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

CLAIMANTS: Harry D. Page Marital Trust; Reed
Montana Holdings LLC; Theodore A.
Thompson; William B. Thompson, Jr.

CASE 41F-0082-R-2025

41F 148619-00

41F 148620-00

OBJECTORS: Harry D. Page Marital Trust; Reed Montana
Holdings LLC

COUNTEROBJECTOR: Washington Bar Ranch LLC

**ORDER ADOPTING MASTER'S REPORT
AND
ORDER CORRECTING TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR**

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, section 85-2-233(5), the above entitled Case was assigned to Water Master Robert J. Hyatt. 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 August 27, 2026. On August 31, 2026, Reed Montana Holdings LLC, by and through its counsel of record, filed an Objection to Master's Report. The objection points out a typographical error on the Post Decree Abstract attached to the Master's Report for claim number 41F 148619-00. Place of use 1 currently reads:

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	20.00		S2SE	9	4S	2W	MADISON

Place of use 1 should read:

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	20.00		S2NE	9	4S	2W	MADISON

The abstract for claim number 41F 148619-00 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.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

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Note: Service List Updated 9-2-2026

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
MADISON RIVER
BASIN 41F**

Water Right Number: 41F 148619-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: THEODORE A THOMPSON
29 KEAN DR
BOZEMAN, MT 59718-8706

WILLIAM B THOMPSON JR
414 S 9TH AVE
BOZEMAN, MT 59715-4310

PAGE, HARRY D MARITAL TRUST
% SEAN B ABSHER, TRUSTEE
172 ARDITH DRIVE
ORINDA, CA 94563-4234

REED MONTANA HOLDINGS LLC
C/O COHEN & CO
600 SUPERIOR AVE E STE 2430
CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2610

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1868

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (Use): IRRIGATION

Flow Rate: 3.00 CFS

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

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 271.00

Source Name: WASHINGTON 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	8	NWSENE	9	4S	2W	MADISON

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 15

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: MYERS DITCH

Period of Use: APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 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	20.00		S2NE	9	4S	2W	MADISON
2	15.00		SENE	10	4S	2W	MADISON

3	117.00	W2	11	4S	2W	MADISON
4	20.00	SWNW	10	4S	2W	MADISON
5	99.00	E2	10	4S	2W	MADISON
Total:						
	271.00					

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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