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# IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION MISSOURI RIVER ABOVE HOLTER DAM BASIN (411) PRELIMINARY DECREE

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CLAIMANTS: Michelle L. Gillespie; Sharon M. Lewis
Revocable Living Trust; Tory Gillespie

41I 2246-00
41I 2247-00
41I 2249-00
41I 2250-00

# 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 to 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**

The water right claims listed above appeared in the Preliminary Decree for the Missouri River above Holter Dam (Basin 41I) issued on June 24, 2022. The claims did

not receive objections but did receive issue remarks from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) raising potential legal or factual issues with the claims. The Water Court consolidated the claims into case 41I-2033-R-2024 to address the remarks.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

# 41I 2246-00

1. Claim 41I 2246-00 is a claim to Crow Creek water for irrigating 750.00 acres in Sections 18 and 19, T5N, R2E, Broadwater County. It received the following substantive issue remarks:

THE BROADWATER COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY (1956) APPEARS TO INDICATE 374.00 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.

THE MAXIMUM COMBINED ACRES FOR THIS GROUP OF SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIMS MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION PENDING RESOLUTION OF MAXIMUM IRRIGATED ACRES ISSUE.

FLOW RATE MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION BASED ON RESOLUTION OF MAXIMUM ACRES ISSUE.

The Water Court previously made factual findings that no change was necessary to the acres irrigated, place of use, and flow rate of this claim. See, Case 41I-256, Master's Report, March 27, 1998 (adopted May 8, 1998). The substantive issue remarks do not raise issues that have not already been determined by the Court.

The claim also received the following remark that served only to provide notice to the claimants and other water users in the Preliminary Decree (Notice Only Remark):

THE TIMELY FILED OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS AMENDED BY AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES TO INCLUDE PERIOD OF USE BECAUSE THESE ELEMENTS WERE NOT INCLUDED ON THE OBJECTION LIST, ANY WATER USER WHOSE RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ENFORCEMENT OF THESE CHANGES MAY PETITION THE APPROPRIATE COURT FOR RELIEF OR MAY FILE AN OBJECTION AT THE PRELIMINARY DECREE.

The Claimants agree no change to the claim is necessary. Doc. 2.00.<sup>1</sup> The remarks should be removed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Doc." refers to the docket number of a document filed in the Water Court's Full Court Enterprise Case Management system.

# 41I 2247-00

2. Claim 41I 2247-00 is a claim to Crow Creek and Swamp Creek water for irrigating 960 acres in Sections 18, 19, and 30, T5N, R2E. It received the following substantive issue remarks:

THE BROADWATER COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY (1956) APPEARS TO INDICATE 702.00 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.

FLOW RATE MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION BASED ON RESOLUTION OF MAXIMUM ACRES ISSUE.

THE POINT OF DIVERSION NO. 3 APPEARS INCORRECT. POINT OF DIVERSION NO. 3 APPEARS TO BE SWNWNW SEC 25 TWP 5N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY.

THIS CLAIM APPEARS TO BE CLAIMING TWO SEPARATE SOURCES OF WATER. MORE THAN ONE WATER RIGHT MAY BE INVOLVED.

THE SOURCE MAY BE IN QUESTION. THE SOURCE DESCRIBED IN CASE NO. 236, BROADWATER COUNTY, IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE SOURCE AT POINT OF DIVERSION NOS. 2 AND 3.

THE MAXIMUM COMBINED ACRES FOR THIS GROUP OF SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIMS MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION PENDING RESOLUTION OF MAXIMUM IRRIGATED ACRES ISSUE.

The Water Court previously made factual findings that no change was necessary to the source, place of use, acres irrigated, point of diversion, and flow rate of this claim. See, Case 41I-256, Master's Report, March 27, 1998 (adopted May 8, 1998). The substantive issue remarks do not raise issues that have not already been determined by the Court.

The claim also received the following Notice Only Remark:

THE TIMELY FILED OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS AMENDED BY AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES TO INCLUDE PERIOD OF USE BECAUSE THESE ELEMENTS WERE NOT INCLUDED ON THE OBJECTION LIST, ANY WATER USER WHOSE RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ENFORCEMENT OF THESE CHANGES MAY PETITION THE APPROPRIATE COURT FOR RELIEF OR MAY FILE AN OBJECTION AT THE PRELIMINARY DECREE.

The Claimants agree no change to the claim is necessary. Doc. 2.00.<sup>2</sup> The remarks should be removed.

