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

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CLAIMANT: Leandra Hill

CASE 41F-0511-R-2025
41F 107160-00

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. Claimant Leandra Hill is the record owner of claim 41F 107160-00.
2. The captioned claim received an issue remark. All claims included in the Decree were subject to pre-decree examination by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation ("DNRC"). If during claims examination the DNRC cannot

confirm some aspect of a claim, an issue remark is added to the claim for review by the Water Court.

3. 41F 107160-00 received the following issue remark:

THE TYPE OF HISTORICAL RIGHT MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED WITH THE CLAIM INDICATES A FILED RIGHT.

4. On April 10, 2026, an Order Setting Filing Deadline was issued stating:

ORDERED that if **Leandra Hill** disagrees with the issue remark, she shall file a statement and evidence with the court supporting the type of historical right by **June 2, 2026**.

ORDERED that if **Leandra Hill** agrees with the issue remark, she shall file a statement with the court agreeing that the type of historical right be modified to “FILED” by **June 2, 2026**.

ORDERED that if no statement is filed by the deadline, it shall be deemed that **Leandra Hill** is in agreement that the type of historical right be modified to “FILED”

(Doc.¹ 1.00).

Nothing was filed.

PRINCIPLES OF LAW

1. The Water Court may use information submitted by the DNRC, the Statement of Claim, and any other data obtained by the Court to evaluate a water right. Sections 85-2-227, -231(2), MCA.

2. Section 85-2-248(2), MCA, requires that the Water Court resolve all issue remarks that are not resolved through the objection process. *See also* Rule 7, W.R.Adj.R.

3. When resolving issue remarks, the Water Court must weigh the information resulting in the issue remark against the claimed water right. Section 85-2-247(2), MCA.

4. The Montana Water Court has the authority to resolve issue remarks when the claim file and information available to the Court provide a sufficient basis to do so. Section 85-2-248(3), MCA.

5. All parties subject to the jurisdiction of the Montana Water Court in this adjudication have the obligation to comply with Orders of this Court, including Orders

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

issued by a Master appointed by the Court. If a claimant fails to comply with an Order issued by the Court in its review of issue remarks, the Court may amend the claim to conform with information found in the claim file and information before the Court. Section 85-2-248(9)(a),(b), MCA.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on evidence within the claim file, claim 41F 107160-00 is a filed right.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The type of right for claim 41F 107160-00 should be changed to filed.
2. The issue remark on claim 41F 107160-00 should be removed.

A post decree abstract of the water right claim reflecting the recommendations is attached to this Report.

Service via USPS Mail

Leandra Hill
4975 Buffalo Jump Rd
Three Forks, MT 59752-9461

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

Water Right Number: 41F 107160-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: LEANDRA HILL
4975 BUFFALO JUMP RD
THREE FORKS, MT 59752-9461

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1904

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 20.00 GPM

***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: GROUNDWATER

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		SW	22	1N	2E	GALLATIN

Period of Diversion: NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 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			SW	22	1N	2E	GALLATIN

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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