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IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
CLARK FORK DIVISION
KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN (76D)
PRELIMINARY DECREE

CLAIMANT: United States of America (USDA Forest Service)

CASE 76D-0556-R-2024

76D 52034-00
76D 52045-00
76D 52065-00
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76D 52072-00
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76D 52141-00
76D 52149-00

NOTICE OF FILING OF MASTER'S REPORT

This Master's Report was filed with the Montana Water Court on the above stamped date. Please review this report carefully.

You may file a written objection to this Master's Report within **10 days** of the stamped date if you disagree or find errors with the Master's findings of fact, conclusions of law, or recommendations. Rule 23, W.R.Adj.R. If the Master's Report was mailed to you, the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure allow an additional 3 days be added to the 10-day objection period. Rule 6(d), M.R.Civ.P. If you file an objection, you must serve a copy of the objection to all parties on the service list found at the end of the Master's Report. The original objection and a certificate of mailing to all parties on the service list must be filed with the Water Court.

If you do not file a timely objection, the Water Court will conclude that you agree with the content of this Master's Report.

MASTER'S REPORT

Statement of the case

The above captioned stock claims received a version of the following issue remarks:

AN AMENDMENT WAS SUBMITTED ON 11/24/2020 REQUESTING TO AMEND THE XXXXX. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT PROCESSED. THE AMENDMENT WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECREE.

XXXXX WAS MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DNRC REVIEW UNDER MONTANA WATER COURT REEXAMINATION ORDERS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED TO THIS CLAIM, THESE ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN AS THEY APPEAR ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CLAIM.

Stock claim 76D 52141-00 received an additional issue remark stating:

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO NEED MODIFICATION BASED ON THE DNRC CORRECTION TO THE POINT OF DIVERSION. THE CORRECT PLACE OF USE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION APPEARS TO BE THE NWSWSE SEC 1, T31N, R28W LINCOLN COUNTY.

Issue remarks result from Department of Natural Resources and Conservation ("DNRC") claims examination. Claims examination confirms the historical use of water right claims and identifies issues with claims. If claims examination cannot confirm some aspect of a claim, an issue remark is added to the claim. DNRC may also add issue remarks, typically providing some sort of notice to water users concerning a claim.

Montana law requires the Water Court to resolve issue remarks. Upon review the amendments requested by the United States of America (USDA Forest Service) and noted by the issue remarks on each claim were not supported by historical pre-July 1, 1973 evidence. An order set a filing deadline for the USDA Forest Service to provide the evidence supporting its requested amendments. On March 14, 2024, the USDA Forest Service, by and through its counsel of record, Mark J. Widerschein, filed its Response to Court Order. This filing is deemed Mr. Widerschein's appearance on behalf of the USDA Forest Service. The service list is updated to reflect Mr. Widerschein's appearance.

Issues

Are the issue remarks resolved?

Finding of fact

The Preliminary Decree abstracts for the above captioned stock claims identify the historically accurate elements for each claim.

Principles of law

1. A properly filed Statement of Claim for Existing Water Right is prima facie proof of its content. Section 85-2-227, MCA. Prima facie proof may be overcome by other evidence that proves, by a preponderance of the evidence, that an element of the prima facie claim is incorrect. This is the burden of proof for every assertion that a claim is incorrect. Rule 19, W.R.Adj.R. A preponderance of the evidence is a “modest standard” and is evidence that demonstrates the fact to be proved is “more probable than not.” *Hohenlohe v. State*, 2010 MT 203, ¶ 33, 357 Mont. 348, 240 P.3d 628.

2. The Montana Water Court is permitted to use information submitted by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the statement of claim, information from approved compacts, and any other data obtained by the Court to evaluate water right claims. Section 85-2-231(2), MCA.

3. When resolving issue remarks, the Montana Water Court must weigh the information resulting in the issue remark and the issue remark against the claimed water right. Section 85-2-247(2), MCA.

4. The Montana Water Court has the authority to resolve issue remarks when the claim file and information available to the Court provide a sufficient basis to do so. Section 85-2-248(3), MCA.

