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MONTANA WATER COURT
LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S
PRELIMINARY DECREE

CLAIMANTS: Abbie Skelton; Little Fawn Ranch, LLC

CASE 41S-2065-R-2025

41S 10647-00	41S 14546-00
41S 10648-00	41S 14547-00
41S 10649-00	41S 14557-00
41S 10650-00	41S 16494-00
41S 10651-00	41S 16508-00
	41S 27494-00

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 have **13 days** from the service date of the notice of filing of this report to file a written objection or request an extension of the objection period. Rule 23, Water Right Adjudication Rules; Rule 6, Montana Rules of Civil Procedure. 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
FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Little Fawn Ranch LLC (hereinafter “Little Fawn”) is the record owner of claims 41S 10647-00, 41S 10648-00, 41S 10649-00, 41S 10650-00, 41S 10651-00, 41S 16508-00, and 41S 27494-00; Abbie Skelton (hereinafter “Skelton”) is the record owner of claims 41S 14546-00 and 41S 14547-00; Little Fawn and Skelton (hereinafter “Claimants”) are the record owners of claims 41S 14557-00 and 41S 16494-00.

2. The Claimants were ordered to meet with a DNRC employee to address the following unresolved issue remarks decreed on the claims in this Case:

Claim 41S 10647-00:

- FLOW RATE MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION BASED ON RESOLUTION OF MAXIMUM ACRES ISSUE.
- THE JUDITH BASIN COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY(1963)APPEARS TO INDICATE 20.00 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.
- USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO(S). 30045-279-35 , DATED 09/18/1979 , APPEARS TO INDICATE 15.00 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.

Claim 41S 10648-00:

- THE JUDITH BASIN COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY (1963) APPEARS TO INDICATE 0.00 ACRES IRRIGATED.
- USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO. 30045-279-35 , DATED 09/18/1979 APPEARS TO INDICATE 13.30 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.
- THE CLAIMED POINT OF DIVERSION IS IN QUESTION. THE LOCATION OF THE HEADGATE CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED FROM AVAILABLE DATA.

Claims 41S 10649-00, 41S 14546-00, 41S 14547-00, 41S 16494-00, and 41S 27494-00:

- FLOW RATE MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION BASED ON RESOLUTION OF MAXIMUM ACRES ISSUE.
- THE JUDITH BASIN COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY (1963) APPEARS TO INDICATE 0.00 ACRES IRRIGATED.
- USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO(S). 30045-279-35 , DATED 09/18/1979 , APPEARS TO INDICATE 0.00 ACRES IRRIGATED.
- THE CLAIMED POINT OF DIVERSION IS IN QUESTION. THE LOCATION OF THE HEADGATE CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED FROM AVAILABLE DATA.

Claim 41S 10650-00:

- THE JUDITH BASIN COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY (1963) APPEARS TO INDICATE 0.00 ACRES IRRIGATED.
- USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO(S). 30045-279-35 , DATED 09/18/1979 , APPEARS TO INDICATE 0.00 ACRES IRRIGATED.

Claim 41S 14557-00:

- FLOW RATE MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION BASED ON RESOLUTION OF MAXIMUM ACRES ISSUE.
- THE JUDITH BASIN COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY(1963)APPEARS TO INDICATE 375.00 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.

- USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO(S). 30045-279-35 , DATED 09/18/1979 , APPEARS TO INDICATE 389.00 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.
- IT APPEARS POINT OF DIVERSION NO. 1 MAY BE INCORRECT. THE EXISTENCE OF A HEADGATE CANNOT BE CONFIRMED FROM AVAILABLE DATA.

Claim 41S 16508-00

- THE JUDITH BASIN COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY (1963) APPEARS TO INDICATE 0.00 ACRES IRRIGATED.
- USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO. 30045-279-35 , DATED 09/18/1979 APPEARS TO INDICATE 3.30 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.
- THE CLAIMED POINT OF DIVERSION IS IN QUESTION. THE LOCATION OF THE HEADGATE CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED FROM AVAILABLE DATA.

3. DNRC Water Resource Specialist Brandon Ahlgren filed a Memorandum on April 10, 2026. (Docs.¹ 8.00 and 9.00). Mr. Ahlgren reported he spoke with Deborah Schmitt of Little Fawn on multiple occasions to discuss this Case and he also spoke with attorneys Renee Coppock and Madeline Weisz, who represent Skelton, on multiple occasions to discuss this Case. Mr. Ahlgren indicated he reviewed the Judith Basin County Water Resources Survey and aerial photos to prepare the Memorandum.

4. **Claim 41S 10647-00 (Little Fawn):** Mr. Ahlgren indicated that he confirmed 69.15 acres of irrigation at the claimed place of use for claim 41S 10647-00.

