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IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

PETITION OF SCOTT RANCH, LLC FOR
ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS IN
BASIN 43P

CASE NO. WC-2016-04

ORDER SETTING HEARING

Scott Ranch, LLC filed a petition for adjudication of water rights on July 11, 2016. The water rights asserted by Scott Ranch are located within Basin 43P. Scott's rights are for use on lands acquired from an allottee after the April 30, 1982 filing deadline and after the effective date of the Crow Compact. No water right claims have been filed for the water rights Scott is asserting, and Scott's rights did not appear in the Preliminary Decree for Basin 43P.

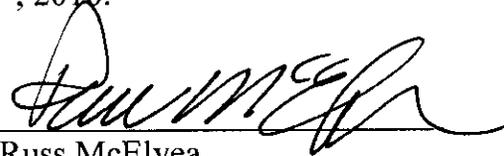
On August 1, 2016 Scott filed a Motion for Ruling on Petition for Adjudication asking the Water Court to adjudicate its water rights and to define those rights as reserved *Walton* rights.

The relief requested by Scott raises matters of first impression with potential importance to other parties. Potentially interested parties have been added to the service list for this order.

The Clerk of the Water Court is also ordered to place a copy of Scott Ranch's July 11, 2016 Petition for Adjudication and August 1, 2016 Motion for Ruling on Petition for Adjudication on the Court's website.

A hearing regarding Scott's petition will be held in **Room 509 of the Yellowstone County Courthouse, 217 North 27th Street, Billings, Montana on September 14, 2016 at 9:00 AM.**

DATED this *16th* day of *August*, 2016.



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