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IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION
BOULDER RIVER—TRIBUTARY OF THE JEFFERSON RIVER (BASIN 41E)
PRELIMINARY DECREE

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CLAIMANT: United States of America (USDA Forest Service)

CASE 41E-0212-R-2024

COUNTEROBJECTOR: Ranch Land Inc.

41E 54667-00	41E 54674-00
41E 54668-00	41E 54684-00
41E 54669-00	41E 54685-00
41E 54670-00	41E 54686-00
41E 54671-00	41E 54687-00
41E 54672-00	41E 54804-00

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 to be added to the 10-day objection period. Rule 6(d), M.R.Civ.P. If you file an objection, you must mail 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

Ranch Land Inc. counterobjected to each of these United States of America (USDA Forest Service) claims. On April 28, 2025 the parties filed a Stipulation To Resolve Objections ["Stipulation"]. The first paragraph of the Stipulation states that it "is for the purpose of resolving . . . Ranch Land Inc.'s counterobjections." The Stipulation is viewable in the Court's FullCourt Enterprise case management system.

APPLICABLE LAW

A properly filed Statement of Claim for Existing Water Right is prima facie proof of its content pursuant to 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 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 including for claimants objecting to their own claims. Rule 19, W.R.Adj.R.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. For claims 41E 54667-00, 41E 54668-00, 41E 54686-00, and 41E 54687-00, the following remark should be added to each abstract as requested in the Stipulation:

POINTS OF DIVERSION AND PLACES OF USE ARE LIMITED TO FEDERAL LAND.

2. There are no changes requested for the other claims in this Case.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The settlement filed by the parties is sufficient to contradict and overcome the prima facie claims.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, this Master recommends that the Court make the changes specified in the Findings of Fact to correct the Preliminary Decree for this Basin. A Post Decree Abstract of Water Right Claim for each claim is served with this Report to confirm the recommended changes have been made in the state's centralized record system.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW

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POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54667-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: ALTA GULCH

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	23	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		SWSENE	23	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
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Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

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			SWSENE	23	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
2			SE	23	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

Remarks:

POINTS OF DIVERSION AND PLACES OF USE ARE LIMITED TO FEDERAL LAND.

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54668-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: FINN GULCH

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		NWNWSE	14	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
2		W2W2NE	14	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
3		SE	11	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
4		NESENE	11	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

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			NESENE	11	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
2			SE	11	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
3			W2W2NE	14	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

4	NWNWSE	14	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
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Remarks:

POINTS OF DIVERSION AND PLACES OF USE ARE LIMITED TO FEDERAL LAND.

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54669-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: ALTA GULCH

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		NWSW	13	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
2		NW	13	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
3		S2	12	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Place of Use:

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1			S2	12	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
2			NW	13	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
3			NWSW	13	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

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BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54670-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: DRY GULCH, SOUTH FORK

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			34	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
2		S2S2	33	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
3		NW	4	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Place of Use:

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1			NW	4	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
2			S2S2	33	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
3				34	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54671-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: DRY GULCH, NORTH FORK

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		N2	34	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
2		SW	27	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
3		N2S2	28	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

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			N2S2	28	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
2			SW	27	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
3			N2	34	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

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BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54672-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: DRY GULCH

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		N2	35	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		NE	34	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
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Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

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			NE	34	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
2			N2	35	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

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BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54674-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: KIT CARSON GULCH

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		W2W2NW	10	5N	7W	JEFFERSON

Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		S2	8	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
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Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

3			9	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
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Period of Diversion: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

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			S2	8	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
2				9	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
3			W2W2NW	10	5N	7W	JEFFERSON

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54684-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: CLUNEY GULCH

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NE	36	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

Period of Diversion: JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		SW	31	6N	6W	JEFFERSON
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Period of Diversion: JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

3		N2	6	5N	6W	JEFFERSON
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Period of Diversion: JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			N2	6	5N	6W	JEFFERSON
2			SW	31	6N	6W	JEFFERSON
3			NE	36	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

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BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54685-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: SHEEP 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		S2SE	35	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
2		S2SWSW	36	6N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
3			1	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
4		W2SWSW	6	5N	6W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

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			W2SWSW	6	5N	6W	JEFFERSON
2				1	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
3			S2SWSW	36	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

4 S2SE 35 6N 7W JEFFERSON

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54686-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

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Source Name: PLACER GULCH

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		NENESW	2	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
2		SE	2	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
3		S2SW	1	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					
4		W2NWNE	12	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
Period of Diversion:	JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31					
Diversion Means:	LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE					

Period of Use: JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 31

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			W2NWNE	12	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
2			S2SW	1	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
3			SE	2	5N	7W	JEFFERSON

4	NENESW	2	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
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Remarks:

POINTS OF DIVERSION AND PLACES OF USE ARE LIMITED TO FEDERAL LAND.

POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54687-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: APRIL 12, 1906

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 STOCK WATERING 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: LOWLAND 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		SESWSE	35	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

Period of Diversion: JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		W2W2NE	2	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
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Period of Diversion: JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31

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			W2W2NE	2	5N	7W	JEFFERSON
2			SESWSE	35	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

Remarks:

POINTS OF DIVERSION AND PLACES OF USE ARE LIMITED TO FEDERAL LAND.

POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO JEFFERSON RIVER
BASIN 41E

Water Right Number: 41E 54804-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: USA (DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE)
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTHERN REGION
26 FORT MISSOULA RD
MISSOULA, MT 59804-7203

Priority Date: JUNE 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): DOMESTIC
KUMP OCCUPANCY CABIN

Flow Rate: 4.49 GPM

Volume: 1.50 AC-FT

Households: 1

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LOWLAND CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

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		SENESE	35	6N	7W	JEFFERSON

Period of Diversion: MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: DEVELOPED SPRING

Period of Use: MAY 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>
1			SENESE	35	6N	7W	JEFFERSON