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# IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION WHITEWATER CREEK - BASIN (40K) INTERLOCUTORY DECREE

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CLAIMANT: United States of America (Bureau of Land Management)

CASE 40K-0107-I-2024 40K 30142170 40K 30142171 40K 30142174 40K 30142175 40K 30142180

# 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, 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 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 above-captioned claims appeared in the Interlocutory Decree for the Lower Missouri River Division, Whitewater Creek. The claims did not receive objections or notices of intent to appear, but did receive issue remarks during the DNRC's claims reexamination.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Claim 40K 30142171 received the following substantive issue remark:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT APPEAR TO BE REDUNDANT FILINGS. IT APPEARS ONLY ONE WATER RIGHT IS INVOLVED. 30142170, 30142171.

Claim 40K 30142174 received the following substantive issue remark:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT APPEAR TO BE REDUNDANT FILINGS. IT APPEARS ONLY ONE WATER RIGHT IS INVOLVED. 30142174, 30142175.

Claim 40K 30142180 received the following substantive issue remark: THE CLAIM DOES NOT APPEAR TO MEET THE DEFINITION OF AN EXEMPT RIGHT UNDER SECTION 85-2-222(1), MCA.

- 2. On July 9, 2024, the Court set a filing deadline requiring claimant United States Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") to file information or evidence addressing the issue remarks on the claims.
- 3. On October 16, 2024, BLM filed a *Response* to the Court's Order Setting Filing Deadline. Attached with the *Response* was the Declaration of Melissa Norris, a BLM Water Resources Specialist, whose statements in her declaration corroborate the information contained in the *Response*. The *Response* addresses each of the above-listed issue remarks as follows:

# 40K 30142170 and 40K 30142171

BLM states that claim 40K 30142170 is a stockwater right from Dunham Coulee and Unnamed Tributaries of Dunham Coulee and is associated with grazing allotment number MT03113 and claim 40K 30142171 is a stockwater right from Dunham Coulee and is associated with grazing allotment number MT05015. Further, BLM notes that while the claims share a fence line and an overlapping legal land description in the NWSW of Sec 10, the claims do not overlap and are not redundant as each claim is unique to each grazing allotment.

# 40K 30142174 and 40K 30142175

BLM states that claim 40K 30142174 is a stockwater right from Whitewater Creek, East Fork and is associated with grazing allotment number MT03113 and claim 40K 30142171 is a stockwater right from Whitewater Creek, East Fork and Unnamed Tributaries of Whitewater Creek, East Fork and is associated with grazing allotment number MT05015. Further, BLM notes that while the claims also share a fence line and an overlapping legal land description in the SWNW of Sec 10, the claims do not overlap and are not redundant as each claim is unique to each grazing allotment.

# 40K 30142180

BLM states that claim 40K 30142180 reflects exempt use by stock drinking directly from the natural stream course of Whitewater Creek, East Fork, because that use occurred historically prior to the construction of the dam that forms Whitewater Lake. Additionally, to clarify that the use is not from the lake itself, BLM proposes the addition of the following information remark: "ONLY THE NATURAL STREAM COURSE OF WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK WHICH IS EXPOSED DURING DRY YEARS WHEN THE LAKE IS NOT IMPOUNDING WATER IS CLAIMED."

BLM states that if these proposals are implemented, the substantive issue remarks appearing on the claims would be resolved.

4. Each claim also received notice-type issue remarks from the DNRC during its reexamination of claims. No objections were filed.

## PRINCIPLES OF LAW

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The evidence in the record is sufficient to resolve the issue remarks placed on the above-captioned claims.
- 2. Based on the information contained in BLM's *Response* and the attached Declaration of Melissa Norris, claims 40K 30142170 and 40K 30142171 and claims 40K 30142174 and 40K 30142175 are not redundant filings as each is associated with its specific grazing allotment. Therefore, the redundant filing issue remarks appearing the claims should be removed.
- 3. Based on the information contained in BLM's *Response* and the attached Declaration of Melissa Norris, claim 40K should be modified as described in Finding of Fact No. 3, and the exempt claim issue remark should be removed.
- 4. The notice-type issue remarks appearing on each claim served their notice purpose and should be removed from the claims.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Post decree abstracts of the water right claims reflecting the recommended changes are attached to this Report.

