

NOTICE REGARDING ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS IN BASIN 76GJ

The Montana Water Court will issue a second decree in Basin 76GJ. After the decree is issued, there will be an opportunity to file objections. This objection period will be the final opportunity to file objections to existing water rights in Basin 76GJ. This process will result in an enforceable decree.

The DNRC will review water rights in Basin 76GJ before the decree is issued. Water users have the opportunity to work with the DNRC during the review process to make their claims more accurate and resolve certain issues before they are in front of the Water Court.

In 2013, the legislature authorized the filing of exempt claims (stock and small domestic uses diverted from groundwater or direct from surface water sources prior to 1973). Water users wishing to file exempt claims are encouraged to do so *before* second decrees are issued to help avoid expensive notice costs.

For more information regarding SB 355 exempt claims, on the internet visit:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water/adjudication/sb-355-exempt-claim-filing>

For more information regarding second Water Court decrees, on the internet visit:

<http://courts.mt.gov/water/ReExamination>