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the following modifications be made to claim 41S 10647-00:

Maximum Acres:		440.00	89.15					
Place of Use:								
ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County	
1	8.95	6-00	W2SW	SESWSW	18	18N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2	11.24	40-00		SWNE	18	18N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
3	33.04	70-00		E2SW	18	18N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
4	3.34	47-00		NWSE	18	18N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
5	12.58	8-00		SEW	18	18N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:		440.00	89.15					

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the issue remarks be removed from the claim.

5. **Claim 41S 10648-00 (Little Fawn):** Mr. Ahlgren indicated that he confirmed 13.30 acres of irrigation at the claimed place of use for claim 41S 10648-00.

Mr. Ahlgren identified the headgate at the claimed place of use, using the information in the claim and the Judith Basin Water Resources Survey.

¹ “Doc.” numerical references correlate to case file docket numbers in the Water Court’s Full Court case management system.

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the following modifications be made to claim 41S 10648-00:

Maximum Acres:	42.00	13.30
Place of Use:		
<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>
1	13.30	42.00
<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>
NWSW	18	16N
<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>	
12E	JUDITH BASIN	
Total:	42.00	13.30

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the issue remarks be removed from the claim.

6. **Claim 41S 10649-00** (Little Fawn): Mr. Ahlgren was unable to substantiate any historical irrigation at the claimed place of use, and he recommended claim 41S 10649-00 be dismissed.

7. **Claim 41S 10650-00** (Little Fawn): Mr. Ahlgren was unable to substantiate any historical irrigation at the claimed place of use, and he recommended claim 41S 10650-00 be dismissed.

8. **Claims 41S 10651-00 and 41S 16508-00** (Little Fawn): Mr. Ahlgren indicated that he confirmed 6.90 acres of irrigation at the claimed place of use for claim 41S 16508-00.

Regarding the point of diversion, Mr. Ahlgren explained:

Although the POD remark says headgate, a dike was claimed and decreed as the means of diversion. Using information in the claim file, DNRC was able to identify the location of the claimed dike at “NWNESW Sec. 7, Twp 16N, Rge 12E, Judith Basin Co.”

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the following modifications be made to claim 41S 16508-00:

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		NWNESW	N2SW	7	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion:	MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30						
Diversion Means:	DIKE						
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	6.90	20.00		N2SW	7	16N	12E
Total:	20.00	6.90					

Claims 41S 10651-00 and 41S 16508-00 are multiple uses of the same historical right. Together, claims 41S 10651-00 and 41S 16508-00 do not overclaim the December 31, 1883 filed right on which they are both based. Mr. Ahlgren recommended the issue remarks be removed from claim 41S 16508-00.

9. **Claim 41S 14546-00** (Skelton): Mr. Ahlgren substantiated 42.83 acres of irrigation at the claimed place of use for claim 41S 14546-00.

Mr. Ahlgren identified the headgate at the claimed location.

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the following modifications be made to claim 41S 14546-00:

Maximum Acres:	68.00	42.83						
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	4.94	8.00	NESENW	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN	
2	37.89	60.00	W2NE	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN	
Total:	68.00	42.83						

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the issue remarks be removed from the claim.

10. **Claim 41S 14547-00** (Skelton): Mr. Ahlgren substantiated 52.02 acres of irrigation at the claimed place of use for claim 41S 14547-00.

Mr. Ahlgren identified the point of diversion at the claimed location but noted that the means of diversion is a dike.

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the following modifications be made to claim 41S 14547-00:

Flow Rate:	1.97	2.00-CFS						
Maximum Acres:	65.00	52.02						
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		NESWNE	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN		
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15							
Diversion Means:	HEADGATE DIKE							
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	52.02	65.00	E2NE	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN	
Total:	65.00	52.02						

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the issue remarks be removed from the claim.

11. **Claim 41S 14557-00** (Skelton and Little Fawn): Mr. Ahlgren substantiated 411.35 acres of irrigation at the claimed place of use for claim 41S 14557-00.

Mr. Ahlgren identified the headgate at the claimed location.

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the following modifications be made to claim 41S 14557-00:

*Maximum Acres:		687.60	411.35					
*Place of Use:								
ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County	
1	105.00		SE	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN	
2	18.50		SESW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN	
3	104.00		NW	19	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN	
4	40.00		NWNE	19	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN	
5	480.00		NW	24	16N	11E	JUDITH BASIN	47.62
6	480.00		NE	24	16N	11E	JUDITH BASIN	96.23
Total:		687.60						411.35

Mr. Ahlgren recommended the issue remarks be removed from the claim.

