

**MONTANA WATER COURT
CLARK FORK RIVER ABOVE BLACKFOOT RIVER
BASIN 76G
PRELIMINARY DECREE**

CASE BASIN-0005-76G-1982

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
OBJECTIONS**

The objection period for the Preliminary Decree in Basin 76G, the Clark Fork River Basin above the Blackfoot River, closes on May 13, 2025. On February 28, 2025, the Montana State Board of Land Commissioners (the “Land Board”) filed a Request for Extension.

The Water Use Act authorizes the Court to extend the objection period for a preliminary decree, provided good cause is shown and the request for extension is received before the end of the current objection period. Section 85-2-233(2), MCA. The Land Board’s extension request satisfies both statutory criteria. As to good cause, the Land Board’s counsel explains the process necessary to develop objections and to obtain approval under the Board’s procedures. The Land Board’s counsel also notes some scheduling conflicts. In light of these factors, and the timeliness of the filing, the Land Board’s request for a 90-day extension is reasonable. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the request is GRANTED, and the objection period is EXTENDED until and including **Monday, August 11, 2025** to file, **not mail**, objections to the Preliminary Decree in Basin 76G. This extension applies to ALL WATER

CLAIMANTS AND OBJECTORS for claims in this Basin, regardless of whether they asked for an extension. The Court will publish at least one notice of the extension in the *Associate Silver State Post, The Missoulian, Montana Standard, and Anaconda Leader.*

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