41I 2248-00, 41I 2249-00, and 41I 2250-00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Doc." refers to the docket number of a document filed in the Water Court's Full Court Enterprise Case Management system.

3. Claims 41I 2248-00, 41I 2249-00, and 41I 2250-00 are claims to Crow Creek and Swamp Creek water for irrigating 890.00 acres in Sections 18, 19, and 30, T5N, R2E, Broadwater County. They each received the following substantive issue remarks:

THE BROADWATER COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY (1956) APPEARS TO INDICATE 554.00 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.

THIS CLAIM APPEARS TO BE CLAIMING TWO SEPARATE SOURCES OF WATER. MORE THAN ONE WATER RIGHT MAY BE INVOLVED.

THE SOURCE MAY BE IN QUESTION. THE SOURCE DESCRIBED IN CASE NO. 236, BROADWATER COUNTY, IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE SOURCE AT POINT OF DIVERSION NO. 2.

THE MAXIMUM COMBINED ACRES FOR THIS GROUP OF SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIMS MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION PENDING RESOLUTION OF MAXIMUM IRRIGATED ACRES ISSUE.

The Water Court previously made factual findings that no change was necessary to the maximum acres irrigated and source for claim 41I 2248-00. See, case 41I-257, Master's Report, March 27, 1998 (adopted May 8 1998). The substantive remarks do not raise issues as to claim 41I 2248-00 that have not already been determined by the Court.

While the Court did not previously address the maximum acres of claims 41I 2249-00 and 41I 2250-00, the place of use (and maximum acres) of these claims is identical to that of claim 41I 2248-00. The finding that the maximum acres of 41I 2248-00 is correct is evidence that the identical acres under claims 41I 2249-00 and 41I 2250-00 were historically irrigated.

While the Court did not previously address the source of claims 41I 2249-00 and 41I 2250-00, the sources of these claims are identical to that of claim 41I 2248-00: Crow Creek and Swamp Creek. Each claim is based on the decree in Case 236, Broadwater County, which only references Crow Creek – not Swamp Creek – as the source for all three claims. The Water Court's prior conclusion that 41I 2248-00 correctly includes both Crow Creek and Swamp Creek as sources suggests that the historical decree's omission Swamp Creek water does not undermine the claim to Swamp Creek water under 41I 2249-00 and 41I 2250-00. Further, each claim includes an information remark explaining the comingled nature of Crow Creek and Swamp Creek water, explaining why Swamp

Creek may have been omitted from the Case 236 Decree, and supporting the inclusion of two sources on a single claim.

Claim 41I 2248-00 also received the following Notice Only Remark:

THE TIMELY FILED OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS AMENDED BY AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES TO INCLUDE PERIOD OF USE BECAUSE THESE ELEMENTS WERE NOT INCLUDED ON THE OBJECTION LIST, ANY WATER USER WHOSE RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ENFORCEMENT OF THESE CHANGES MAY PETITION THE APPROPRIATE COURT FOR RELIEF OR MAY FILE AN OBJECTION AT THE PRELIMINARY DECREE.

Claim 41I 2250-00 received the following Notice Only Remark:

DITCH NAME 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.

The Claimants agree no change to the claims is necessary. Doc. 2.00.<sup>3</sup> The remarks should be removed.

# PRINCIPLES OF LAW

- 1. Section 85-2-248(2), MCA requires the Water Court to resolve all issue remarks that are not resolved through the objection process. 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. § 85-2-248(3), MCA.
- 2. A properly filed claim of an existing right or an amended claim of existing right is prima facie proof of its content. § 85-2-227, MCA. This prima facie proof may be contradicted and overcome by other evidence that proves, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the elements of the claim do not accurately reflect the beneficial use of the water right as it existed prior to July 1, 1973. This is the burden of proof for every assertion that a claim is incorrect. Rule 19, W.R.Adj.R.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Findings of Fact above are supported by a preponderance of the evidence. The substantive issue remarks are resolved by information in the claim files. The Notice Only Remarks have served their notice purpose.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Doc." refers to the docket number of a document filed in the Water Court's Full Court Enterprise Case Management system.

# **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, this Master recommends that the Court remove the issue remarks from the claims.

A Post Decree Abstract of Water Right Claim for each claim reflecting the recommended changes is attached to this Report for review.

# ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

# **SERVICE VIA USPS MAIL**

Gillespie, Michelle L 71 Lewis Kitto Ln Toston, MT 59643-9744

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# ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MISSOURI RIVER, ABOVE HOLTER DAM

#### **BASIN 41I**

Water Right Number: 411 2246-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MICHELLE L GILLESPIE

71 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

LEWIS, SHARON M REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

81 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

\*Priority Date: APRIL 15, 1972

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD

Flow Rate: 20.00 CFS

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

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

Maximum Acres: 750.00

Source Name: CROW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESWSE 24 5N 1E BROADWATER

\*Period of Diversion: APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: MCMULLAN DITCH

\*Period of Use: APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>		<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1		350.00			18	5N	2E	BROADWATER
2		300.00		N2	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
3		100.00		SW	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
	Total:	750.00						

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.

2245-00

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#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MISSOURI RIVER, ABOVE HOLTER DAM

#### **BASIN 41I**

Water Right Number: 411 2247-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MICHELLE L GILLESPIE

71 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

TORY GILLESPIE 81 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

LEWIS, SHARON M REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

81 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

Priority Date: MAY 1, 1887

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 3.58 CFS

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

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

Maximum Acres: 960.00

Source Name: CROW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

CROW CREEK AND SWAMP CREEK HAVE COMMINGLED WATERS. LOWER CROW

CREEK CHANNEL SPLITS FROM CROW CREEK (AKA UPPER CROW CREEK CHANNEL) IN THE NENESE SEC 5 TWP 6N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY

FLOWING SOUTH TO COMMINGLE WATER WITH SWAMP CREEK BEGINNING IN THE NENESW SEC 16 TWP 5N RGE 1 E BROADWATER COUNTY AND SEPARATING AT SENESE SEC 22 TWP 5N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY. CROW CREEK WATER THEN TRAVELS TO SWSWSW SEC 21 TWP 5N RGE 2E BROADWATER COUNTY TO

THE CONFLUENCE WITH WARM SPRINGS CREEK.

# Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1NESWSE245N1EBROADWATER

Source Name: CROW CREEK

\*Period of Diversion: APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: MCMULLAN DITCH

2 SENENE 25 5N 1E BROADWATER

Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

\*Period of Diversion: APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

3 SENWNW 25 5N 1E BROADWATER

Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

\*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	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{Twp}}$	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1		350.00			18	5N	2E	BROADWATER
2		300.00		N2	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
3		150.00		SW	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
4		90.00		NW	30	5N	2E	BROADWATER
5		70.00		SW	30	5N	2E	BROADWATER
	Total:	960.00						

#### 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.

#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# MISSOURI RIVER, ABOVE HOLTER DAM

#### **BASIN 41I**

Water Right Number: 411 2248-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MICHELLE L GILLESPIE

71 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

TORY GILLESPIE 81 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

LEWIS, SHARON M REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

81 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

Priority Date: MAY 1, 1872

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
\*Flow Rate: 2.50 CFS

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT HAVE AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST

IN A SINGLE WATER RIGHT FOR 2.50 CFS . 411 2233-00, 411 2248-00.

UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN A SINGLE WATER RIGHT TO 2.50 CFS. THE CLAIMANTS

ROTATE USAGE OF THE FULL FLOW OF 2.50 CFS AS MUTUALLY AGREED.

\*Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

Maximum Acres: 890.00

Source Name: CROW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

CROW CREEK AND SWAMP CREEK HAVE COMMINGLED WATERS. LOWER CROW

CREEK CHANNEL SPLITS FROM CROW CREEK (AKA UPPER CROW CREEK CHANNEL) IN THE NENESE SEC 5 TWP 6N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY

FLOWING SOUTH TO COMMINGLE WATER WITH SWAMP CREEK BEGINNING IN THE NENESW SEC 16 TWP 5N RGE 1 E BROADWATER COUNTY AND SEPARATING AT SENESE SEC 22 TWP 5N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY. CROW CREEK WATER THEN TRAVELS TO SWSWSW SEC 21 TWP 5N RGE 2E BROADWATER COUNTY TO

THE CONFLUENCE WITH WARM SPRINGS CREEK.

