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Montana Water Court

# IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION MUSSELSHELL RIVER ABOVE ROUNDUP (BASIN 40A) PRELIMINARY DECREE

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CLAIMANT: Springwater Colony Inc.	CASE 40A-0243-R-2021				
	40A 123686-00	40A 145791-00			
	40A 123693-00	40A 145793-00			
	40A 123715-00	40A 145794-00			
	40A 123719-00	40A 145795-00			
	40A 145778-00	40A 145796-00			
	40A 145779-00	40A 197900-00			
	40A 145780-00	40A 201975-00			
	40A 145781-00	40A 201976-00			
	40A 145782-00	40A 201978-00			
	40A 145783-00	40A 201984-00			
	40A 145784-00	40A 201989-00			
	40A 145785-00	40A 205999-00			
	40A 145786-00	40A 211353-00			
	40A 145788-00				

# NOTICE OF FILING OF MASTER'S REPORT

This Master's Report was filed with the Clerk of the Montana Water Court. <u>Please</u> review this Report carefully.

You may file a written objection to this Master's Report if you disagree or find errors with the Master's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, or Recommendations. The above stamped date indicates the date this Master's Report was filed and mailed. Rule 23 of the Water Right Adjudication Rules requires written objections to a Master's Report be filed within 10 days of the date of the Master's Report. If this Master's Report was mailed to you, Rule 6(d) of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure provides an additional 3 days to the 10-day objection period.

If you file an objection, you must mail a copy of the objection to all parties on the Service List found at the end of this 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**

The above-captioned claims appeared in the Preliminary Decree for the Musselshell River above Roundup (Basin 40A) issued on June 7, 2017. The claims are owned by Springwater Colony Inc. The claims did not receive objections, counterobjections, or notices of intent to appear but did receive issue remarks during the DNRC's claims reexamination.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

# 40A 123693-00

1. Claim 40A 123693-00 is a stock claim for an onstream reservoir in the SENW of Section 18, T8N, R16E, Wheatland County. The claim received the following issue remark:

THE POINT OF DIVERSION, RESERVOIR RECORD, AND PLACE OF USE ARE IN QUESTION. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A RESERVOIR AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.

2. On September 22, 2021, the Court held a status conference in this matter. Joe Hofer appeared on behalf of Springwater Colony. Mr. Hofer stated that the reservoir claimed by 40A 123693-00 has since been level and is no longer in use. Therefore, he requested that claim 40A 123693-00 be dismissed.

# 40A 145779-00

3. Claim 40A 145779-00 is a stock claim for an onstream reservoir in the SWSWSW of Section 5, T9N, R16E, Wheatland County. The claim received the following issue remark:

THE POINT OF DIVERSION, RESERVOIR RECORD, AND PLACE OF USE ARE IN QUESTION. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A RESERVOIR AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.

4. At the status conference, Mr. Hofer stated that claim 40A 145779-00 is no longer in use and should be dismissed.

# 40A 145796-00

5. Claim 40A 145796-00 is a stock claim for stock drinking directly from a lake named K Lake. The claim received the following issue remark:

THIS CLAIM APPEARS TO BE FOR A NATURAL LAKE, THEREFORE IT APPEARS A RESERVOIR RECORD IS NOT NEEDED.

6. The claim appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree with a reservoir record. The reservoir record should be removed.

# 40A 201978-00

7. Claim 40A 201978-00 is a stock claim for an onstream in Government Lot 6 in the NWNWSW of Section 6, T10N, R15E, Wheatland County. The claim received the following issue remark:

THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE PLACE OF USE APPEARS TO BE IN GOV'T LOT 6 IN THE NWNWSW SEC 6 TWP 10N RGE 15E WHEATLAND CO.

- 8. The issue remark recommends correcting the place of use to match the point of diversion which is correct if stock drink directly from the onstream reservoir.
- 9. At the status conference, Mr. Hofer stated that there is no Government Lot 6 in the NWNWSW of Section 6, T10N, R15E, Wheatland County. Based on the information provided by Mr. Hofer, the historically accurate location of the onstream reservoir is in the NWNWSW of Section 6, T10N, R15E, Wheatland County.

