNIS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SW	SE	8 12N	30E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSESE	8	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSESE	8	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62960-00 62961-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62961-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners:

ANNIE E SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

STUART H SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 1, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(usage): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 6.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MAGINNIS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSESE	8	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM Reservoir Name: MAXWELL RESERVOIR NO. 2

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSESE	8	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSESE	8	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62960-00 62961-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62962-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners:

ANNIE E SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

STUART H SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

Priority Date: JULY 14, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SW	NE	20	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM Reservoir Name: MAXWELL RESERVOIR NO. 1

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESE	20	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNESE	20	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62963-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: STUART H SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

ANNIE E SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

Priority Date: JULY 14, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SW	NESE	20	12N	30E PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESE	20	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNESE	20	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62964-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners:

ANNIE E SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

STUART H SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(usage): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWN	34	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM Reservoir Name: MAXWELL RESERVOIR NO. 3

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWSW	34	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNWSW	34	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62965-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: STUART H SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

ANNIE E SHIRLEY
PO BOX 9
MELSTONE, MT 59054 0009

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 15, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

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Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF NORTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWN	SW 34	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNWSW	34	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNWSW	34	12N	30E	PETROLEUM

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62966-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 11, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.60 AC-FT

Source Name: NORTH MAGINNIS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENE	32	13N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	32	13N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62967-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 11, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: NORTH MAGINNIS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	32	13N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	32	13N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	32	13N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62966-00 62967-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62968-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 7.41 AC-FT

Source Name: CIRCLE BAR COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NW	18	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** FRASER RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NW	18	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NW	18	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

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62968-00 62969-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62969-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: CIRCLE BAR COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NW	18	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NW	18	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNESW	18	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

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62968-00 62969-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62970-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 3, 1960

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.60 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESESW	30	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** STENSVAD DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESESW	30	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	SESW	30	13N	30E PETROLEUM

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62970-00 62971-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62971-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 3, 1960

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.40 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESESW	30	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESESW	30	13N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	SESW	30	13N	30E PETROLEUM

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62970-00 62971-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62972-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: JOLENE SHAW
PO BOX 5242
MOSBY, MT 59058 5242

ORVAL D SHAW
PO BOX 5242
MOSBY, MT 59058 5242

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(usage): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 10.01 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNESE	1	14N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESE	1	14N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNESE	1	14N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62972-00 62973-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 62973-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: JOLENE SHAW
PO BOX 5242
MOSBY, MT 59058 5242

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PO BOX 5242
MOSBY, MT 59058 5242

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNESE	1	14N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNESE	1	14N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNESE	1	14N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

62972-00 62973-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62974-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 13, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HUGHES COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENWNW	34	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HILL RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENWNW	34	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENWNW	34	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

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62974-00 62975-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62975-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 13, 1968

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HUGHES COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENWNW	34	14N	31E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENWNW	34	14N	31E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENWNW	34	14N	31E	GARFIELD

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62974-00 62975-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62976-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 21, 1982

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 0.99 GPM

Volume: 0.82 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		NESE	3	15N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			NESE	3	15N	28E	PETROLEUM

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62976-00 62977-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION COULD NOT BE REFINED FROM INFORMATION IN THE CLAIM FILE.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62977-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 21, 1982

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 0.99 GPM

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Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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		NESE	3	15N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			NESE	3	15N	28E	PETROLEUM

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62976-00 62977-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 62978-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 8, 1959

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSWNW	24	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MOSS DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWNW	24	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			W2W2NW	24	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62978-00 62979-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62979-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 8, 1959

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSWNW	24	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSWNW	24	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			W2W2NW	24	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

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62978-00 62979-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62980-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 28, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESE	34	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	34	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	34	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

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62980-00 62981-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62981-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 28, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESE	34	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SANDBAG RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	34	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	34	15N	29E	PETROLEUM

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62982-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 18, 1956

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESENW	23	15N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIT

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** TWO PRONG PIT

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESENW	23	15N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			E2SENW	23	15N	30E	GARFIELD

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62982-00 62983-00

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Water Right Number: 40C 62983-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 18, 1956

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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1		NESENW	23	15N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIT

