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76M-4001-S-2021

December 3, 2021

Montana Water Court

**MONTANA WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
CLARK FORK DIVISION  
CLARK FORK RIVER BETWEEN THE BLACKFOOT RIVER AND FLATHEAD  
RIVER BASIN (76M)**

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CLAIMANTS: Flynn Family Partnership; Frances Mcquade;  
Patricia J Sinclair Family LLC; Zootown  
Investments LLC; Janelle L Donovan; Timothy  
P Donovan; Nicholas Holden; Sarah Holden;  
William E Mytty Jr; Brenda J Thomas; Charles  
Thomas; Connie R Thomas; Perry M Thomas

**CASE 76M-4001-S-2021**  
76M 29117-00  
76M 29119-00  
76M 29120-00  
76M 29121-00  
76M 29122-00

**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, conclusion 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**

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On April 22, DNRC Water Resource Specialist Kimberly Brown filed a Memorandum regarding the severance of claims 76M 29117-00, 76M 29119-00, 76M 29120-00, 76M 29121-00, and 76M 29122-00 from a portion of the place of use. Ms. Brown attached a Form 642 for each of the claims to the Memos. The attachments to the Memos included a Form 642 for each of the claims in the Case, a general abstract for each of the claims, a DNRC “Exhibit A, complete and correct review,” correspondence between Ms. Brown and the Claimant, a second version of page 2 of Form 642, and a map. A deed was attached to the Memo for claim 76M 29122-00.

2. The Forms 642 requested that a portion of the place of use be severed from claims 76M 29117-00, 76M 29119-00, 76M 29120-00, 76M 29121-00, and 76M 29122-00.

3. The Memorandum and the attachments did not provide sufficient information for this Master to complete the requested partial severance of the place of use owned by Patricia J. Sinclair Family LLC without additional information. Additional information was needed regarding how the proposed flow rates and places of use of the parent claims are impacted by the partial severers. An Order Setting Filing Deadline was issued setting a deadline for Ms. Brown to file proposed abstracts showing how parent claims 76M 29117-00, 76M 29119-00, 76M 29120-00, 76M 29121-00, and 76M 29122-00 should appear after the parcel owned by Patricia J. Sinclair Family LLC is severed from the claims.

4. On September 16, 2021, Ms. Brown filed a Memorandum in response to this Master’s Order. Ms. Brown enclosed proposed abstracts for claims 76M 29117-00, 76M 29119-00, 76M 29120-00, 76M 29121-00, and 76M 29122-00 showing how the claims should appear after the Patricia J. Sinclair Family, LLC property, at the following legal land description, is removed from the claims:

7. PLACE OF USE BEING EXEMPTED (RESERVED) / SEVERED Entire Water Right?  Y  N

20 acres N 1/2 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 12 TWP 13  N  S RGE 20  E  W

\_\_\_\_ acres \_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_ 1/4 Sec \_\_\_\_ TWP \_\_\_\_  N  S RGE \_\_\_\_  E  W

\_\_\_\_ acres \_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_ 1/4 Sec \_\_\_\_ TWP \_\_\_\_  N  S RGE \_\_\_\_  E  W

Lot/Tract 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision Name \_\_\_\_\_

COS 3176 \_\_\_\_\_ Gov't Lot \_\_\_\_\_ County Missoula \_\_\_\_\_

Geocodes(s) 04-2199-12-1-01-02-0000 \_\_\_\_\_

5. To determine if the parties in Case 76M-4001-S-2021 agreed or disagreed with Ms. Brown’s proposal, an Order Setting Filing Deadline was issued on September 21, 2021. The Order indicated that if nothing was filed by the deadline agreeing or disagreeing with the proposed changes, a Master’s Report would be issued recommending the changes be made. The following language was included in the Order:

Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may result in sanctions, up to and including entry of default and termination of a water right claim or dismissal of objections. Rule 22, W.R.Adj.R.

Nothing was filed.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The requested severance for claims 76M 29117-00, 76M 29119-00, 76M 29120-00, 76M 29121-00, and 76M 29122-00 reflects the current record ownership of the claims.

2. The evidence provided by the Forms 642 is sufficient to sever 20.00 acres in the N2NESW of Section 12, Township 13 North, Range 20 West (Tract 7) of claims 76M 29117-00, 76M 29119-00, 76M 29120-00, 76M 29121-00, and 76M 29122-00 as requested by the Patricia J. Sinclair Family, LLC.

3. Pursuant to Rule 22, W.R.Adj.R., if a claimant, objector, or intervenor fails to appear at a scheduled conference or hearing or fails to comply with an order issued by the Water Court, the Water Court may issue such orders of sanction with regard thereto as are just. An Order was issued providing parties the opportunity to object to the proposed severance and nothing was filed. Twenty acres in the N2NESW of Section 12, Township 13 North, Range 20 West (Tract 7) of claims 76M 29117-00, 76M 29119-00, 76M 29120-00, 76M 29121-00, and 76M 29122-00 should be severed as requested by the Patricia J. Sinclair Family, LLC.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, this Master recommends that the Court change claims 76M 29117-00, 76M 29119-00, 76M 29120-00, 76M 29121-00, and 76M 29122-00 as reflected on the attached Post Decree Abstracts.

Post Decree Abstracts of the water right claims addressed in this Master’s Report are attached to confirm that the above changes have been made in the state’s centralized water right record system.

