

# **‘USDA FOREST SERVICE – MONTANA COMPACT’**

## **Decree Abstract Instructions**

- Each volume is organized by blocks of water right numbers.
- Page numbers replicate page numbers of the hard copy decree issued by the WaterCourt.
- Water rights follow in numerical order.

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Water Right Number Explanation: Example 41D 30026653 COMPACT: 41D Code for drainage basin. 30026653 Specific identification number assigned to each water right by DNRC. COMPACT Code denotes the type of water right record.

Version Explanation: Example 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT. Is the original as decreed.

Version Status Explanation: Example ACTIVE. The status denotes if the water right is ACTIVE or WITHDRAWN.

Late Claim Explanation: Example A. The code categorizes 'A' as pre 1973 late claims filed - recv'd after April 30, 1982 but on or before May 7, 1982\* and 'B' as pre 1973 late claims filed - recv'd after May 7, 1982\* \*execution date, post marked date, and received date.

### **OF SPECIAL NOTE:**

On each abstract, the remarks section outlined in asterisks denote unresolved issue remarks found by the DNRC prior to issuance of the decree. If no issues were found, the remark text area states: "THE DNRC EXAMINATION OF THIS CLAIM FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT FACTS, DATA, OR ISSUES TO REPORT TO THE WATER COURT." SEE [Water Court Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law](#) for further information.