

MONTANA WATER COURT
UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION
SUN RIVER
BASIN 41K
PRELIMINARY DECREE

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CLAIMANTS: Stevie ML Neuman; Ted J. Neuman

CASE 41K-0711-R-2025
41K 210541-00

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM AND CLOSING CASE

Domestic groundwater claim 41K 210541-00 was included in the Preliminary Decree for the Sun River, Basin 41K issued on January 28, 2021. The claim received the following issue remarks:

THIS CLAIM PRESENTS ISSUES OF FACT AND LAW THAT MAY BE ADDRESSED AT THE OBJECTION STAGE. THE PRIORITY DATE IS IN QUESTION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE MADE, THE COURT WILL SET A HEARING ON THIS ISSUE.

On the original Statement of Claim form for 41K 210541-00, no priority date was claimed. However, review of the claim file indicates that in 1984, the priority date was identified as April 19, 1976 and that the claim owners were instructed to contact the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (“DNRC”) to file on their post-1973 claim.

Pursuant to the Water Use Act, water users were required to file statements of claim with the DNRC for water put to beneficial use prior to July 1, 1973. Mont. Code Ann. §§ 85-2-221 to -224 (2025). Post-July 1, 1973 uses of water are not subject to the Water Use Act and adjudication proceedings but are subject to the DNRC’s permitting requirements.

Because information in the state records indicates the claim was put to use in 1976, the Court ordered that Stevie ML Neuman and Ted J. Neuman file evidence

showing claim 41K 210541-00 was put to use prior to July 1, 1973 by October 7, 2025 or else the claim would be dismissed. Neither Stevie ML Neuman nor Ted J. Neuman filed anything with the Court by the October 7, 2025 deadline. Therefore it is,

ORDERED that claim 41K 210541-00 is DISMISSED as the claimed priority date reflects an appropriation after June 30, 1973. A Post Decree Abstract of Water Right Claim is served with this Order to confirm the claim has been dismissed in the state's centralized water right record system.

ORDERED that case 41K-0711-R-2025 is CLOSED.

.ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

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POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
SUN RIVER
BASIN 41K

Water Right Number: 41K 210541-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: DISMISSED

Owners: STEVIE ML NEUMAN
639US HWY 89
VAUGHN, MT 59487-9534

TED J NEUMAN
5675 SOUTHERN MD DRIVE
LOTHIAN, MD 20711

Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (Use): DOMESTIC

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: GROUNDWATER

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.