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MONTANA WATER COURT
UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION
MISSOURI RIVER ABOVE HOLTER DAM
BASIN 41I
PRELIMINARY DECREE

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CLAIMANTS: Chase G. Patrick Ragen; Daniela G. Ragen;
Ragen Ranch HQ LLC; Reeves Family
Revocable Trust; Samuel W. Antonick;
Kim M. Johnson; Sarah H. Seiler

CASE 41I-0020-R-2023

41I 10738-00

41I 88929-00

41I 89744-00

OBJECTORS: Lewis A. Reeves; City of Townsend;
Sarah H. Seiler

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR: Chase Patrick G. Ragen

**ORDER EXTENDING FILING DEADLINE
FOR RAGEN RANCH HQ LLC AND REEVES FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST**

An Order Commencing Formal Hearing Proceedings and Setting Filing Deadline for Ragen Ranch HQ LLC and Reeves Family Revocable Trust was issued on August 18, 2025. (Doc.¹ 23.00). The Order set a September 26, 2025 deadline for Ragen Ranch HQ LLC and Reeves Family Revocable Trust to retain an attorney and for the attorney to file a notice of appearance in the case. No notices of appearance have been filed.

On November 13, 2025 Chase G Patrick Ragen filed a request for 180-day extension. (Doc. 25.00). This Case has been ongoing for over two years. An 180-day extension for purposes of hiring counsel is unreasonable. Therefore, it is

ORDERED that **Ragen Ranch HQ LLC and Reeves Family Revocable Trust** must retain an attorney licensed to practice law in Montana for these formal proceedings.

¹ "Doc." numerical references correlate to case file docket numbers in the Water Court's Full Court case management system.

The attorney(s) must file a Notice of Appearance in this case no later than **January 30, 2026**.

ORDERED that if **Ragen Ranch HQ LLC** or **Reeves Family Revocable Trust** fail to comply with this Order the non-complying entity will not be allowed to present a case at hearing or submit any filings to the Water Court, and they may also be subject to sanctions up to and including termination of water right claims. Rule 22, W.R.Adj.R.

A filing deadline to determine dates for a scheduling order will be set after counsel appears for both Ragen Ranch HQ LLC and Reeves Family Revocable Trust or the January 30, 2026 deadline runs, whichever is sooner.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

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