# 40A 205999-00

10. Claim 40A 205999-00 is a flood irrigation claim that diverts water via an onstream reservoir in the S2NWNE of Section 36, T11N, R14E, Wheatland County. The claim was decreed with a volume of 365.50 acre-feet. The claim received the following substantive issue remarks:

PER A RESERVOIR QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMITTED TO THE LEWISTOWN REGIONAL OFFIC EON 01/17/2017, THE RESERVOIR DEPTH IS 9.8 FEET, THE DAM HEIGHT IS 12 FEET, THE SURFACE AREA IS 11.7 ACRES, AND THE CAPACITY IS 45.9 ACRE-FEET. SEE THE SUBMITTED RESERVOIR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THE CLAIMED VOLUME APPEARS TO BE EXCESSIVE FOR THE CLAIMED PURPOSE. THE CLAIMED VOLUME EQUALS 8 TIMES THE CAPACITY OF THE RESERVOIR.

11. There is no information, other than the fact that the volume exceeds the capacity of the reservoir, showing the volume is historically inaccurate.

12. At the status conference, Mr. Hofer stated that the volume appeared correct based on his knowledge of how water was historically used on the property and how it is currently used under claim 40A 205999-00.

# **Priority Date Issue Remark**

13. Claims 40A 201975-00, 40A 201976-00, and 40A 201978-00 received the following issue remark:

IF NO FURTHER EVIDENCE OF A PRIORITY DATE IS PRESENTED TO THE COURT, THIS WATER RIGHT WILL BE DECREED WITH A PRIORITY DATE OF JUNE 30, 1973.

- 14. At the status conference, Mr. Hofer stated that he had no additional evidence regarding the priority date of these claims, and they should remain as June 30, 1973.
- 15. Claims 40A 123715-00, 40A 123719-00, and 40A 197900-00 received the following issue remark:

THE PRIORITY DATE MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. THIS CLAIM IS FOR A FILED APPROPRIATION ON MUSSELSHELL RIVER WITH A PRIORITY DATE PREDATING CASE NO. 1148, GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY.

16. There is no evidence before the court to establish that the priority date of claims 40A 123715-00, 40A 123719-00, and 40A 197900-00 are incorrect. The only evidence before the Court calling the priority date into question is the existence of the prior decree (Case No. 1148) and the issue remark that appeared on the claims. While historical decrees provide some evidence of existing water rights on a given source, they are not conclusive. Decrees were often the result of a specific controversy between water users; thus, rights were adjudicated on a piecemeal basis by the district courts. Further, decrees were usually limited in scope, and often multiple decrees were issued on the same stream. See Albert Stone, Are There Any Adjudicated Streams in Montana? 19 Mont. L. Rev. 19 (1957).

# **Notice-Type Issue Remarks**

17. The claims received the following notice-type issue remarks:

40A 123686-00, 40A 145783-00, 40A 145784-00, 40A 145791-00, 40A 145793-00, 40A 201984-00

MEANS OF DIVERSION AND RESERVOIR RECORD WERE 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.

40A 145778-00, 40A 145780-00, 40A 145781-00, 40A 145782-00, 40A 145785-00, 40A 145786-00, 40A 145788-00, 40A 145795-00, 40A 201989-00

MEANS OF DIVERSION 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

40A 145794-00

SOURCE NAME AND MEANS OF DIVERSION WERE 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.

40A 145796-00

THE CLAIMANT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION FOR THIS RIGHT. A PERIOD OF DIVERSION HAS BEEN ADDED TO MATCH THE PERIOD OF USE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED TO THE PERIOD OF DIVERSION OR PERIOD OF USE, THOSE ELEMENTS WILL BE DECREED AS SHOWN ON THIS ABSTRACT AND THIS ISSUE REMARK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS CLAIM.

SOURCE NAME AND RESERVOIR RECORD WERE 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.

40A 201978-00

MEANS OF DIVERSION, POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESERVOIR RECORD WERE MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF DINCR 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.

40A 205999-00

RESERVOIR RECORD 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.

- 18. These issue remarks identify elements modified as a result of DNRC review pursuant to Montana Water Court reexamination orders. The remarks indicate that if no objections are filed, the elements of the claim will remain as they appear on the abstract and the remarks will be removed. None of the claims received objections.
  - 19. Claim 40A 211353-00 received the following notice-type issue remarks:

CLAIM WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BASIN 40A TEMPORARY PRELIMINARY DECREE ISSUED 05/07/1985.

CLAIM FILED LATE 07/12/1985. IN ADDITION TO BEING SUBORDINATE TO ALL INDIAN AND FEDERAL RESERVED WATER RIGHTS AND ALL VALID TIMELY FILED CLAIMS BASED ON STATE LAW, THIS RIGHT MAY ALSO BE SUBORDINATE TO CERTAIN PERMITS AND RESERVATIONS OF WATER. SEE SECTION 85-2-221 MCA.