12. **Claim 41S 16494-00** (Skelton and Little Fawn): Mr. Ahlgren confirmed possible irrigation at the claimed place of use; however, he indicated irrigation of the place of use from the claimed point of diversion does not appear possible. Mr. Ahlgren recommended claim 41S 16494-00 be dismissed.

13. **Claim 41S 27494-00** (Little Fawn): Mr. Ahlgren confirmed some possible historical irrigation at the claimed place of use; however, he indicated irrigation of the place of use from the claimed point of diversion does not appear possible. Mr. Ahlgren recommended claim 41S 16494-00 be dismissed.

14. An Order was issued to determine if the Claimants agreed or disagreed with Mr. Ahlgren’s recommendations regarding the claims. The Order indicated that if nothing were filed by the deadline, this Water Master would conclude the Claimants agreed with Mr. Ahlgren’s recommendations regarding the claims, including the recommended dismissals of claims 41S 10649-00, 41S 10650-00, 41S 16494-00, and 41S 27494-00. The following language was included in the Order:

Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may result in sanctions, up to and including entry of default and termination of a water right claim or dismissal of objections. Rule 22, W.R.Adj.R.

15. On June 5, 2026, counsel for Abbie Skelton filed a Statement Agreeing with Recommended Modifications indicating Claimant Abbie Skelton agrees with the modifications suggested by Mr. Ahlgren. (Doc. 11.00).

PRINCIPLES AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Water Court must address all issue remarks decreed on a claim. Mont. Code Ann. § 85-2-248, MCA.

2. A properly filed Statement of Claim for an existing water right is prima facie proof of its content. § 85-2-227, MCA. This prima facie validity may be overcome by evidence showing that one or more elements of the claim are incorrect. This standard of proof applies to objectors or claimants objecting to their own water right claims. Rule 19, W.R.Adj.R.; *Nelson v. Brooks*, 2014 MT 120, ¶ 34, 375 Mont. 86, 329 P.3d 558.

3. The issue remarks decreed on claims 41S 10647-00, 41S 10648-00, 41S 14546-00, 41S 14547-00, and 41S 14557-00 indicating the “maximum combined acres for this group of supplemental claims may require modification...” are not relevant because supplemental rights remarks no longer include a quantified acreage figure. Furthermore, supplemental rights remarks will be removed at the final decree stage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Claims 41S 10647-00, 41S 10648-00, 41S 14546-00, 41S 14547-00, 41S 14557-00, and 41S 16508-00 should be modified as follows:

- **Claim 41S 10647-00 (Little Fawn):**

Maximum Acres:	110.00	89.15					
Place of Use:							
ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1	8.95 8.95	5-00	W2SW S6SW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2	11.24 11.24	10-00	SWNE	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
3	33.04 33.04	70-00	E2SW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
4	3.34 3.34	17-00	NWSE	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
5	12.58 12.58	8-00	SEW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:	110.00						89.15

- **Claim 41S 10648-00 (Little Fawn):**

Maximum Acres:	42.00	13.30					
Place of Use:							
ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1	13.30 13.30	12-00	NWSW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:	42.00						13.30

- **Claim 41S 14546-00 (Skelton):**

Maximum Acres:	68.00	42.83					
Place of Use:							
ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1	4.94 4.94	8-00	NESENW	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2	37.89 37.89	60-00	W2NE	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:	68.00						42.83

- Claim 41S 14547-00 (Skelton):

Flow Rate: 1.97 2.00-CFS
 Maximum Acres: 65.00 52.02
 Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1		NESWNE	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

 Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15
 Diversion Means: HEADGATE DIKE
 Place of Use:

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1	52.02 65.00		E2NE	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:	65.00 52.02						

- Claim 41S 14557-00 (Skelton and Little Fawn):

*Maximum Acres: 687.60 411.35
 *Place of Use:

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1	105.00		SE	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2	18.50		SESW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
3	104.00		NW	19	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
4	40.00		NWNE	19	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
5	-100.00 47.62		NW	24	16N	11E	JUDITH BASIN
6	-100.00 96.23		NE	24	16N	11E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:	687.60 411.35						

- Claim 41S 16508-00 (Little Fawn):

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1	NWNESW	N2SW	7	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

 Period of Diversion: MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30
 Diversion Means: DIKE
 Place of Use:

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1	8.90 20.00		N2SW	7	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:	20.00 8.90						

2. Claims 41S 10649-00, 41S 10650-00, 41S 16494-00, and 41S 27494-00 should be dismissed.

3. The issue remarks should be removed from claims 41S 10647-00, 41S 10648-00, 41S 10651-00, 41S 14546-00, 41S 14547-00, 41S 14557-00, and 41S 16508-00.

Abstracts are attached for review.