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Senior Water Master

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**POST DECREE  
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM  
CLARK FORK, BETWEEN BLACKFOOT & FLATHEAD RIVERS  
BASIN 76M**

**Water Right Number:** 76M 29117-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE  
**Status:** SEVERED

**Owners:** FRANCES MCQUADE  
702 W WALNUT #224  
COEUR D ALENE, ID 83814  
  
FLYNN FAMILY PRTNRSHIP  
2100 FLYNN LN  
MISSOULA, MT 59808  
  
ZOOTOWN INVESTMENTS LLC  
2336 ASPEN GRV  
MISSOULA, MT 59801

**Priority Date:** JULY 15, 1867

**Type of Historical Right:** DECREED

**Purpose (Use):** STOCK

**Flow Rate:**

**Volume:** THIS WATER RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCKWATERING 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:** GRANT 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		SE	7	13N	19W	MISSOULA

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO JULY 4

**Diversion Means:** MULTIPLE

**Period of Use:** MAY 1 TO JULY 4

**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			W2NE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
2			NWSE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
3			S2NESW	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
4			S2SE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
5			E2SWSE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA

**POST DECREE  
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM  
CLARK FORK, BETWEEN BLACKFOOT & FLATHEAD RIVERS  
BASIN 76M**

**Water Right Number:** 76M 29119-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE  
**Status:** SEVERED

**Owners:** FRANCES MCQUADE  
702 W WALNUT #224  
COEUR D ALENE, ID 83814  
  
FLYNN FAMILY PRTNRSHIP  
2100 FLYNN LN  
MISSOULA, MT 59808  
  
ZOOTOWN INVESTMENTS LLC  
2336 ASPEN GRV  
MISSOULA, MT 59801

**Priority Date:** MAY 1, 1875

**Type of Historical Right:** DECREED

**Purpose (Use):** STOCK

**Flow Rate:**

**Volume:** THIS WATER RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCKWATERING 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:** GRANT 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		SE	7	13N	19W	MISSOULA

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO JULY 4

**Diversion Means:** MULTIPLE

**Period of Use:** MAY 1 TO JULY 4

**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			W2NE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
2			NWSE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
3			S2NESW	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
4			S2SE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
5			E2SWSE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA

**POST DECREE  
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM  
CLARK FORK, BETWEEN BLACKFOOT & FLATHEAD RIVERS  
BASIN 76M**

**Water Right Number:** 76M 29120-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE

**Status:** SEVERED

**Owners:**

JANELLE L DONOVAN  
2723 GRASSLAND DR  
MISSOULA, MT 59808

TIMOTHY P DONOVAN  
2723 GRASSLAND DR  
MISSOULA, MT 59808

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2100 FLYNN LN  
MISSOULA, MT 59808

ZOOTOWN INVESTMENTS LLC  
2336 ASPEN GRV  
MISSOULA, MT 59801

**Priority Date:** JULY 15, 1867

**Type of Historical Right:** DECREED

**Purpose (Use):** IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** SPRINKLER/FLOOD  
**Flow Rate:** 1.51 CFS  
**Volume:** 120.60 AC-FT  
**Climatic Area:** 3 - MODERATE  
**Maximum Acres:** 257.00  
**Source Name:** GRANT 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		SENWNE	7	13N	19W	MISSOULA

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 15 TO JULY 19

**Diversion Means:** PUMP/HEADGATE W/DITCH OR PIPELINE

**Period of Use:** APRIL 15 TO JULY 19

**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	77.00		S2SE	11	13N	20W	MISSOULA
2	80.00		W2NE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
3	40.00		NWSE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
4	20.00		S2NESW	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
5	20.00		S2SENW	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
6	20.00		E2SWSE	12	13N	20W	MISSOULA
<b>Total:</b>	<u>257.00</u>						

**Remarks:**

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**ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**  
**CLARK FORK, BETWEEN BLACKFOOT & FLATHEAD RIVERS**  
**BASIN 76M**

**Water Right Number:** 76M 29121-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE  
**Status:** SEVERED

**Owners:** JANELLE L DONOVAN  
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MISSOULA, MT 59808  
  
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**Priority Date:** MAY 1, 1875  
**Type of Historical Right:** DECREED  
**Purpose (Use):** IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD  
**Flow Rate:** 3.70 CFS  
**Volume:** 296.90 AC-FT  
**Climatic Area:** 3 - MODERATE  
**Maximum Acres:** 257.00  
**Source Name:** GRANT 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		SEWNNE	7	13N	19W	MISSOULA

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

**Diversion Means:** PUMP/HEADGATE W/DITCH OR PIPELINE

**Period of Use:** APRIL 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>
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**CLARK FORK, BETWEEN BLACKFOOT & FLATHEAD RIVERS**  
**BASIN 76M**

**Water Right Number:** 76M 29122-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE  
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**Priority Date:** MAY 1, 1866  
**Type of Historical Right:** DECREED  
**Purpose (Use):** IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD  
**Flow Rate:** 3.70 CFS  
**Volume:** 296.90 AC-FT  
**Climatic Area:** 3 - MODERATE  
**Maximum Acres:** 257.00  
**Source Name:** GRANT CREEK  
**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

**Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

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**Diversion Means:** PUMP/HEADGATE W/DITCH OR PIPELINE

**Period of Use:** APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

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