20. The remark noticing that claim 40A 211353-00 did not appear in the Basin 40A Temporary Preliminary Decree served its notice purpose. The remark should be removed from the claim.

21. The remark noticing claim 40A 211353-00 as a late claim also served its notice purpose. The claim will still be identified as a late claim via an information remark appearing under the priority date on the claim abstract. The notice-type issue remark should be removed from the claim.

# PRINCIPLES OF LAW

- 1. A properly filed Statement of Claim for an existing water right is prima facie proof of its content. Section 85-2-227, MCA; Rule 10, W.R.Adj.R.
- 2. Prima facie proof may be contradicted and overcome by a preponderance of the evidence. Rule 19, W.R.Adj.R.
- 3. A preponderance of the evidence is evidence that shows a fact is "more probable than not." *Hohenlohe v. State*, 2010 MT 203, ¶ 33, 357 Mont. 438, 240 P.3d 628.
- 4. If prima facie status is overcome, the burden shifts back to the claimant to demonstrate historical use. *79 Ranch v. Pitsch*, 204 Mont. 426, 432-33, 666 P.2d 215, 218 (1983).
- 5. Section 85-2-248(2), MCA, requires that the Water Court resolve all issue remarks that are not resolved through the objection process. *See also* Rule 7, W.R.Adj.R.
- 6. The Water Court may use information submitted by the DNRC, the Statement of Claim, and any other data obtained by the Court to evaluate a water right. Sections 85-2-227, -231(2), MCA.
- 7. When resolving issue remarks, the 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. The factual evidence on which an issue remark is based must meet the preponderance of evidence standard before the prima facie status of a claim is overcome. 43Q 200996-00 et al., Order Establishing Volume and Order Closing Case, at 18, June 8, 2015.
- 8. If a claimant agrees to reduce or limit a claim, the Water Court may accept the reduction or limitation without reviewing further evidence, unless an unresolved issue remark remains. Rule 17(c), W.R.Adj.R.

9. The Court may correct a clerical mistake found in a judgment, order, or other part of the record on motion or on its own, with or without notice. Rule 60(a), M.R.Civ.P.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

# 40A 123693-00

1. Claim 40A 123693-00 is no longer in use and should be dismissed as requested by Mr. Hofer.

# 40A 145779-00

2. Claim 40A 145779-00 is no longer in use and should be dismissed as requested by Mr. Hofer.

# 40A 145796-00

3. The reservoir record issue remark overcomes the prima facie status of claim 40A 145796-00. The reservoir record should be removed from claim 40A 145796-00. This removal resolves the reservoir record issue remark, and the remark should be removed from the claim.

# 40A 201978-00

- 4. The place of use issue remark overcomes the prima facie status of claim 40A 201978-00. Mr. Hofer showed that there is no Government Lot 6 in the NWNWSW of Section 6, T10N, R15E, Wheatland County. Therefore, the place of use should be corrected to the NWNWSW of Section 6, T10N, R15E, Wheatland County.
- 5. The point of diversion and reservoir record should be corrected to remove Government Lot 6 from the legal land descriptions pursuant to Rule 60(a), M.R.Civ.P.

# 40A 205999-00

- 6. The reservoir record issue remark overcomes the prima facie status of the claim. The dimensions of the reservoir described in Finding of Fact No. 10 should be applied to the reservoir record. These modifications resolve the reservoir record issue remark, and the remark should be removed from the claim.
- 7. The volume issue remark does not overcome the prima facie status of the claim. Based on the information from Mr. Hofer, the decreed volume is historically accurate. The volume should remain as it appeared in the Basin 40A Preliminary Decree, and the remark should be removed from the claim.

# **Priority Date Issue Remark**

8. There are several possible explanations for why the claimed filed rights did not appear in the old decree and there is not sufficient evidence before the Court to indicate the claimed priority dates are inaccurate. The prima facie status of the priority date has not been overcome. The priority date of claims 40A 201975-00, 40A 201976-00, and 40A 201978-00 should remain unchanged, and the priority date remark should be removed.

