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IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES -
MONTANA - UNITED STATES COMPACT PRELIMINARY DECREE

Montana Water Court

CASE NO. WC-0001-C-2021

OBJECTOR'S MOTION TO AMEND OBJECTION

On December 1, 2022, the objector, Deborah C. Wickum timely filed an objection to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes - Montana-United States Compact Preliminary Decree. On October 18, 2023 the Water Court issued case management order #3 allowing for the submission of Motions to Amend existing objections no later than December 8, 2023. Objector now moves the Court to accept her amendments to her original objection. The GROUNDS FOR THE AMENDMENTS ARE: to provide the court with clarification, elaborate upon, add claims, further research, definitions of words and provide new information and facts that were inadvertently omitted, to add and /or to correct errors in the original objection submitted to the Court. The attached amended objection is being submitted to the court and we request the court to accept it in place of our original objection (pleading).

DATED this 8th day of December, 2023.

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AMENDED OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL

I want to amend my original objection to my Arlee property, patent number 138304, as follows:

- a. I object to any abridgment of my Walton water rights I possess on my lot in Arlee, patent number 138317.
- b. I object to any abridgment of my right to a jury trial under the water compact and before the Montana Water Court as is guaranteed to me under the United States' and Montana's constitutions.

Geo Code: 2534-11-1-06-06-0000

Property Description: Sub/Blk/Lot ARLEE ORIGINAL/ 7/5 Twn/Rng/Sect/ 16N/20/W /11 ARLEE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, LOT 5 Arlee, MT 59821

I hereby come before this Court to request a declaration that my water rights on the above described property are superior to all other liens, claims, or demands (water rights).

President Taft, under the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820 gave a patented right to Charles Schmidt and to his heirs and assigns back in 1910. The property came into my family in the 1970s. To the best of my knowledge, the water rights on this property have been used continually from Mr. Schmidt to my parents.

When President Taft assigned this property to Mr. Schmidt, it came with vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, as well as other rights.

I object to the idea that Montana can take away my Federal Patent on this piece of land. I am asking the Water Court to confirm that I still have my water rights under **Patent No. 138304**.

If said water right is challenged for some unknown and unfathomable reason, until the dispute is resolved, I would like the Court to declare I have prescriptive water rights which were advanced by the Hellgate Treaty of 1855, which date back to time immemorial.

Dated: December 8, 2023

/s/ Deborah C. Wickum