

STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  
1424 9TH AVENUE P.O.BOX 201601 HELENA, MONTANA 59620-1601

# GENERAL ABSTRACT

**Water Right Number:** 76D 30063810 COMPACT  
**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT  
**Version Status:**

**Owners:** USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFF)  
IN TRUST FOR CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES  
OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA  
911 NE 11TH AVENUE  
PORTLAND, OR 97232-4169

ALL COMMUNICATION SHALL BE COPIED TO THE CSKT TRIBAL CHAIRMAN AS THE BENEFICIAL OWNER AT PO BOX 278, PABLO, MT 59855-0278.

**Priority Date:** TIME IMMEMORIAL

**Purpose (use):** INSTREAM FISHERY

**Maximum Flow Rate:** 38,573.00 CFS

THE ENFORCEABLE LEVELS OF THIS WATER RIGHT ARE INDIVIDUAL FOR EACH CALENDAR DAY OF THE YEAR AND ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE TECHNICAL REPORT FILED WITH THIS WATER RIGHT (SEE APPENDIX 36 OF SCANNED FILING).

CALL MAY BE INITIATED ON THE DAY FOLLOWING A 24-HOUR PERIOD WHERE AVERAGE DAILY RIVER FLOWS FALL BELOW THEIR RESPECTIVE DAILY ENFORCEABLE VALUE.

ENFORCEABLE LEVELS OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL BE MEASURED AT THE USGS GAGE #12305000 LOCATION ON THE KOOTENAI RIVER AT LEONIA, IDAHO (48°37'04"N, 116°02'47"W, NAD83) (NWNWNW SEC 20 T33N R34W). IF USGS GAGE #12305000 IS DISCONTINUED OR OTHERWISE RENDERED NONFUNCTIONAL, MEASUREMENTS SHALL BE TAKEN EITHER AT THIS SAME LOCATION OR AS NEAR TO THAT POINT AS IS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE.

**Maximum Volume:**

**Source Name:** KOOTENAI 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			5	32N	34W	LINCOLN

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

**Diversion Means:** INSTREAM

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

2			20	33N	34W	LINCOLN
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** INSTREAM

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

3			21	33N	34W	LINCOLN
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** INSTREAM

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

4			27	33N	34W	LINCOLN
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** INSTREAM

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

5			28	33N	34W	LINCOLN
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** INSTREAM

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY



<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
6			34	33N	34W	LINCOLN

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

**Diversion Means:** INSTREAM

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

**Period of Use:** JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

**Place of Use:**

<u>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				5	32N	34W	LINCOLN
2				20	33N	34W	LINCOLN
3				21	33N	34W	LINCOLN
4				27	33N	34W	LINCOLN
5				28	33N	34W	LINCOLN
6				34	33N	34W	LINCOLN

**Remarks:**

THE PLACE OF USE OF THIS WATER RIGHT INCLUDES THE REACH OF THE KOOTENAI RIVER STARTING AT THE POINT WHERE THE KOOTENAI RIVER CROSSES THE MONTANA IDAHO STATE BORDER (48°37'04"N, 116°02'47"W, NAD83) (NWNWNW SEC 20 T33N R34W) AND EXTENDING UPSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE OF THE KOOTENAI AND YAAK RIVERS (48°33'38"N, 115°58'40"W, NAD83) (SWSWSE SEC 5 T32N R34W).

THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE THIS RIGHT SHALL BE SUSPENDED SO LONG AS LIBBY DAM REMAINS IN EXISTENCE AND THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' (ACOE) OPERATION OF THAT DAM ARE CONDUCTED CONSISTENTLY WITH THE 2008 FEDERAL COLUMBIA RIVER POWER SYSTEM BIOLOGICAL OPINION, AND THE 2010 UPDATED BIOLOGICAL OPINION, SPECIFICALLY AS DESCRIBED IN REASONABLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE ACTION (RPA) NO. 4 (STORAGE PROJECT OPERATIONS), TABLE NO. 1 (LIBBY DAM), INCLUDING THE NORTHWEST POWER AND CONSERVATION COUNCIL'S 2003 MAINSTEM AMENDMENTS TO THE COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM, OR ANY SUBSEQUENT BIOLOGICAL OPINION(S) GOVERNING THE SAME RPA(S) AND OPERATIONS.

IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES TO THE ACOE'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531, ET SEQ. (ESA), SUCH AS THE DELISTING OF RESIDENT AND ANADROMOUS FISH SPECIES, THAT NO LONGER REQUIRE THE ACOE TO OPERATE LIBBY DAM PURSUANT TO ESA SECTION 7 BIOLOGICAL OPINIONS OR OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ESA REQUIREMENTS, THE UNITED STATES, ACTING THROUGH THE ACOE, THE TRIBES, AND THE STATE SHALL ESTABLISH WRITTEN PROTOCOLS AND UNDERSTANDINGS ON MEETING AND ENFORCING THE TRIBES' MAINSTEM INSTREAM FLOW RIGHT ON THE KOOTENAI RIVER WHILE ALSO ENSURING THAT THE ACOE OPERATIONS OF LIBBY DAM MEET ALL FEDERAL STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS. PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT ANY SUCH ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOL SHALL NOT ALTER THE LIMITATIONS ON CALL SET FORTH IN ARTICLE III SECTION F OF THE WATER RIGHTS COMPACT ENTERED INTO BY THE CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT BE EXERCISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY ARTIFICIAL DIVERSION.

THE EXERCISE OF THIS WATER RIGHT IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE WATER RIGHTS COMPACT ENTERED INTO BY THE CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SHOULD THE SUSPENSION ON ENFORCEMENT SET FORTH PURSUANT ARTICLE III.F.1.E OF THE WATER RIGHTS COMPACT ENTERED INTO BY THE CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BE LIFTED, THE OWNER OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO MAKE A CALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, TO ENFORCE THIS WATER RIGHT ONLY AGAINST JUNIOR WATER RIGHTS IN BASIN 76D (KOOTENAI DRAINAGE) WHOSE POINT OF DIVERSION IS FROM THE MAINSTEM OF THE KOOTENAI RIVER AND NOT ITS TRIBUTARIES, THE PURPOSE OF WHOSE RIGHTS IS IRRIGATION AND WHOSE SOURCE OF SUPPLY IS SURFACE WATER, OR AGAINST JUNIOR USERS THE PURPOSE OF WHOSE RIGHTS IS IRRIGATION, WHOSE SOURCE OF SUPPLY IS GROUNDWATER CONNECTED TO THE MAINSTEM OF THE KOOTENAI RIVER AND WHOSE FLOW RATE IS GREATER THAN 100 GALLONS PER MINUTE.

THE DESIGNATION OF A PLACE OF USE OF THIS WATER RIGHT IS A DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF MEASUREMENT OF THE ENFORCEABLE LEVELS AND IS NOT A GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATION ON THE LOCATION OF JUNIOR WATER RIGHTS AGAINST WHOM THIS RIGHT MAY BE ENFORCED.

THIS IS A NONCONSUMPTIVE INSTREAM WATER RIGHT; THE PURPOSE AND INSTREAM PLACE OF USE CANNOT BE CHANGED.