

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

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CLAIMANT: Centennial Livestock Inc.

**CASE 41I-0532-R-2026**  
41I 132497-00  
41I 132498-00

**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**

Claims 41I 132497-00 and 41I 132498-00 appeared in the Preliminary Decree for the Missouri River above Holter Dam (Basin 41I) issued on June 24, 2022. Centennial Livestock, Inc. ("Centennial Livestock") is the record owner of both claims. Both claims received Department of Natural Resources and Conservation ("DNRC") issue remarks. Issue remarks are notations identifying potential legal or factual issues with water rights, and the Water Court is required to resolve these potential issues.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Claim 41I 132497-00 was claimed and decreed as an irrigation claim with a 110.00 gallon per minute (gpm) flow rate and received the following DNRC issue remark:

THE TYPE OF HISTORICAL RIGHT, PRIORITY DATE, AND FLOW RATE MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE EXCEEDS THE FLOW RATE IDENTIFIED ON THE GW4, DECLARATION OF VESTED GROUNDWATER RIGHTS, SUBMITTED WITH THE CLAIM.

The information in the statement of claim indicated the flow rate should be modified to 2.00 gpm.

2. Claim 41I 132498-00 was claimed and decreed as an irrigation claim with a 150.00 gpm flow rate and received the following issue remark:

THE TYPE OF HISTORICAL RIGHT, PRIORITY DATE, AND FLOW RATE MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. THE CLAIMED FLOW RATE EXCEEDS THE FLOW RATE IDENTIFIED ON THE GW2, NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF GROUNDWATER APPROPRIATION BY MEANS OF WELL, SUBMITTED WITH THE CLAIM.

The information in the statement of claim indicated the flow rate should be modified to 120.00 gpm.

3. On February 17, 2026, Centennial Livestock filed a Motion to Withdraw Claims, stating that claims 41I 132497-00 and 41I 132498-00 were abandoned and intended to be withdrawn pursuant to a change application process with the DNRC.

PRINCIPLES AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. If a claimant agrees to reduce or limit a claim, the Water Court may accept the reduction or limitation without reviewing further evidence, unless an unresolved issue remark remains. Rule 17(c), W.R.Adj.R.

2. Centennial Livestock’s motion to withdraw resolves the issue remarks on claims 41I 132497-00 and 41I 132498-00.

RECOMMENDATION

Claims 41I 132497-00 and 41I 132498-00 should be dismissed.

A Post Decree Abstract of Water Right Claim is served with the Report to confirm that the recommended dismissal has 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**  
**MISSOURI RIVER, ABOVE HOLTER DAM**  
**BASIN 41I**

**Water Right Number:** 411 132497-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

**Status:** **DISMISSED**

**Owners:** CENTENNIAL LIVESTOCK INC  
900 MANSFIELD LN  
DILLON, MT 59725-9710

**Priority Date:**

**Type of Historical Right:**

**Purpose (Use):** IRRIGATION

**Flow Rate:**

**Volume:**

**Source Name:** GROUNDWATER

**Source Type:** GROUNDWATER

**Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

**Period of Use:**

**Place of Use:**

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**Remarks:**

THIS CLAIM WAS DISMISSED BY ORDER OF THE WATER COURT.

**POST DECREE  
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM  
MISSOURI RIVER, ABOVE HOLTER DAM  
BASIN 41I**

**Water Right Number:** 411 132498-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

**Status:** **DISMISSED**

**Owners:** CENTENNIAL LIVESTOCK INC  
900 MANSFIELD LN  
DILLON, MT 59725-9710

**Priority Date:**

**Type of Historical Right:**

**Purpose (Use):** IRRIGATION

**Flow Rate:**

**Volume:**

**Source Name:** GROUNDWATER

**Source Type:** GROUNDWATER

**Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

**Period of Use:**

**Place of Use:**

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**Remarks:**

THIS CLAIM WAS DISMISSED BY ORDER OF THE WATER COURT.