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MONTANA WATER COURT
UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION
MADISON RIVER
BASIN 41F
PRELIMINARY DECREE

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CLAIMANTS: Jack Creek Ranch LLC; Jumping Horse Stock Ranch LLC; Pauline P. Brown Family Trust OBJECTOR: Jack Creek Ranch LLC NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR: Channels Ranch Inc.; Cuatros Reyes LLC	**CASE 41F-0157-R-2025** 41F 7601-00 41F 7602-00 41F 7603-00 41F 7604-00 41F 7609-00 41F 37117-00

ORDER ADOPTING MASTER'S REPORT
AND
ORDER CORRECTING CLERICAL ERROR

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, § 85-2-233(5), the above-entitled case was assigned to Senior Water Master Anna M. Stradley. The Water Master filed a Report containing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with the Clerk of Court. Copies of the Report were served upon the parties on September 24, 2026.

On October 2, 2026, Jack Creek Ranch LLC and the Pauline P. Brown Family Trust, by and through its counsel of record, filed an Objection to Master's Report to Correct Clerical Error. The request points out a clerical error on the Post Decree Abstract attached to the Master's Report for claim number 41F 37117-00. Pursuant to Rule 60(a), M. R. Civ. P., Jack Creek Ranch LLC should be removed from the ownership of the claim. (*See* Oct. 22, 2025 DNRC Water Right Ownership Update in claim file.)

The abstract for claim number 41F 37117-00 has been corrected and will be

served with this Order.

Pursuant to Rule 53(e), Montana Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court **ADOPTS** the Master's Report and its Recommendations, and **APPROVES** the corrections to the centralized computer record system that are reflected on the abstracts served with the Report and the corrected abstract served with this Order.

Service via Electronic Mail

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POST DECREE

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

MADISON RIVER

BASIN 41F

Water Right Number: **41F 37117-00** STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 6 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: BROWN, PAULINE P FAMILY TRUST
% ZIA TRUST INC TRUSTEE
6301 INDIAN SCHOOL RD NE STE 800
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110-8156

Priority Date: MARCH 11, 1879

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: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF JACK CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

ALSO KNOWN AS MCKEE SPRING

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1		NWSENW	36	5S	1W	MADISON

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: FLOWING

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1			NW	36	5S	1W	MADISON