# **Notice-Type Issue Remarks**

- 9. Each remark in Finding of Fact No. 17 provides notice of the changes made after completion of the Temporary Preliminary Decree proceedings and prior to issuance of the Preliminary Decree. The remark does not raise unresolved issues that need to be addressed. No proceedings are required to resolve the remarks; the remarks will be removed from the abstracts.
- 10. The notice-type remarks on claim 40A 211353-00 served their notice purposes and should be removed from the claim.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, this Master recommends that the Court adopt the changes as outlined above.

A post decree abstract of each water right claim reflecting the recommended changes is attached to this Report.

Melissa Lockman Senior Water Master

Service via USPS Mail

Springwater Colony Inc % Joe Hofer PO Box 782 Harlowton, MT 59036

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123686-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: AUGUST 4, 1946

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

SWSWSE 13 8N 15E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

**Reservoir:** ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

SWSWSE 13 8N 15E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height:11.00 FEETDepth:8.00 FEETSurface Area:0.10 ACRES

Capacity: 0.32 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SWSE 13 8N 15E WHEATLAND

# WATER COURT ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 123693-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: DISMISSED

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

**Priority Date:** 

**Enforceable Priority Date:** 

**Type of Historical Right:** 

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS DISMISSED BY ORDER OF THE WATER COURT.

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 123715-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> 3 -- POST DECREE Version:

> > Status: ACTIVE

SPRINGWATER COLONY INC **Owners:** 

> % JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

**NOVEMBER 1, 1897 Priority Date:** 

**Type of Historical Right: FILED** 

Purpose (Use): **IRRIGATION** 

> **Irrigation Type: FLOOD**

Flow Rate: 2.05 CFS

THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT Volume:

PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

4 - MODERATELY LOW Climatic Area:

**Maximum Acres:** 54.10

**Source Name:** MUSSELSHELL RIVER **Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

**Govt Lot** Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County 1

15E WHEATLAND SWSWNE 26 N8

MARCH 1 TO NOVEMBER 30 **Period of Diversion:** 

**Diversion Means: HEADGATE** 

**Ditch Name:** PENWELL-ROSS DITCH

Period of Use: MARCH 1 TO NOVEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{Twp}}$	Rge	<b>County</b>
1	44.10		S2SE	30	8N	16E	WHEATLAND
2	10.00		N2N2NE	31	8N	16E	WHEATLAND
Total:	54.10						

# Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

123715-00 123719-00

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 123719-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> 3 -- POST DECREE Version:

> > Status: ACTIVE

SPRINGWATER COLONY INC **Owners:** 

> % JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

APRIL 1, 1890 **Priority Date:** 

**Type of Historical Right: FILED** 

Purpose (Use): **IRRIGATION** 

> **Irrigation Type: FLOOD**

Flow Rate: 2.05 CFS

THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT Volume:

PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

4 - MODERATELY LOW Climatic Area:

**Maximum Acres:** 54.10

**Source Name:** MUSSELSHELL RIVER **Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

**Govt Lot** Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County 1

15E WHEATLAND SWSWNE 26 N8

MARCH 1 TO NOVEMBER 30 **Period of Diversion:** 

**Diversion Means: HEADGATE** 

**Ditch Name:** PENWELL-ROSS DITCH

Period of Use: MARCH 1 TO NOVEMBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{Twp}}$	Rge	<b>County</b>
1	44.10		S2SE	30	8N	16E	WHEATLAND
2	10.00		N2N2NE	31	8N	16E	WHEATLAND
Total:	54.10						

# Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

123715-00 123719-00

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145778-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JUNE 15, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

SWNWSE 1 9N 15E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

SWNWSE 1 9N 15E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 SWNWSE 1 9N 15E WHEATLAND

# WATER COURT ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145779-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: DISMISSED

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

**Priority Date:** 

**Enforceable Priority Date:** 

**Type of Historical Right:** 

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK, EAST FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS DISMISSED BY ORDER OF THE WATER COURT.

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145780-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: AUGUST 20, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

NESESE 12 9N 15E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

NESESE 12 9N 15E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 E2E2SE 12 9N 15E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: **40A 145781-00** STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> 3 -- POST DECREE Version:

> > Status: ACTIVE

SPRINGWATER COLONY INC **Owners:** 

> % JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

JUNE 30, 1939 **Priority Date:** 

**Type of Historical Right:** USE **STOCK** 

Purpose (Use):

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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.

UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK **Source Name:** 

SURFACE WATER **Source Type:** 

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID **Govt Lot** Otr Sec <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> Rge County

> **SWSWSW** 16E WHEATLAND 9N

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: **ONSTREAM** 

> Rge County **Qtr Sec Twp Govt Lot**

> > **SWSWSW** 9N 16E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

ID Acres **Govt Lot** Otr Sec Sec **Twp** Rge County

1 **SWSWSW** 9N 16E WHEATLAND 7

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145782-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JUNE 20, 1946

Type of Historical Right: USE
Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK, EAST FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

NENESE 7 9N 16E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

NENESE 7 9N 16E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 NENESE 7 9N 16E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145783-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: AUGUST 20, 1937

Type of Historical Right: USE
Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM

AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ANTELOPE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

SWSESW 14 9N 15E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

SWSESW 14 9N 15E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height:11.00 FEETDepth:8.00 FEETSurface Area:7.00 ACRES

Capacity: 22.40 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SW 14 9N 15E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 145784-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

> > Status: ACTIVE

SPRINGWATER COLONY INC **Owners:** 

> % JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

**Priority Date:** AUGUST 14, 1940

USE **Type of Historical Right: STOCK** 

Purpose (Use):

1

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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.

UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ANTELOPE CREEK **Source Name:** 

SURFACE WATER **Source Type:** 

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID **Govt Lot** Otr Sec <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> Rge County

> **SWSESW** 15E WHEATLAND 11 9N

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

THE DAM EXTENDS INTO THE SESWSW SEC 11 TWP 9N RGE 15E WHEATLAND

COUNTY.

**ONSTREAM** Reservoir:

> Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County **Govt Lot**

> > **SWSESW** 15E WHEATLAND 11 9N

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height: 12.00 FEET Depth: 9.00 FEET **Surface Area: 8.00 ACRES** 

Capacity: 28.80 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

**Govt Lot Otr Sec** Rge County <u>Acres</u> **Twp** ID <u>Sec</u>

1

S2SW 11 9N 15E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145785-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 20, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

SENWNE 27 8N 16E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

SENWNE 27 8N 16E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 SENWNE 27 8N 16E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145786-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JULY 20, 1935

Type of Historical Right: USE
Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

SWSENE 12 9N 15E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

SWSENE 12 9N 15E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 SENE 12 9N 15E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145788-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

NENENE 17 8N 16E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

NENENE 17 8N 16E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 NENENE 17 8N 16E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: **40A 145791-00** STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> 3 -- POST DECREE Version:

> > Status: ACTIVE

SPRINGWATER COLONY INC **Owners:** 

> % JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

JULY 31, 1939 **Priority Date:** 

**Type of Historical Right:** USE **STOCK** Purpose (Use):

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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.

UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK, EAST FORK **Source Name:** 

SURFACE WATER **Source Type:** 

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID **Govt Lot** Rge County Otr Sec <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> 1

**SENWSW** 16E WHEATLAND 9 9N

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: **ONSTREAM** 

> Rge County Otr Sec **Twp Govt Lot** <u>Sec</u>

> > **SENWSW** 9N 16E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height: 12.00 FEET Depth: 9.00 FEET **Surface Area: 9.00 ACRES** 

Capacity: 32.40 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	Acres Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<b>Twp</b>	Rge County
1		E2E2	8	9N	16E WHEATLAND
2		W2W2	9	9N	16E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145793-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JULY 20, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE
Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM

AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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SOURCE.

Source Name: ROBERTS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

NENENE 19 9N 16E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

NENENE 19 9N 16E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height:11.00 FEETDepth:8.00 FEETSurface Area:2.50 ACRES

Capacity: 8.00 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENE 19 9N 16E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145794-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1938

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

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AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ALKALI CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

SESESE 4 8N 16E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

SESESE 4 8N 16E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 SESE 4 8N 16E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145795-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JUNE 20, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ANTELOPE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

SWNWNW 12 8N 15E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

SWNWNW 12 8N 15E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 S2NWNW 12 8N 15E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 145796-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JANUARY 1, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM

AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

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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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ALKALI CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NWNWSW 6 8N 16E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NWNWSW 6 8N 16E WHEATLAND

# WATER COURT ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP

**BASIN 40A** 

Water Right Number: 40A 197900-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 6 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1890

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD

Flow Rate: 9.48 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT

PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 250.00

Source Name: MUSSELSHELL RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1SWSWNE268N15EWHEATLAND

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Period of Use: APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	45.00		S2S2	28	8N	16E	WHEATLAND
2	60.00		S2	29	8N	16E	WHEATLAND
3	15.00		E2NE	32	8N	16E	WHEATLAND
4	130.00		N2	33	8N	16E	WHEATLAND
Total:	250.00						

