

**DNRC REPORT TO WPIC  
ADJUDICATION PROGRESS  
August, 2016**

**Claims Reexamination Progress**

- First benchmark 10,000 claims by 6-30-2017
- Second benchmark 30,000 claims by 6-30-2019
- Third benchmark 60,000 claims by 6-30-2021
- Fourth benchmark 90,000 claims by 6-30-2023

**Reexamination claims completed to date:**

**Total = 7,125**

**Summary Reports to Water Court**

**Date Issued**

Union Creek (part of 76F)	May 19, 2005
Teton River (41O)	August 15, 2005
Big Hole River (41D)	October 31, 2006
Tongue River, below hanging Woman Creek (42C)	August 7, 2007
Blackfoot River (76F)	August 14, 2007
Missouri River, from Holter Dam to Sun River (41QJ)	August 15, 2007
Tongue River, above Hanging Woman (42B)	December 5, 2007
Pryor Creek (43E)	August 18, 2008
Smith River (41J)	September 1, 2008
Beaver Creek (40M)	September 1, 2008
Flatwillow Creek (40B)	September 11, 2008
Milk River (40J)	December 5, 2008
Little Big Horn River (43O)	February 6, 2009
Big Muddy Creek (40R)	April 6, 2009
Missouri River, Sun River to Marias River (41Q)	June 16, 2009
Beaverhead River (41B)	August 14, 2009
Arrow Creek (41R)	October 23, 2009
Missouri River, from Marias River to Bullwhacker Creek (41T)	November 17, 2009
Milk River above Fresno Reservoir (40F)	April 15, 2011
Rosebud Creek (42A)	December 13, 2012
Red Rock River (41A)	January 10, 2013
Peoples Creek (40I)	February 5, 2013
Shoshone River (43N)	February 12, 2013
Yellowstone River below Powder River (42M)	July 17, 2013
Missouri R between Bullwhacker & Musselshell (40EJ)	September 25, 2013
St. Mary River (40T)	January 31, 2014
Marias River (41P)	September 8, 2014
Two Medicine River (41M)	October 27, 2014
Cut Bank Creek (41L)	January 23, 2015
Mainstem Bitterroot River and East Side (76HA)	May 8, 2015

Bighorn River below Greybull River (43P)

June 10, 2015

**Pending Summary Reports to Water Court**

**Estimated Completion Date Issued**

Flathead River (76LJ)

September 2016

Flathead R below Flathead Lake (76L)

September 2016

**Decrees Issued by Water Court**

**Date Issued**

**Number of Claims**

Teton River (41O)

12/29/2005

2,541

Union Creek (part of 76F)

3/10/2006

42

Big Hole River (41D)

4/6/2007

3,892

Missouri River (41QJ)

2/6/2008

2,584

Tongue River (42C)

2/28/2008

4,710

Tongue River (42B)

2/28/2008

1,345

Forest Service Compact

5/19/2008

262

BLM-Montana Compact

3/6/2009

2

Beaver Creek (40M)

3/20/2009

2,942

Big Muddy Creek (40R)

1/28/2010

2,029

Pryor Creek (43E)

2/25/2010

629

Little Big Horn River (43O)

3/17/2010

1,176

Missouri River from Sun River to Marias River (41Q)

5/27/2010

4,127

Milk River between Fresno Res & Whitewater (40J)

6/24/2010

12,897

Smith River (41J)

12/16/2010

2,719

Blackfoot River (76F)

2/10/2011

3,717

Flatwillow Creek (40B)

5/5/2011

3,677

Arrow Creek (41R)

6/23/2011

2,179

National Bison Range Compact

9/30/2011

97

Missouri River, from Marias River to Bullwhacker Creek (41T)

4/19/2012

3,073

Crow Tribe of Indians Montana Compact

1/28/2013

NA

Beaverhead River (41B)

5/9/2013

2,238

Red Rock River (41A)

5/9/2013

2,861

Rosebud Creek (42A)

5/23/2013

1,220

Shoshone River (43N)

6/13/2013

165

Peoples Creek (40I)

6/20/2013

686

Milk River above Fresno Reservoir (40F)

12/12/2013

2,339

Yellowstone River below Powder River (42M)

1/24/2014

5,290

Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge Compact

4/2/2014

7

Missouri River between Bullwhacker & Musselshell River (40EJ)

4/25/2014

2,676

St. Mary River (40T)

6/25/2014

267

Two Medicine River (41M)

3/20/2015

1,149

Marias River (41P)

4/23/2015

3,905

US F&WS, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife  
Refuge-Montana Compact

7/30/2015

114

BLM Upper Missouri River National Monument-  
Montana Compact

9/24/2015

2

Cut Bank Creek (41L)

10/8/2015

7,22

Bitterroot River, East Side (76HA)

12/4/2015

2,867

Bighorn River below Greybull River (43P) 1/28/2016 2,117

Above decrees scanned and available at:  
[http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/water\\_rts/adjudication/default.asp](http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/water_rts/adjudication/default.asp)

**Reexamination - Summary Reports to Water Court** **Date Issued**

Flint Creek (76GJ)	10/30/2015
<b>Clarks Fork Yellowstone River (43D)</b>	<b>5/24/2016</b>
<b>Musselshell River, Below Roundup (40C)</b>	<b>6/9/2016</b>

**Reexamination Decrees Issued by Water Court** **Date Issued** **Number of Claims**

<b>Flint Creek (76GJ)</b>	<b>5/19/2016</b>	<b>1,129</b>
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**Assistance for District Court Enforcement of Water Court Decrees**

**2016 season completed updates and created new projects totaling 44 distribution areas**

**Ownership Updates**

Department staff validate water right geocodes for property transfers:

- In 2010, 3,821 ownerships were updated involving 9,460 water rights
- In 2011, 6,245 ownerships were updated involving 15,765 water rights.
- In 2012, 8,729 ownerships were updated involving 20,496 water rights.
- In 2014, 7,618 ownerships were updated involving 18,360 water rights.
- In 2015, 7,711 ownerships were updated involving 17,483 water rights
- In 2016, 9,120 ownerships were updated involving 20,358 water rights**
- Current fiscal year to date, 1,392 ownerships have been updated involving 2,984 water rights**

**Post Decree Assistance (July - FY2017)**

<u>Case type</u>	<u>Case count</u>	<u>Work hours</u>
Certified case		
Case with Objector	<b>4</b>	<b>178</b>
85-2-248 case	<b>6</b>	<b>410</b>
<u>General assist</u>		<b>16</b>
Total hours		<b>604</b>

**Exempt Claim Fillings (effective Oct 1, 2013)**

The department has received 1,535 statements of claim to date including: 243 for domestic wells and 1,292 for instream stock.

Examination is occurring on basins nearing a decree and basins with notice deadlines.