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** TWO PRONG PIT

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESENW	23	15N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			E2SE	23	15N	30E	GARFIELD

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62982-00 62983-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 62984-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 3, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWNE	30	15N	30E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIT

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MOSS PIT

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWNE	30	15N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSWNE	30	15N	30E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62985-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 3, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSWNE	30	15N	30E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIT

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSWNE	30	15N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSWNE	30	15N	30E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62988-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNW	8	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNW	8	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNW	8	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62988-00 62989-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62989-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 22.71 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWNW	8	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BARDEN DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNW	8	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNW	8	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62990-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESW	15	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESW	15	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESW	15	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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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: 40C 62991-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 13.51 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESW	15	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** ASHLEY DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESW	15	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESW	15	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62992-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 30, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESE	20	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** TEIGEN LAND & LVST RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	20	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	20	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62992-00 62993-00

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BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62993-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 30, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NESE	20	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	20	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	20	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62994-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 25.31 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	34	16N	28E	PETROLEUM	

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

*Reservoir: ONSTREAM Reservoir Name: MANUEL DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	34	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1
Dam Height: 13.00 FEET
Depth: 10.00 FEET
Surface Area: 4.30 ACRES
Capacity: 17.20 ACRE-FEET

THE CAPACITY, DAM HEIGHT, MAXIMUM DEPTH, AND SURFACE AREA HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED BY DNRC.

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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62994-00 62995-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

RESERVOIR RECORD MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62995-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	34	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	34	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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62994-00 62995-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62996-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MARCH 6, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSE	35	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	35	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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62996-00 62997-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62997-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MARCH 6, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CAT CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSE	35	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MANUEL DIVERSION DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	35	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSE	35	16N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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62996-00 62997-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 62998-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1971

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.15 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSESW	1	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** FAIL WATERSAVER

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSESW	1	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSESW	1	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 62999-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 9, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 1.48 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HALEY COULEE

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GILFEATHER SPRING #2

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		NESE	5	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NESE	5	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

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62999-00 63000-00

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63000-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 9, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 1.48 GPM

Volume: 1.80 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HALEY COULEE

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GILFEATHER SPRING NO. 2

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		NESE	5	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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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62999-00 63000-00

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THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63001-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1955

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	7	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	7	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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63001-00 63002-00

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63002-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1955

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	7	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** TIN CAN RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	7	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNE	7	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

63001-00 63002-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 63003-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 12, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 0.99 GPM

Volume: 0.99 AC-FT

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GILFEATHER SPRING NO. 1

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		NWNW	8	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NWNW	8	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

63003-00 63004-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 63004-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 12, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 0.99 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS GILFEATHER SPRING NO. 1

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		NWNW	8	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

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>
1			NWNW	8	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

63003-00 63004-00

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

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 63005-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 31, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HALEY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** PUGS DELIGHT SE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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63005-00 63010-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 63006-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 21, 1959

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

Volume: 7.42 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS FAIL BROS WELL

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		SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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63006-00 63007-00

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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT CANNOT DECREE THIS RIGHT WITHOUT FURTHER PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE CONCERNING VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT. TO ASSURE THE ORDERLY ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS, THE COURT WILL SET A HEARING TO DETERMINE THIS ISSUE IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE MADE.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION COULD NOT BE REFINED FROM INFORMATION IN THE CLAIM FILE.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 41I, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 63007-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 21, 1959

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS FAIL BROS WELL

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		SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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63006-00 63007-00

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION COULD NOT BE REFINED FROM INFORMATION IN THE CLAIM FILE.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63008-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.20 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HALEY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HANK DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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63008-00 63009-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63009-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HALEY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NE	SW	11	16N	29E PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NE	SW	11	16N	29E PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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63008-00 63009-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63010-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 31, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HALEY COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNW	11	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

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63005-00 63010-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63011-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: DEEP COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESESE	13	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESESE	13	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			E2SESE	13	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

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63011-00 63012-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
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Water Right Number: 40C 63012-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.70 AC-FT

Source Name: DEEP COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESESE	13	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** TREE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESESE	13	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			E2SESE	13	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

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63011-00 63012-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63013-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 12, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSE	17	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	17	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSE	17	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63014-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 12, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSE	17	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	17	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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Water Right Number: 40C 63015-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENENW	25	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENENW	25	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SE	25	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