## **ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.**

## Service Via Electronic Mail:

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#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

#### WHITEWATER CREEK

#### **BASIN 40K**

Water Right Number: 40K 30142170 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)

5001 SOUTHGATE DR BILLINGS, MT 59101-4669

Priority Date: JULY 11, 1935

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

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: DUNHAM COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

\*Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DUNHAM COULEE

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

\*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1SESESE3 36N 32EPHILLIPS

\*Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DUNHAM COULEE

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

NENE 10 36N 32E PHILLIPS

\*Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DUNHAM COULEE

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

3 SENENE 10 36N 32E PHILLIPS

Source Name: DUNHAM COULEE

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

4 SENWNE 10 36N 32E PHILLIPS

\*Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DUNHAM COULEE

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

5 SENE 32E 10 36N **PHILLIPS DUNHAM COULEE Source Name: Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE **SWNE** 10 36N 32E **PHILLIPS Source Name: DUNHAM COULEE Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 **Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE 7 E2SWNE 10 36N 32E **PHILLIPS** \*Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF DUNHAM COULEE **Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE 8 32E N2NWSE 10 36N **PHILLIPS Source Name: DUNHAM COULEE Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE 9 **NESW** 10 36N 32E **PHILLIPS Source Name: DUNHAM COULEE Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE 32E **PHILLIPS** 10 **NWSW** 10 36N **Source Name: DUNHAM COULEE 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:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1			SESESE	3	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
2			NENE	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
3			SENENE	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
4			SENWNE	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
5			SENE	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
6			SWNE	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
7			E2SWNE	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
8			N2NWSE	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
9			NESW	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
10			NWSW	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS

#### Remarks:

BLM FILED ELECTRONIC CLAIMS. THIS CLAIM REFERENCES BLM CLAIM ID BLM2812 AND GRAZING ALLOTMENT MT03113.

#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

#### WHITEWATER CREEK

#### **BASIN 40K**

**Water Right Number:** 40K 30142171 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> Version: 2 -- POST DECREE

> > **Status: ACTIVE**

**Owners:** USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)

> 5001 SOUTHGATE DR BILLINGS, MT 59101-4669

**Priority Date:** JULY 11, 1935

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

\*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

> 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.

**DUNHAM COULEE Source Name:** 

SURFACE WATER **Source Type:** 

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID **Govt Lot Qtr Sec** Sec **Twp** Rge **County** 1

**NWSW** 10 36N 32E **PHILLIPS** 

**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:

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

**NWSW** 10 36N 32E **PHILLIPS** 

## Remarks:

BLM FILED ELECTRONIC CLAIMS. THIS CLAIM REFERENCES BLM CLAIM ID BLM2813 AND GRAZING ALLOTMENT MT05015.

#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

#### WHITEWATER CREEK

#### **BASIN 40K**

Water Right Number: 40K 30142174 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)

5001 SOUTHGATE DR BILLINGS, MT 59101-4669

Priority Date: JULY 11, 1935

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.

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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: WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1SWNW1036N32EPHILLIPS

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

SWNW 10 36N 32E PHILLIPS

Remarks:

BLM FILED ELECTRONIC CLAIMS. THIS CLAIM REFERENCES BLM CLAIM ID BLM2816 AND GRAZING ALLOTMENT MT03113.

#### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

#### WHITEWATER CREEK

#### **BASIN 40K**

**Water Right Number:** 40K 30142175 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> Version: 2 -- POST DECREE

> > **Status: ACTIVE**

**Owners:** USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)

> 5001 SOUTHGATE DR BILLINGS, MT 59101-4669

**Priority Date:** JULY 11, 1935

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

\*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

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> 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: WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK

SURFACE WATER **Source Type:** 

\*Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK

SURFACE WATER **Source Type:** 

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

**Diversion Means:** 

<u>ID</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1	4	NWNW	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CR	EEK, EAST F	ORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DE	CEMBER 31				
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIREC	T FROM SO	URCE			
2		SWNWSE	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CR	EEK, EAST F	ORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DE	CEMBER 31				
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIREC	T FROM SO	URCE			
3		SWSESE	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CRI	EEK, EAST F	ORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DE	CEMBER 31				

LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE SWSE 4 36N 32E **PHILLIPS** 

**Source Name:** WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK

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

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

5	NESW 4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			
6	N2NWSW 4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			
7	SESW 4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			
8	1 NENE 5	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			
9	2 NWNE 5	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			
10	NWNWSE 5	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			
11	NWSESW 5	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			
12	NENE 7		32E	PHILLIPS
*Source Name:	UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WHITEWA	TER CR	EEK, EA	AST FORK
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			
13	NENE 7	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			
14	NWNWNW 8	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31			
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE			B
15	NENE 9	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
Source Name:	WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK			

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

16 E2NWNE 9 36N 32E PHILLIPS

Source Name: WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

17 SENE 9 36N 32E PHILLIPS

Source Name: WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

18 SWSWNW 10 36N 32E PHILLIPS

Source Name: WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

19 NWSW 10 36N 32E PHILLIPS

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Source Name: WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

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Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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#### \*Place of Use:

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1	4	NWNW	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
2		SWNWSE	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
3		SWSESE	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
4		SWSE	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
5		NESW	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
6		N2NWSW	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
7		SESW	4	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
8	1	NENE	5	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
9	2	NWNE	5	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
10		NWNWSE	5	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
11		NWSESW	5	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
12		NENE	7	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
13		NENE	7	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
14		NWNWNW	8	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
15		NENE	9	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
16		E2NWNE	9	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
17		SENE	9	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
18		SWSWNW	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS
19		NWSW	10	36N	32E	PHILLIPS

#### Remarks:

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

#### WHITEWATER CREEK

#### **BASIN 40K**

Water Right Number: 40K 30142180 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MGMT)

5001 SOUTHGATE DR BILLINGS, MT 59101-4669

Priority Date: JULY 11, 1935

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

\*Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

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HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

#### Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>			
1		NESE	2	35N	31E	PHILLIPS			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31								
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE								
2		NWSE	2	35N	31E	PHILLIPS			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO D	ECEMBER 31							
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRE	CT FROM SO	URCE						
3		SESE	2	35N	31E	PHILLIPS			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO D	ECEMBER 31							
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE								
4		SWSE	2	35N	31E	PHILLIPS			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO D	ECEMBER 31							
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRE	CT FROM SO	URCE						
5		NENE	11	35N	31E	PHILLIPS			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO D	ECEMBER 31							
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE								
6		NWSE	35	36N	31E	PHILLIPS			
Period of Diversion:	JANUARY 1 TO D	ECEMBER 31							
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE								

7			SESE	35	36N	31E	PHILLIPS
Period of Diversion	;	JANUARY 1	TO DECEMBER 31				
<b>Diversion Means:</b>		LIVESTOCK	DIRECT FROM SOL	JRCE			
8			SWSE	35	36N	31E	PHILLIPS
Period of Diversion	;	JANUARY 1	TO DECEMBER 31				
<b>Diversion Means:</b>		LIVESTOCK	DIRECT FROM SOL	JRCE			
Period of Use:		JANUARY 1	TO DECEMBER 31				
Place of Use:							
<u>ID</u>	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	Rge	<b>County</b>
1			NESE	2	35N	31E	PHILLIPS
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<u>ID</u>	Acres Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>	
1		NESE	2	35N	31E	PHILLIPS	
2		NWSE	2	35N	31E	PHILLIPS	
3		SESE	2	35N	31E	PHILLIPS	
4		SWSE	2	35N	31E	PHILLIPS	
5		NENE	11	35N	31E	PHILLIPS	
6		NWSE	35	36N	31E	PHILLIPS	
7		SESE	35	36N	31E	PHILLIPS	
8		SWSE	35	36N	31E	PHILLIPS	

## **Remarks:**

ONLY THE NATURAL STREAM COURSE OF WHITEWATER CREEK, EAST FORK WHICH IS EXPOSED DURING DRY YEARS WHEN THE LAKE IS NOT IMPOUNDING WATER IS CLAIMED.

BLM FILED ELECTRONIC CLAIMS. THIS CLAIM REFERENCES BLM CLAIM ID BLM2822 AND GRAZING ALLOTMENT MT05036.