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 201975-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1973

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: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK

**Source Type:** GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Twp Rge County

SWSENE 12 10N 14E WHEATLAND

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SWSENE 12 10N 14E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 201976-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1973

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: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK

**Source Type:** GROUNDWATER

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 SENENW 1 10N 14E WHEATLAND

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SENENW 1 10N 14E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 201978-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

> > Status: ACTIVE

SPRINGWATER COLONY INC **Owners:** 

> % JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

**Priority Date:** JUNE 30, 1973

**Type of Historical Right:** USE **STOCK** Purpose (Use):

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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.

UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK **Source Name:** 

SURFACE WATER **Source Type:** 

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID **Govt Lot** Otr Sec Sec <u>Twp</u> Rge County 1

**NWNWSW** 15E WHEATLAND 6 10N

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: **ONSTREAM** 

> Otr Sec Sec **Twp** Rge County **Govt Lot**

> > **NWNWSW** 10N 15E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height: 11.00 FEET Depth: 8.00 FEET **Surface Area: 0.70 ACRES** 

Capacity: 2.24 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>Acres</u> **Govt Lot** Otr Sec Sec **Twp** Rge County ID

**NWNWSW** 10N 14E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 201984-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1973

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ANTELOPE CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

SWSWNW 18 10N 15E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot <u>Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

SWSWNW 18 10N 15E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height:11.00 FEETDepth:8.00 FEETSurface Area:1.70 ACRES

Capacity: 5.44 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SWSWNW 18 10N 15E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP **BASIN 40A**

Water Right Number: 40A 201989-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> 3 -- POST DECREE Version:

> > Status: ACTIVE

SPRINGWATER COLONY INC **Owners:** 

> % JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

JUNE 30, 1973 **Priority Date:** 

**Type of Historical Right:** USE STOCK

Purpose (Use):

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. 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.

UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ROBERTS CREEK **Source Name:** 

SURFACE WATER **Source Type:** 

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID **Govt Lot** Otr Sec Sec <u>Twp</u> Rge County

> **SENWNW** 30 15E WHEATLAND 11N

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: **ONSTREAM** 

> Otr Sec **Twp** Rge County **Govt Lot** <u>Sec</u>

> > **SENWNW** 30 11N 15E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

1

**Otr Sec** ID Acres **Govt Lot** Sec **Twp** Rge County

1 E2NWNW 30 11N 15E WHEATLAND

# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 205999-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: AUGUST 21, 1896

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD

\*Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR.

**Volume:** 365.50 AC-FT

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 43.00

Source Name: ROBERTS CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

\*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

SENWNE 36 11N 14E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

\*Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

S2NWNE 36 11N 14E WHEATLAND

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height: 12.00 FEET
Depth: 9.80 FEET
Surface Area: 11.70 ACRES

Capacity: 45.90 ACRE-FEET

Period of Use: APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

\*Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u> 1 18.00 NWNE 6 10N 15E WHEATLAND 
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2	25.00	S2S2	31	11N	15E WHEATLAND	
Total:	43.00					

### Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

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# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MUSSELSHELL RIVER, ABOVE ROUNDUP BASIN 40A

Water Right Number: 40A 211353-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Late Claim: B

Owners: SPRINGWATER COLONY INC

% JOE HOFER PO BOX 782

HARLOWTON, MT 59036

Priority Date: AUGUST 20, 1912

Enforceable Priority Date: JUNE 30, 1973

CLAIM FILED LATE 07/12/1985. AS MANDATED BY SECTION 85-2-221(3), MCA, THIS CLAIM IS SUBORDINATE, AND THEREFORE JUNIOR, TO ALL INDIAN AND FEDERAL RESERVED WATER RIGHTS AND ALL VALID TIMELY FILED CLAIMS

BASED ON STATE LAW.

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD

Flow Rate: 1.11 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT

PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 79.00

Source Name: ROBERTS 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 NWNWNW 12 9N 15E WHEATLAND

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Period of Use: APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 1

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	Rge	<b>County</b>
1	6.50		S2S2NE	12	9N	15E	WHEATLAND
2	7.50		SWNW	12	9N	15E	WHEATLAND
3	47.50		SE	12	9N	15E	WHEATLAND
4	17.50		NESW	12	9N	15E	WHEATLAND
Total:	79.00						