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Water Right Number: 40C 63016-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENENW	25	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** FLAT PIT RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENENW	25	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63017-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		NWSE	26	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	26	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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Water Right Number: 40C 63018-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.70 AC-FT

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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** LONG COULEE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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Water Right Number: 40C 63019-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNE	26	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNE	26	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWNE	26	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63020-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNE	26	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CREEP RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNE	26	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNE	26	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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63019-00 63020-00

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BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63021-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNW	27	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** COTTONWOOD RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNW	27	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNW	27	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

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63021-00 63022-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63022-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNW	27	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNW	27	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNW	27	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63023-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	34	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BOBCAT RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	34	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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63023-00 63024-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
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Water Right Number: 40C 63024-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
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BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

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Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	34	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	34	16N	29E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 63025-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 20, 1945

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CALF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNESE	14	16N	30E	GARFIELD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNESE	14	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNESE	14	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63026-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 20, 1945

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CALF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNESE	14	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MOSS RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNESE	14	16N	30E	GARFIELD

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNESE	14	16N	30E	GARFIELD

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63027-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 28, 1954

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSESE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSESE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSESE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63028-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 28, 1954

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSESE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** DUTTON RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSESE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSESE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63029-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNENE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** CROOKED COULEE RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNENE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

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63029-00 63030-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63030-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF COTTONWOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNENE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNENE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNENE	31	16N	30E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 63031-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	2	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	2	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	2	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63032-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.11 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSE	2	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** DOUBLE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	2	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	2	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63033-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: KATHLEEN HARVEY
11235 WINDEMERE DR
MISSOULA, MT 59804 9261

GARY HARVEY
11235 WINDEMERE DR
MISSOULA, MT 59804 9261

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 21, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SAGE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSE	6	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	6	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSE	6	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63034-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners:

GARY HARVEY
11235 WINDEMERE DR
MISSOULA, MT 59804 9261

KATHLEEN HARVEY
11235 WINDEMERE DR
MISSOULA, MT 59804 9261

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 21, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(usage): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 16.41 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SAGE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSE	6	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
		SWSE	6	17N	26E	PETROLEUM
Diversion to Reservoir:	DIVERSION # 1					
Dam Height:	13.00 FEET					
Depth:	10.00 FEET					
Surface Area:	3.80 ACRES					
Capacity:	15.20 ACRE-FEET					

THE CAPACITY, DAM HEIGHT, MAXIMUM DEPTH, AND SURFACE AREA HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED BY DNRC.

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>
1			SWSE	6	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

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THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

RESERVOIR RECORD MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 63035-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 23, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

NO FLOW RATE HAS BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVIOR.

Volume: 90.81 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM	

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

*Reservoir: ONSTREAM Reservoir Name: DRY BLOOD CREEK DET

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1
Dam Height: 13.00 FEET
Depth: 10.00 FEET
Surface Area: 40.20 ACRES
Capacity: 160.80 ACRE-FEET

THE CAPACITY, DAM HEIGHT, MAXIMUM DEPTH, AND SURFACE AREA HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED BY DNRC.

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>
1			SWSW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63036-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: **WITHDRAWN**

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): FLOOD CONTROL

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 09/16/92.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63037-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 23, 1964

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

***Source Name:** DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63038-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 29, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63039-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 29, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENW	14	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63040-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 10.61 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNE	15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** MARK KELLY DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNE	15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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63040-00 63041-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
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Water Right Number: 40C 63041-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

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Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWNE	15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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Water Right Number: 40C 63042-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 8, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NESW	15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** WEINGART RESERVOIR NO. 2

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESW	15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63043-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 8, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NE	SW 15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NE	SW 15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NESW	15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63044-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENW	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63045-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 10.81 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENW	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENW	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

RESERVOIR NAME: MEAD DAM

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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63044-00 63045-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63046-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 8, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 11.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		SWSE	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** WEINGART RESERVOIR NO. 1

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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63046-00 63047-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63047-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 8, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	17	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

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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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 63048-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 26, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

Volume: 7.25 AC-FT

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS ALEX WEINGART WELL

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		NENE	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

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>
1			SWNE	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM
2			SESE	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM
3			SWSW	15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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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.

THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVERSION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM CANNOT BE DETERMINED AND THE FLOW RATE REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE FLOW RATE WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION COULD NOT BE REFINED FROM INFORMATION IN THE CLAIM FILE.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE VOLUME OF THIS CLAIM CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND VOLUME REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63049-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 26, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 4.98 GPM

***Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS ALEX WEINGART WELL

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENE	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	15	17N	26E	PETROLEUM
2			SWNE	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM
3			SESE	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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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.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION COULD NOT BE REFINED FROM INFORMATION IN THE CLAIM FILE.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63050-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 15, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESW	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SPOON REBUILD RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESW	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESW	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63051-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 15, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NE	SW	21	17N	26E PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NE	SW	21	17N	26E PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NESW	21	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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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: 40C 63052-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSE	23	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** WEINGART DIVERSION DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	23	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	23	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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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: 40C 63053-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	23	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	23	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSE	23	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 63054-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 7.01 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESW	24	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** FORBES DAM (PR-31)

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESW	24	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESW	24	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 63055-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NE	SW 24	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NE	SW 24	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESW	24	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 63056-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: **WITHDRAWN**

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date:

Enforceable Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (use): FLOOD CONTROL

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE ADJUDICATION PROCESS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLAIMANT ON 09/16/92.

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63057-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 23, 1963

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 90.21 AC-FT

Source Name: DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWNW	25	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNW	25	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNW	25	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63058-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 23, 1963

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNW	25	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNW	25	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWNW	25	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 63059-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.91 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SESE	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SUSIE DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63060-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SESE	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SESE	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SESE	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63061-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 31, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENW	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENW	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENW	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63062-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 31, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENW	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SUZIE 2 DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENW	26	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63063-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 31, 1973

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NESE	28	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	28	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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Water Right Number: 40C 63064-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 31, 1973

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 7.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		NESE	28	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SONNY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	28	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	28	17N	26E	PETROLEUM

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63065-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.11 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	1	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** NANCY DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	1	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	1	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 63066-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	1	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** NANCY DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	1	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	1	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63067-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 11, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	2	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	2	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	2	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63068-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 11, 1966

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	2	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BRADY DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	2	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63069-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 13, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESWNW	4	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESWNW	4	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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63069-00 63070-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63070-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 13, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 2.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		NESWNW	4	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BRADY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESWNW	4	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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63069-00 63070-00

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THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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Water Right Number: 40C 63071-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 25, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	5	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	5	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	5	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE DNRC PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63072-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 25, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSW	5	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BRADY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	5	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	5	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63073-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 28, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	2	N2	7	17N	27E	PETROLEUM	

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

2	7	N2	7	17N	27E	PETROLEUM
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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	N2	7	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

THIS RIGHT INVOLVES ONE DAM WHICH IS LOCATED IN GOVERNMENT LOTS 2 AND 7, SEC 07 TWP 17N RGE 27E.

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>
1		2	N2	7	17N	27E	PETROLEUM
2		7	N2	7	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE ALIQUOT PART N2 IS ADDED TO THE DESCRIPTION ONLY TO FACILITATE LOCATION. THE ALIQUOT PART IS NOT AN ELEMENT OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE GOVERNMENT LOT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63074-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JANUARY 28, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	7	N2	7	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	N2	7	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		7	N2	7	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63075-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	10	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	10	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSW	10	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63076-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 31, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.71 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	10	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BRADY DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	10	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSW	10	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63077-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.21 AC-FT

Source Name: BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESE	12	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** STORKLEG DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	12	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	12	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63078-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1962

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NESE	12	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	12	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NESE	12	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63079-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 18, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENE	13	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	13	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NENE	13	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

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BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63080-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 18, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NENE	13	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BRADY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENE	13	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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Water Right Number: 40C 63081-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 24, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		SWSW	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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Water Right Number: 40C 63082-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 24, 1937

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Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSW	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			SWSW	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 63083-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1955

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

***Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JIMBOY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

63083-00 63084-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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."