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESWSE 24 5N 1E BROADWATER

Source Name: CROW CREEK

\*Period of Diversion: APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: MCMULLAN DITCH

2 SENENE 25 5N 1E BROADWATER

Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

\*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	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	Rge	<b>County</b>
1		350.00			18	5N	2E	BROADWATER
2		300.00		N2	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
3		150.00		SW	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
4		90.00		NW	30	5N	2E	BROADWATER
	Total:	890.00						

#### 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.

#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

#### MISSOURI RIVER, ABOVE HOLTER DAM

#### **BASIN 41I**

**Water Right Number:** 41I 2249-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

> > **Status: ACTIVE**

**Owners:** MICHELLE L GILLESPIE

> 71 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

> TORY GILLESPIE 81 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

LEWIS, SHARON M REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

81 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

**Priority Date:** MAY 1, 1869 **Type of Historical Right: DECREED Purpose (Use):** IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type: FLOOD** \*Flow Rate: 5.00 CFS

> WATER RIGHTS 41I 2249-00 AND 41I 11157-00 EACH HAVE AN UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN A SINGLE WATER RIGHT TO 5.00 CFS. THE OWNERS ROTATE USAGE

OF THE FULL FLOW 5.00 CFS AS MUTUALLY AGREED.

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

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

3 - MODERATE Climatic Area:

**Maximum Acres:** 890.00

**Source Name: CROW CREEK** 

**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

**SWAMP CREEK Source Name:** 

**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

CROW CREEK AND SWAMP CREEK HAVE COMMINGLED WATERS. LOWER CROW

CREEK CHANNEL SPLITS FROM CROW CREEK (AKA UPPER CROW CREEK CHANNEL) IN THE NENESE SEC 5 TWP 6N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY

FLOWING SOUTH TO COMMINGLE WATER WITH SWAMP CREEK BEGINNING IN THE

NENESW SEC 16 TWP 5N RGE 1 E BROADWATER COUNTY AND SEPARATING AT SENESE SEC 22 TWP 5N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY. CROW CREEK WATER THEN TRAVELS TO SWSWSW SEC 21 TWP 5N RGE 2E BROADWATER COUNTY TO

THE CONFLUENCE WITH WARM SPRINGS CREEK.

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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

**NESWSE** 24 5N 1E **BROADWATER** 

**Source Name: CROW CREEK**  \*Period of Diversion: APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: MCMULLAN DITCH

2 SENENE 25 5N 1E BROADWATER

Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

\*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>		<b>Acres</b>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1		350.00			18	5N	2E	BROADWATER
2		300.00		N2	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
3		150.00		SW	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
4		90.00		NW	30	5N	2E	BROADWATER
	Total:	890.00						

#### 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.

#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

#### MISSOURI RIVER, ABOVE HOLTER DAM

#### **BASIN 41I**

Water Right Number: 411 2250-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: MICHELLE L GILLESPIE

71 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

TORY GILLESPIE 81 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

LEWIS, SHARON M REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

81 LEWIS KITTO LN TOSTON, MT 59643-9744

Priority Date: MAY 1, 1867

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
\*Flow Rate: 1.88 CFS

WATER RIGHTS 41I 2250-00 AND 41I 11155-00 EACH HAVE AN UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN A SINGLE WATER RIGHT TO 1.88 CFS. THE OWNERS ROTATE USAGE

OF THE FULL FLOW 1.88 CFS AS MUTUALLY AGREED.

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

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

Maximum Acres: 890.00

Source Name: CROW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

CROW CREEK AND SWAMP CREEK HAVE COMMINGLED WATERS. LOWER CROW

CREEK CHANNEL SPLITS FROM CROW CREEK (AKA UPPER CROW CREEK CHANNEL) IN THE NENESE SEC 5 TWP 6N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY

CHANNEL) IN THE NENESE SEC 5 TWP 6N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY FLOWING SOUTH TO COMMINGLE WATER WITH SWAMP CREEK BEGINNING IN THE

NENESW SEC 16 TWP 5N RGE 1 E BROADWATER COUNTY AND SEPARATING AT SENESE SEC 22 TWP 5N RGE 1E BROADWATER COUNTY. CROW CREEK WATER THEN TRAVELS TO SWSWSW SEC 21 TWP 5N RGE 2E BROADWATER COUNTY TO

THE CONFLUENCE WITH WARM SPRINGS CREEK.

#### \*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	Govt Lot	<u> Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NESWSE	24	5N	1E	BROADWATER

Source Name: CROW CREEK

\*Period of Diversion: APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: MCMULLAN DITCH

2 SENENE 25 5N 1E BROADWATER

Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

\*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>		<b>Acres</b>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	Rge	<b>County</b>
1		350.00			18	5N	2E	BROADWATER
2		300.00		N2	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
3		150.00		SW	19	5N	2E	BROADWATER
4		90.00		NW	30	5N	2E	BROADWATER
	Total:	890.00						

#### 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.