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CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
MONTANA-UNITED STATES- COMPACT

Montana Water Court

CASE NO. WC-0001-C-2021

MOTION AND BRIEF

The Montana Water court was initiated to assist in the adjudication of all claimed water rights in Montana. Every water user in the state has been officially notified and involved in the adjudication of his/her water right. This has been a lengthy, expensive, contentious procedure for every single water right user In Montana.

The BIA was involved at the beginning of these adjudications.

The compact came later when the realization of the intense labor and expenses to the Tribes was not going to be acceptable. A committee was formed to develop a different plan exclusively for the Tribes so they could skip the litigation. This committee was in charge of creating this exclusive compact between Montana, The United States and the CSKT. This action discriminates against any other water right owner, and is unfair.

Respectfully submitted,
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