

**MONTANA WATER COURT
CLARK FORK DIVISION
FLATHEAD RIVER, TO AND INCLUDING FLATHEAD LAKE
BASIN 76LJ
PRELIMINARY DECREE**

NOTICE OF COUNTEROBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

1. Claim #: _____ 2. County: _____
(One Claim Number Per Form)

3. Page number in decree: _____ 4. Source: _____

5. Name of water right claim owner(s): _____

6. Counterobjector's, address, & phone number:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MID. INITIAL

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX		

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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PHONE NUMBER		E-MAIL

7. Counterobjector's Attorney, address, & phone number:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MID. INITIAL

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX		

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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PHONE NUMBER		E-MAIL

8. Basis of Counterobjection:

- All Elements
- Flow Rate/Volume
- Ownership
- Period of Diversion/Period of Use
- Place of Use/Maximum Acres
- Point of Diversion/Mean of Diversion

- Priority Date
- Purpose of Right
- Source
- Abandonment/Non-Perfection
- Other: _____

9. State the changes you think should be made to this claim and why. State the specific grounds and evidence on which the Counterobjection is based. (Use additional paper if necessary.)

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

SIGNATURE OF COUNTEROBJECTOR OR OBJECTOR'S ATTORNEY

(TURN FORM OVER AND COMPLETE OTHER SIDE)

You may NOT file a Counterobjection to another claimant's water right unless your claim(s) were first objected to by that claimant in this decree. Counterobjections are limited to claims included within this decree. **There is no need for you to file a Counterobjection to your own water right claim because you are already a party as a claimant.**

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING:

⇒ You **must** mail a copy of this Counterobjection to all of the Owners on the water right. If you are the sole owner on the water right then you do not need to fill out the Certificate of Mailing.

⇒ If there are multiple owners on the claim, you **must** mail a copy of this Counterobjection to **all** of the other Owners listed on your water right.

⇒ The Certificate of Mailing **must** be completed and mailed **when** filing the original Counterobjection with the Montana Water Court.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury, that on the ____ day of
YOUR NAME
_____, 2026, I mailed a copy of this Counterobjection, postage prepaid, addressed to the following owner(s):

_____ OWNER	_____ OWNER
_____ STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX	_____ STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX
_____ CITY STATE	_____ ZIP CODE CITY STATE ZIP CODE

(Use additional paper if needed for additional owners names & addresses)

YOUR SIGNATURE FOR CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

**Please send this completed original to: Montana Water Court
P.O. Box 1389
Bozeman, MT 59771-1389**

or E-mail to watercourt@mt.gov

Questions? Call the Montana Water Court at 1-800-624-3270 or (406) 586-4364.

COUNTEROBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE WATER COURT BY JULY 27, 2026.