# 41A RED ROCK RIVER

# **DECREE INDEX INSTRUCTIONS**

The attached index is designed to help a person research and find water rights included in the decree. The decree consists of a computer-printed abstract for each individual water right decreed in the basin. Depending on the number of water rights within a basin, the decree may be in one or more volumes. Each volume is organized numerically by a water right identification (ID) number.

Whenever a water right is referred to or discussed, use the entire water right ID number. This is the best way to be sure that everyone is communicating about the same water right.

Example of ID number: 41A 563

- 41A Code for drainage basin.
- Specific identification number assigned to each water right by Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

There are six sections to the index. Each section is organized in a different manner, as outlined below.

## 1. SOURCE NAME INDEX

This index lists all water rights alphabetically by the source name (source at point of diversion). If the point of diversion of a water right is not on the "main stem" of the source listed, a two letter tributary code will be shown immediately to the left of the source name. For example, UT RED ROCK RIVER means the water right is diverted from an Unnamed Tributary to RED ROCK RIVER. Additional tributary codes are: SP (spring), WS (waste and seepage), SI (subirrigation), NP (natural pit), MP (manmade pit).

Some sources have more than one commonly used name but only one has been selected as the standardized name. Standardization was based on names designated by the United States Geological Survey, Water Resources Survey, or that in most common local usage. It is recommended that all known names be checked. Also keep in mind that some source names (Spring Creek, Deer Creek, etc..) might identify more than one stream in a basin.

Water rights with the same source name are listed chronologically by enforceable priority date. This secondary Sort is useful in identifying the seniority of water rights on a specific source. 'B' designated late claims are sorted last within a source listing.

# 2. OWNER NAME INDEX:

This index organizes all water rights alphabetically by all owner names. If you want to locate John Q. Public's water rights, look under "P" for Public. If a partnership or corporation is involved, such as Big Sky Angus Ranch, look under "B" for Big. Be sure to look for all likely owner names (ranch name, estate name, etc.) when you use this index as some owners filed rights both under a corporate name and individually.

## 3. POINT OF DIVERSION INDEX:

In this index, every point of diversion for each water right in the basin is listed by legal land description. The land descriptions are listed from lowest numbered township and range to highest numbered township and range. Within each township and range the sections are listed numerically.

Water rights with the same point of diversion are listed chronologically by priority date. This secondary sort is useful in identifying the seniority of water rights diverted at a particular location.

#### 4. ENFORCEABLE PRIORITY DATE INDEX:

All water rights within the drainage are listed from earliest to latest enforceable priority date according to MM/DD/YYYY. Where no priority date has been decreed, the index shows no date in the Priority Date column. Check the individual decree abstract for an explanation. 'B' designated late claims are sorted last within the priority date listing.

Water rights with the same priority date are organized alphabetically by source name. For example, all 02/15/1884, water rights from RED ROCK RIVER would be together.

## 5. WATER RIGHT ID INDEX:

Every water right has been assigned an identification number, for example, 41A 563. This index organizes all water right ID numbers in numerical order from lowest to highest.

# 6. ISSUE REMARKS INDEX:

This index is a list of the remarks used by the Water Court to identify certain problems or issues in the decree. The Water Court used these remarks when there was insufficient information to resolve a problem or potential problem.

This index is arranged numerically by water right ID number. For each right listed the use, flow rate, priority date, source name, and owners are given along with the text of the issue remarks.

# SUMMARY:

If you have questions about how to look up water right information in these indexes or how to read the decree abstracts, please contact the DNRC Water Resources Regional Office listed in the Notice of Entry for the decree of this basin.

If you have questions about the correctness of any information in a particular water right, contact the Water Court and perhaps file an objection. How to file an objection is outlined in the Notice of Entry for the decree in each basin.

	VATER RIGHT ID	VERSION LATE STATUS CLAIM		USE	FLOW RATE	ENFORCEABLE PRIORITY DATE	POINT QTR SEC				CN	TRIB	SOURCE NAME	OWNER NAME
41A	77794	ACTV	USE	ST		12/31/1858	NWNESE	2	98	14W	BE	SP	RAWHIDE CREEK	USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
41A	77795	ACTV	RESERVED	WI	4.00 GPM	04/17/1926	NWNESE	2	98	14W	BE	SP	RAWHIDE CREEK	USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)
41A	29626	ACTV	FILED	ST		05/21/1919	SESESE	35	88	14W	BE	UT	RAWHIDE CREEK	MONTANA, STATE OF BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
41A	30044660	ACTV	RESERVED	WH		10/30/1888	NESENW	17	148	1E	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	US DEPT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
41A	94936	ACTV	FILED	IR	4.30 CFS	05/26/1900	SESWSW	13	148	1E	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	HUNTSMAN RANCH FAMILY LTD PRTNR
41A	103717	ACTV	FILED	ST		05/15/1901	W2SENW	17	148	1E	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	US DEPT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
41A	94437	ACTV	FILED	IR	374.00 GPM	07/23/1902	NENENW	15	148	1E	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE)
41A	94439	ACTV	FILED	IR	2.50 CFS	06/20/1904	SESENE	15	148	1E	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE)
41A	30044663	ACTV	RESERVED	WH		04/19/1999	NESENW	17	148	1E	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	US DEPT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
41A	30044701	ACTV	RESERVED	WH		04/19/1999	W2	8	148	1W	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	US DEPT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
41A	30044702	ACTV	RESERVED	WH		04/19/1999	NE	6	148	2W	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	US DEPT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
41A	30044703	ACTV	RESERVED	WH		04/19/1999	SE	7	148	1W	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	US DEPT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
41A	30044704	ACTV	RESERVED	WH		04/19/1999	N2	7	148	1W	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	US DEPT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
41A	30044705	ACTV	RESERVED	WH		04/19/1999	W2	7	148	1W	BE		RED ROCK CREEK	US DEPT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
41A	187320	DISS		FW									RED ROCK CREEK	USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE)
41A	187322	DISS		FW									RED ROCK CREEK	USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE)
41A	187323	DISS		FW									RED ROCK CREEK	USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE)
41A	190495	WDRN		FW									RED ROCK CREEK	USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE)

