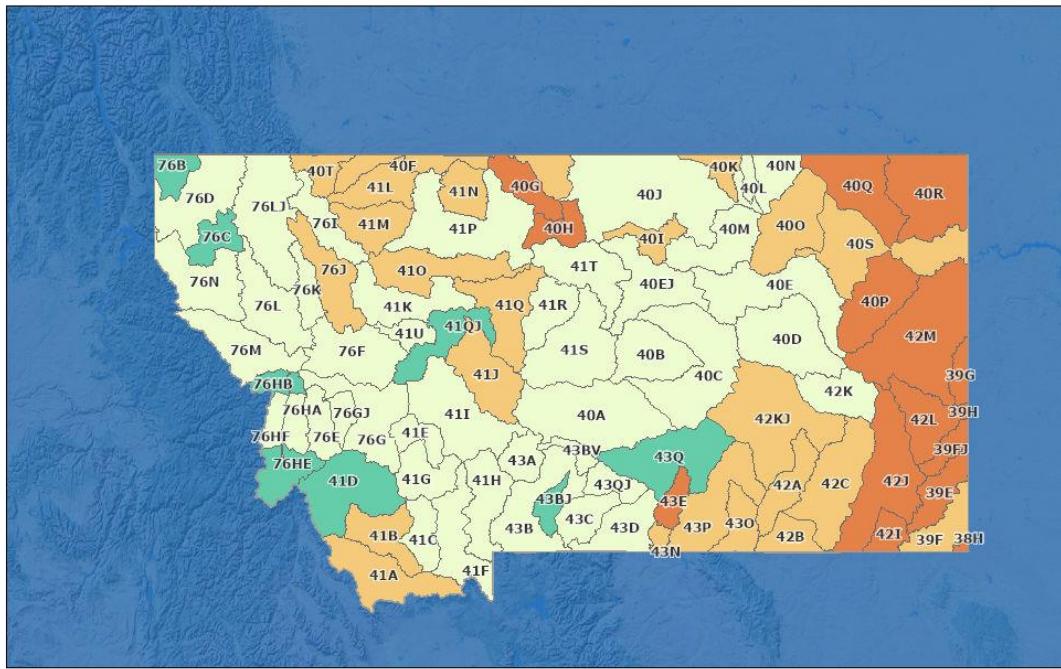


Montana Water Court
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Water Policy Interim Committee
July 2025



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Decree Issuance Update

Yellowstone Division								
Kathryn Lambert and RJ Hyatt								

Issued Decrees:

Basin	Type of Decree	Decree Issued	Objection Deadline	1 st Extension	2 nd Extension	Counter objection	NOIA	Public Meetings
43QJ	Preliminary	9/25/2024	3/24/2025	n/a	n/a	5/27/2025	8/4/2025	
42K	Preliminary	5/8/2025	11/4/2025					
43C	Preliminary	6/18/2025	12/15/2025					

Next Up:

Basin	Type	Summary Report Delivery	Anticipated Date of Issuance
43BJ	Preliminary	4/8/2025	Third Quarter 2025
43A	Interlocutory	2025	2026
43B	Interlocutory	2025	2026
43D	Interlocutory	2025	2026
43Q	Interlocutory	2025	2026
38H	Interlocutory	2025	2026
39H	Interlocutory	2025	2026
42I	Interlocutory	2025	2026
42J	Interlocutory	2025	2026
42L	Interlocutory	2025	2026

Clark Fork Division

Nathan Block and Melissa Lockman

Issued Decrees:

Basin	Type of Decree	Decree Issued	Objection Deadline	1 st Extension	2 nd Extension	Counter objection	NOIA	Public Meetings
76M	Preliminary	10/9/2024	4/7/2025	7/7/2025	n/a			
76G	Preliminary	11/14/2024	5/13/2025	8/11/2025	11/10/2025			
76I	Preliminary	12/6/2024	6/4/2025	n/a	n/a	8/11/2025		
76J	Interlocutory	12/6/2024	6/4/2025	n/a	n/a	8/15/2025		
76LJ	Preliminary	12/21/2024	8/20/2025	11/18/2025				
76L	Preliminary	5/2/2025	10/29/2025					

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Basin	Type	Summary Report Delivery	Anticipated Date of Issuance
76H	Interlocutory	5/19/2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
76B	Preliminary	5/20/2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
76C	Preliminary	5/20/2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
76K	Preliminary	5/20/2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
76E	Interlocutory	6/19/2025	2026
76F	Interlocutory	2025	2026
76GJ	Interlocutory	2025	2026

Upper Missouri Division
Anika Stern and Anna Stradley

Issued Decrees:

Basin	Type of Decree	Decree Issued	Objection Deadline	1 st Extension	2 nd Extension	Counter objection	NOIA	Public Meetings
41J	Interlocutory	9/11/2024	3/10/2025	n/a	n/a	5/13/2025	7/18/2025	
41O	Interlocutory	1/17/2025	7/16/2025					
41A	Interlocutory	1/31/2025	7/30/2025					
41B	Interlocutory	1/31/2025	7/30/2025					
41C	Preliminary	6/25/2025	12/22/2025					

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Basin	Type	Summary Report Delivery	Anticipated Date of Issuance
41QJ	Interlocutory	2/21/2025	Third Quarter 2025
41H	Interlocutory	2025	2026
41D	Interlocutory	2025	2026
41P	Interlocutory	2025	2026
41G	Interlocutory	2025	2026

Lower Missouri Division
Anika Stern and Anna Stradley

Issued Decrees:

Basin	Type of Decree	Decree Issued	Objection Deadline	1 st Extension	2 nd Extension	Counter objection	NOIA	Public Meetings
40I	Interlocutory	7/9/2025	1/5/2026					

Next Up:

Basin	Type	Summary Report Delivery	Anticipated Date of Issuance
40J	Interlocutory	5/8/2025	Third Quarter 2025
40EJ	Interlocutory	5/2/2025	Third Quarter 2025
40M	Interlocutory	5/20/2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
40C	Interlocutory	6/5/2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
40A	Interlocutory	6/30/2025	Fourth Quarter 2025
40B	Interlocutory	2025	2026
40L	Interlocutory	2025	2026
41R	Interlocutory	2025	2026
41T	Interlocutory	2025	2026
40P	Interlocutory	2025	2026

Decreed Claim Summary by Division

Division	Preliminary decree claims	Interlocutory decree claims	Total claims	Unissued	Decreed	% Decreed
Clark Fork	37,989	2,045	41,449	3,108	38,341	93%
Lower Missouri	74,516	4,880	79,396	3,769	75,627	95%
Upper Missouri	56,437	6,017	62,454	2,624	59,830	96%
Yellowstone	64,771	5,041	69,812	3,792	66,020	95%
Total	233,713	17,983	253,111	13,293	239,818	95%

Next Up for Final Decree Issuance

Basin	Name	Projected Date
40Q	Poplar River	2025 *Supplemental Final*
42B	Tongue River, above and including Hanging Woman Creek	2025
42A	Rosebud Creek	2025
40D	Big Dry Creek	2025
40T	St. Mary River	2025
40E	Missouri River, between Musselshell River and Fort Peck Dam	2025
40F	Milk River, above Fresno Reservoir	2025
39F	Little Missouri River, above Little Beaver Creek	2025
40K	Whitewater Creek	2025
40S	Missouri River, below Fort Peck Dam	2025

Federal and Tribal Compact Status

Compact Name	WC Case #	Status
Crow Tribe Compact	WC-0006-C-2012	CLOSED
Blackfeet Tribe Compact	WC-0006-C-2018	Closed
Blackfeet Tribe Stipulated Rights	WC-0001-C-1991	Closed
Fort Peck-Montana Compact	WC-1992-1	Closed
Northern Cheyenne Compact	WC-0001-C-1993	Closed
National Park Service-MT Compact	WC-1994-1	Closed
Rocky Boys Compact	WC-2000-01	Closed
Red Rock Lakes Compact	WC-2000-02	Closed
USFWS Black Coulee and Benton Lake Compact	WC-2000-03 and WC-2002-04	Closed
USDA Forest Service	WC-2007-03	Closed
USA-BLM-MT Compact	WC-2008-10	Closed
National Bison Range Compact	WC-2011-01	Closed
Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge Compact	WC-2013-04	Closed
USDA Fort Keogh Research Station	WC-2014-07	Closed
USDA Sheep Experiment Station	WC-2014-06	Closed
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge	WC-2015-05	Closed
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument	WC-2015-06	Closed
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation	WC-0001-C-2021	Active
Fort Belknap Indian Reservation		Pending before Congress