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Montana Water Court

IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES – MONTANA – UNITED STATES
COMPACT

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CASE NO. WC-0001-C-2021

ORDER DENYING LATE OBJECTIONS

On June 9, 2022, the Water Court issued the Preliminary Decree for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes – Montana – United States Compact. