

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users  
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-428, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to temporarily lease a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY LEASE OF APPROPRIATION RIGHT ON JANUARY 20, 2026. THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE ACTION ON THIS APPLICATION ON FEBRUARY 19, 2026. IF THE ACTION IS TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT CORRECT AND COMPLETE OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED LEASE STARTING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2026 AND ENDING ON MARCH 21, 2026. IF AUTHORIZED, THE AMOUNT OF WATER LEASED MAY NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL CONSUMPTIVE USE OF THE APPROPRIATION RIGHT AND THE LEASED WATER MUST BE MEASURED AND REPORTED ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. INFORMATION ABOUT DEPARTMENT ACTION ON THIS APPLICATION CAN BE ACCESSED HERE: <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/application-status-environmental-assessments/>.

**OBJECTION DEADLINE: MARCH 21, 2026.** OBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE OR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. MAIL PAPER COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$50.00 FILING FEE TO: DNRC WATER RIGHTS BUREAU, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO: DNRCWATERRIGHTSCOMMENTOBJECTION@MT.GOV. IF YOU SUBMIT THE FORM ELECTRONICALLY, MAIL THE \$50.00 FILING FEE TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE OR PAY BY PHONE AT (406) 444-6610 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED.

CONTACT THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 FAX: 406-587-9726 PHONE: 406-586-3136 WITH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION OR TO REQUEST AN OBJECTION FORM.

**Application Number:** 43A 30173612

**Applicant:** CMR RANCH OWNER LLC  
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BOZEMAN, MT 59718 6483

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	43A 40444-00	JULY 15, 1892

PAST USE OF WATER

STATEMENT OF CLAIM 43A 40444-00 WAS HISTORICALLY DIVERTED FROM ROCK CREEK AT THE UPPER CRISWELL DITCH IN THE SESESE SECTION 7, T2N, R11E, AND AT THE LOWER CRISWELL DITCH IN THE SESESW SECTION 23, T2N, R10E, PARK COUNTY. THE WATER RIGHT WAS HISTORICALLY USED FOR IRRIGATION OF 880 ACRES GENERALLY IN SECTIONS 21, 22, 23, 24, AND 28, T2N, R10E, PARK COUNTY. THE WATER RIGHT WAS HISTORICALLY DIVERTED FROM APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1 AT A MAXIMUM FLOW RATE OF 7.5 CFS. THE SOURCE OF THE RIGHT IS ROCK CREEK.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THIS IS A TEMPORARY LEASE PROPOSED PURSUANT TO 85-2-428, MCA AND IS VALID FOR USE UP TO 5 YEARS DURING THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD ENDING IN NOVEMBER OF 2035. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO LEASE STATEMENT OF CLAIM 43A 40444-00 TO THE CLUB AT CRAZY MOUNTAIN RANCH, LLC – LESSEE. THE PROPOSED USE IS FOR IRRIGATION OF 95 ACRES GENERALLY LOCATED IN SECTIONS 11, 13, 14, AND 23, T2N, R10E, PARK COUNTY. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL ADD A PLACE OF STORAGE – RAINBOW LAKE – IN SECTION 14, T2N, R10E, PARK COUNTY. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO LEASE UP TO 66.2 AF AT A MAXIMUM FLOW RATE OF 3 CFS FROM ROCK CREEK WITH THE POINT OF DIVERSION AT THE UPPER CRISWELL DITCH IN THE SESESE SECTION 7, T2N, R11E, PARK COUNTY UNDER CLAIM 43A 40444-00. THE PROPOSED FORTY-DAY PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THE LEASE OF CLAIM 43A 40444-00 IS JUNE 10 THROUGH JULY 18. THE APPLICANT WILL CEASE IRRIGATION ON ALL HISTORICAL ACRES DURING ANY YEAR WHEN LEASED WATER IS USED.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THIS PROJECT INVOLVES THREE TEMPORARY LEASES OF WATER RIGHTS FILED CONCURRENTLY. APPLICATION 43A 30173612 IS FOR LEASE OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM 43A 40444-00. APPLICATION 43A 30173613 IS FOR LEASE OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM 43A 40446-00. APPLICATION 43A 30173614 IS FOR LEASE OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM 43A 40464-00. THE THREE LEASED WATER RIGHTS WILL BE USED TO IRRIGATE THE SAME PROPOSED 95 ACRES. EACH WATER RIGHT HAS DIFFERENT PROPOSED FORTY-DAY PERIOD OF DIVERSION. THE WATER RIGHTS HAVE A PROPOSED PERIOD OF USE FROM APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15. RAINBOW LAKE WILL BE ADDED AS A PLACE OF STORAGE TO ALL THREE LEASED WATER RIGHTS. THE MAXIMUM FLOW RATE PROPOSED FOR LEASE IS 3 CFS, DIVERTED THROUGH THE UPPER CRISWELL DITCH. THE MAXIMUM VOLUME PROPOSED FOR LEASE IS 325.4 AF. THE MAXIMUM VOLUME INCLUDES ALL VOLUME ASSOCIATED WITH CONVEYANCE AND STORAGE REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED LEASE. THE APPLICANT WILL CEASE ALL IRRIGATION ON ANY OF THE CLAIMED ACRES WITH THESE WATER RIGHTS AND ALL SUPPLEMENTAL WATER RIGHTS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS LEASE DURING ANY YEAR WHEN LEASED WATER IS USED.