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 63084-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1955

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 5.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENE	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** JIMBOY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	15	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

63083-00 63084-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE WATER COURT WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY SUBJECT TO SECTION 85-2-248, MCA, AND MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396. A HEARING MAY ALSO BE HELD ON THIS CLAIM IF A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

THE SOURCE APPEARS TO BE AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 63085-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 1, 1942

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESE	17	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** 113 PR-153 RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	17	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	17	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63086-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: JULY 1, 1942

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NESE	17	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** 113 PR-153 RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	17	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	17	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

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63085-00 63086-00

THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 63087-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 4.61 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	18	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HAYES REBUILD DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	18	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNE	18	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

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63087-00 63088-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 63088-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNE	18	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HAYES REBUILD DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWNE	18	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNE	18	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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 PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE 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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63089-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 25, 1959

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

***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	13	NENENE	19	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
		19	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		13		19	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

POINT OF DIVERSION MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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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 59771-1389.

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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: 40C 63090-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: AUGUST 25, 1959

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.21 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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	13		19	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BRADY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
		19	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		13		19	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Water Right Number: 40C 63091-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 15.13 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSE	22	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HELEN B DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	22	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSE	22	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

CLAIMED VOLUME EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF RESERVOIR PLUS EVAPORATIVE LOSSES. THE CLAIMED VOLUME CAN BE CONTESTED BY PROPER OBJECTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM THE VOLUME WILL BE DECREED AS CLAIMED, AND THIS REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

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 SUBBASINS OR BASINS 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.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63092-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DRY BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSE	22	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** HELEN B DAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	22	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NWSE	22	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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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: 40C 63093-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 8.41 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HUNTERS COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SWSE	29	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	29	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

RESERVOIR NAME: BRADY DAM

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWSE	29	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63094-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.79 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF HUNTERS COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWSE	29	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSE	29	17N	27E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63095-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1956

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.62 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSE	1	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** WINNETT CSGD RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	1	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSE	1	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

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Water Right Number: 40C 63096-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1956

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 3.38 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		NWSE	1	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
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Water Right Number: 40C 63097-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1969

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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1		SWSW	3	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIT

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** SWANSON COULEE PIT

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	3	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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Water Right Number: 40C 63098-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
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Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1969

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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Diversion Means: PIT

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Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SWSW	3	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63099-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 18, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.62 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SENE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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63099-00 63100-00

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63100-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 18, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.38 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		SENE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BRADY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SENE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

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63099-00 63100-00

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63101-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 28, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.
RUNOFF

Volume: 0.30 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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>
1			NESE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

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63101-00 63102-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 40C 63102-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: MAY 28, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 1.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NESE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BRADY DAM NO. 1

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NESE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NESE	6	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

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63101-00 63102-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63103-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 18, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 0.38 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NWSE	8	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM **Reservoir Name:** BRADY RESERVOIR

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	8	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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63103-00 63104-00

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MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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Water Right Number: 40C 63104-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
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BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: OCTOBER 18, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

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RUNOFF

Volume: 0.62 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSE	8	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NWSE	8	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

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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THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT.

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**PRELIMINARY DECREE
MUSSELSHELL RIVER, BELOW ROUNDUP
BASIN 40C
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 MONTANA WATER COURT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC) DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PRELIMINARY DECREE. 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: 40C 63105-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- REEXAMINED

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101 4669

Priority Date: APRIL 28, 1965

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): WILDLIFE

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

RUNOFF

Volume: 9.70 AC-FT

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BLOOD CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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		NENW	10	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN STANDARDIZED BY DNRC FOR THIS CLAIM.

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	NENW	10	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

RESERVOIR NAME: SOLF DAM

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NENW	10	17N	28E	PETROLEUM

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE DNRC DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT CLAIM.

BECAUSE THIS CLAIM DID NOT RECEIVE A FACTUAL OR LEGAL ISSUE REMARK DURING THE CLAIMS EXAMINATION PROCESS, THE WATER COURT WILL NOT HOLD A HEARING ON THIS CLAIM UNDER MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS IN BASIN 411, 2002 MT 216, 311 MONT. 327, 55 P.3D 396 UNLESS A VALID OBJECTION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 85-2-233, MCA, OR THE WATER COURT CALLS THE CLAIM IN ON ITS OWN MOTION UNDER RULE 8, W.R.ADJ.R.

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