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STATE OF MONTANA
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IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION MISSOURI RIVER BELOW FORT PECK DAM BASIN 40S

CLAIMANT: Leroy Schultz

CASE 40S-0014-I-202440S 30113429
40S 30113432

NOTICE OF FILING OF MASTER'S REPORT

This Master's Report was filed with the Montana Water Court on the above stamped date. <u>Please review this report carefully.</u>

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

Claims 40S 30113429 and 40S 30113432 are owned by Leroy Schultz. The claims

were decreed with DNRC issue remarks and consolidated into Water Court Case 40S-0014-I-2024.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On August 19, 2024, Leroy Schultz, filed a withdrawal of claims 40S 30113429 and 40S 30113432.
 - 2. The Withdrawals state Mr. Schultz has no interest in the claims.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Montana Water Court has jurisdiction over all matters relating to the determination of existing water rights. Section 3-7-224, MCA.
- 2. A properly filed Statement of Claim for Existing Water Right is prima facie proof of its content. Section 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 an element of the prima facie claim is incorrect. This is the burden of proof for every assertion that a claim is incorrect. Rule 19, W.R.Adj.R.
 - 3. The withdrawal of the claims negates the need for further proceedings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The claims in this case should be dismissed. Post Decree Abstracts of Water Right Claims are served with the Report to confirm that 40S 30113429 and 40S 30113432 have been dismissed in the state's centralized water right record system.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

Service via USPS Mail:

Leroy Schultz 6197 MT Hwy 250 W Wolf Point, MT 59201

POST DECREE

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MISSOURI RIVER, BELOW FORT PECK DAM

BASIN 40S

Water Right Number: 40S 30113429 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- POST DECREE

Status: DISMISSED

Owners: LEROY SCHULTZ

6197 MT HWY 250 W WOLF POINT, MT 59201

*Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (Use): DOMESTIC

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WOLF CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use: Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS DISMISSED BY ORDER OF THE WATER COURT.

POST DECREE

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MISSOURI RIVER, BELOW FORT PECK DAM

BASIN 40S

Water Right Number: 40S 30113432 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- POST DECREE

Status: DISMISSED

Owners: LEROY SCHULTZ

6197 MT HWY 250 W WOLF POINT, MT 59201

*Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (Use): DOMESTIC

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WOLF CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use: Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS DISMISSED BY ORDER OF THE WATER COURT.