Analysis

The United States of America (USDA Forest Service) withdrew its proposed amendments and requested that the elements of each claim remain as they appear on the

Preliminary Decree abstracts. No further proceedings are required for the proposed amendments. The request by the United States of America (USDA Forest Service) that all elements of each claim remain as they appear on the Preliminary Decree abstracts also confirms that it does not agree with the place of use correction suggested by the issue remark on claim 76D 52141-00.¹

The issue remarks on each claim noting the elements modified by DNRC during claims examination instructed the United States of America (USDA Forest Service) and other water users that if no objections were filed to the elements identified by the issue remarks, the elements would remain as they appear on the Preliminary Decree abstracts. No one objected to the elements of these claims.

Conclusions of law

The United States of America (USDA Forest Service's) confirmation that all elements of each abstract should remain as identified by the Preliminary Decree abstracts resolves the place of use issue remark appearing on claim 76D 52141-00.

The issue remarks concerning the proposed amendments and the elements modified by DNRC served their notice purpose.

Recommendations

The above captioned stock claims accurately reflect historical use. No changes to the elements of the claims should be made.

The issue remarks should be removed from the claim abstracts.

Post Decree Abstracts of Water Right Claim accompany this report to confirm removal of the issue remarks in the state's centralized water right record system.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

¹ If this is an incorrect statement, the United States of America (USDA Forest Service) should object to this Master's Report and either state its agreement with the place of use issue remark appearing on claim 76D 52141-00, or file evidence resolving the issue remark.

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Note: Service List Updated 4/1/2024

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
KOOTENAI RIVER
BASIN 76D**

Water Right Number: 76D 52034-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: FRANK LAKE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	2	SESWNW	7	35N	26W	LINCOLN

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		2	SESWNW	7	35N	26W	LINCOLN

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
KOOTENAI RIVER
BASIN 76D**

Water Right Number: 76D 52045-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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Source Name: SKILLET CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SWNW	15	32N	26W	LINCOLN

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			W2SW	15	32N	26W	LINCOLN

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
KOOTENAI RIVER
BASIN 76D**

Water Right Number: 76D 52065-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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Source Name: LAKE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	2	NWNE	3	32N	27W	LINCOLN

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		2	NWNE	3	32N	27W	LINCOLN

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
KOOTENAI RIVER
BASIN 76D**

Water Right Number: 76D 52071-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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Source Name: LIME CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	10	NESWSE	6	33N	25W	FLATHEAD

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		10	NESWSE	6	33N	25W	FLATHEAD

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
KOOTENAI RIVER
BASIN 76D**

Water Right Number: 76D 52072-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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Source Name: MAGNESIA CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	2	SWNENW	7	33N	25W	FLATHEAD

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		2	SWNENW	7	33N	25W	FLATHEAD

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
KOOTENAI RIVER
BASIN 76D**

Water Right Number: 76D 52127-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BIG CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWNWNE	21	34N	30W	LINCOLN

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: DIVERSION DAM

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWNWNE	21	34N	30W	LINCOLN

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KOOTENAI RIVER
BASIN 76D**

Water Right Number: 76D 52139-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WARLAND CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSWSW	30	32N	28W	LINCOLN

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: DIVERSION DAM

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSWSW	30	32N	28W	LINCOLN

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KOOTENAI RIVER
BASIN 76D**

Water Right Number: 76D 52140-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CANYON CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		S2NWSW	23	31N	29W	LINCOLN

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: DIVERSION DAM

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNESW	23	31N	29W	LINCOLN

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Water Right Number: 76D 52141-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CRIPPLE HORSE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSWSE	1	31N	28W	LINCOLN

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: DIVERSION DAM

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SWNESW	1	31N	28W	LINCOLN

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
KOOTENAI RIVER
BASIN 76D**

Water Right Number: 76D 52149-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1912

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BEAR CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NWSWNW	15	28N	31W	LINCOLN

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: DIVERSION DAM

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NWSWNW	15	28N	31W	LINCOLN