

Montana Water Court
PO Box 1389
Bozeman, MT 59771-1389
1-800-624-3270
(406) 586-4364

**IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
YELLOWSTONE DIVISION
YELLOWSTONE RIVER, BETWEEN BIGHORN & TONGUE RIVERS - BASIN 42KJ**

Owner: MARK BUNNEY

Water Right #: 42KJ 30116545

**NOTICE OF THE FILING OF AN OBJECTION
AND OPPORTUNITY TO FILE COUNTEROBJECTIONS**

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MONTANA STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

Counsel: CLARE N OLS

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Dated this 18th day of March, 2026.

**/s/ Stephen R. Brown
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Owner: CAT COULEE ENTERPRISES LLC

Water Right #: 42KJ 30121734

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Counsel: MARTIN SMITH

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