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NOTE: This is a sample of the Source Name Index. The other indexes have the same seven (7) columns except for the Issue Remarks Index.

Column WATER RIGHT ID: This is the water right identification number. This number is necessary to look up a water right abstract in the decree. The best way to request information from either the Water Court or the DNRC for a particular Water right is to use this entire number.

Column *USE*: This two-letter code designates what the water is used for in this water right. The most common codes are ST for stockwater, DM for domestic, and IR for irrigation. A list of all use codes is on page 5 of these instructions.

Column FLOW RATE: This number designates the flow rate for this water right. The letter "CFS" after the number means the flow rate is measured in cubic feet per second. A letter "GPM" means gallons per minute. A blank means the Water Court did not quantify a flow rate for this right. Reasons for this can be found in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the decree.

Column ENFORCEABLE PRIORITY DATE: This is the enforceable priority date for this water right written MM/DD/YYYY. A missing priority date is explained on the abstract for that right.

Column POINT OF DIVERSION: This column gives the point of diversion for this water right. All indexes except the Point of Diversion and Source Index list only one point of diversion for each right regardless of the number of diversions claimed. The legal land description is in the format: Quarter Section-Section-Township-Range-County. Counties are listed as two-letter codes. A list of county codes is on page 5 of these instructions.

Column SOURCE NAME: This is the name of the source of water for the right. A blank space usually indicates a problem with identifying the claimed source. Some names have a two letter code to the left of the source name. This indicates the diversion is on a tributary of the named source listed. These tributary codes are: (UT) Unnamed Tributary, (SP) spring, (WS) Waste and Seepage, (SI) Subirrigation, (MP) Manmade Pit, and (NP) Natural Pit.

Column OWNER NAME: This is the owner or owners of this water right. All owners of each right are listed.

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USE CODES  MINIMO											
	AG	AUGMENTATION	MN	MINING							
	AN	ANY PURPOSE	MW	MITIGATION WATER							
	AR	AQUIFER RECHARGE	NV	NAVIGATION							
	AS	AGRICULTURAL SPRAYING	OF	OIL WELL FLOODING							
	CM	COMMERCIAL	OP	OTHER PURPOSE							
	DE	DEWATERING	OT	OBSERVATION AND TESTING							
	DM	DOMESTIC	PA	POLLUTION ABATEMENT							
	EC	EROSION CONTROL	PG	POWER GENERATION							
	FC	FLOOD CONTROL	PN	POWER GENERATION, NONCONSUMPTIVE							
	FF	FLOW THROUGH FISH POND	RC	RECREATION							
	FP	FIRE PROTECTION	SC	SEDIMENT CONTROL							
	FR	FISH RACEWAYS	SG	STORAGE							
	FS	FISHERY	SL	SALE							
	FW	FISH AND WILDLIFE	ST	STOCK							
	GE	GEOTHERMAL	WC	WETLAND MITIGATION CREDIT							
	GH	GEOTHERMAL HEATING	WD	WILDLIFE HABITAT							
	IF	INSTREAM FISHERY	WE	WETLAND							
	IN	INDUSTRIAL	WF	WATERFOWL							
	IR	IRRIGATION	WH	WILDLIFE HABITAT MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT							
	IS	INSTITUTIONAL	WI	WILDLIFE							
	IT	INSTREAM FLOW	WM	WATER MARKETING							
	COUNTY CODES										
	BE	Beaverhead		MC McCone							
	BH	Big Horn		ME Meagher							
	RT.	Blaine		MI Mineral							

		COUNTY	CODES	
BE	Beaverhead		MC	McCone
BH	Big Horn		ME	Meagher
BL	Blaine		MI	Mineral
BR	Broadwater		MS	Missoula
CA	Carbon		MU	Musselshell
CH	Chouteau		PA	Park
CR	Carter		PE	Petroleum
CS	Cascade		PH	Phillips
CU	Custer		PI	Prairie
DA	Daniels		PO	Pondera
DL	Deer Lodge		PR	Powder River
DW	Dawson		PW	Powell
FA	Fallon		RA	Ravalli
FE	Fergus		RI	Richland
FL	Flathead		RO	Roosevelt
GA	Gallatin		RS	Rosebud
GF	Garfield		SA	Sanders
GL	Glacier		SB	Silver Bow
GR	Granite		SG	Sweet Grass
GV	Golden Valley		SH	Sheridan
HI	Hill		ST	Stillwater
JB	Judith Basin		TE	Teton
JE	Jefferson		TO	Toole
LA	Lake		TR	Treasure
LC	Lewis and Clark		VA	Valley
LI	Liberty		WH	Wheatland
LN	Lincoln		WI	Wibaux
MA	Madison		YE	Yellowstone
			YP	Yellowstone Park