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**POST DECREE
 ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
 JUDITH RIVER
 BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10647-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version: 4 -- POST DECREE
Status: ACTIVE

Owners: LITTLE FAWN RANCH LLC
 PO BOX 458
 STANFORD, MT 59479

Priority Date: MAY 31, 1900

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION
Irrigation Type: FLOOD

Flow Rate: 200.00 GPM

Volume: 135.20 AC-FT
Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

Maximum Acres: 69.15

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WOLF 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		SWSWSW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion:		MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30				
Diversion Means:		DIKE				

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	8.95		W2SW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2	11.24		SWNE	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
3	33.04		E2SW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
4	3.34		NWSE	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
5	12.58		SENW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:	69.15						

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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**POST DECREE
 ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
 JUDITH RIVER
 BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10648-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version: 4 -- POST DECREE
Status: ACTIVE

Owners: LITTLE FAWN RANCH LLC
 PO BOX 458
 STANFORD, MT 59479

Priority Date: MAY 13, 1882

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD

Flow Rate: 1.00 CFS

Volume: 60.00 AC-FT

Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

Maximum Acres: 13.30

Source Name: WOLF 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		SENWSW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

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	13.30		NWSW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Total: 13.30

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

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THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10649-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: **DISMISSED**

Owners: LITTLE FAWN RANCH LLC
PO BOX 458
STANFORD, MT 59479

Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: WOLF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10650-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: **DISMISSED**

Owners: LITTLE FAWN RANCH LLC
PO BOX 458
STANFORD, MT 59479

Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: WOLF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10651-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version: 3 -- POST DECREE
Status: ACTIVE

Owners: LITTLE FAWN RANCH LLC
PO BOX 458
STANFORD, MT 59479

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1883

Type of Historical Right: FILED

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: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WOLF CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER
ALSO KNOWN AS SCHMITT SPRING

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		N2N2SW	7	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

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>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			N2N2SW	7	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Remarks:

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**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 14546-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version: 4 -- POST DECREE
Status: ACTIVE

Owners: ABBIE SKELTON
PO BOX 529
STANFORD, MT 59479-0529

Priority Date: APRIL 30, 1889

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD

Flow Rate: 100.00 GPM

***Volume:** THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

Maximum Acres: 42.83

Source Name: SKULL 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		NWSENW	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Period of Use: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15

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	4.94		NESENW	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2	37.89		W2NE	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:	42.83						

Remarks:

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THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 14547-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version: 4 -- POST DECREE
Status: ACTIVE

Owners: ABBIE SKELTON
PO BOX 529
STANFORD, MT 59479-0529

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 2, 1891

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD

Flow Rate: 1.97 CFS

***Volume:** THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

Maximum Acres: 52.02

Source Name: SKULL 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		NESWNE	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15

Diversion Means: DIKE

Period of Use: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15

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	52.02		E2NE	20	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Total: 52.02

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

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**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 14557-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 5 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: ABBIE SKELTON
PO BOX 529
STANFORD, MT 59479-0529

LITTLE FAWN RANCH LLC
PO BOX 458
STANFORD, MT 59479

Priority Date: JANUARY 14, 1880

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD

***Flow Rate:** 6.25 CFS

***Volume:** THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

***Maximum Acres:** 411.35

Source Name: WOLF 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		SWNESW	24	16N	11E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

2		SWNWNW	25	16N	11E	JUDITH BASIN
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Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Period of Use: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 15

***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	105.00		SE	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2	18.50		SESW	18	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
3	104.00		NW	19	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
4	40.00		NWNE	19	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
5	47.62		NW	24	16N	11E	JUDITH BASIN
6	96.23		NE	24	16N	11E	JUDITH BASIN

Total: 411.35

Remarks:

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**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 16494-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: **DISMISSED**

Owners: ABBIE SKELTON
PO BOX 529
STANFORD, MT 59479-0529

LITTLE FAWN RANCH LLC
PO BOX 458
STANFORD, MT 59479

Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: WOLF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

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
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 16508-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version: 4 -- POST DECREE
Status: ACTIVE

Owners: LITTLE FAWN RANCH LLC
PO BOX 458
STANFORD, MT 59479

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1883

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD

Flow Rate: 200.00 GPM

***Volume:** THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 3 - MODERATE

Maximum Acres: 6.90

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WOLF 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		NWNE	7	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

Diversion Means: DIKE

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	6.90		N2SW	7	16N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Total:	6.90						

Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 27494-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: **DISMISSED**

Owners: LITTLE FAWN RANCH LLC
PO BOX 458
STANFORD, MT 59479

Priority Date:

Type of Historical Right:

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Flow Rate:

Volume:

Source Name: WOLF CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Use:

Place of Use:

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM WAS DISMISSED BY ORDER OF THE WATER COURT.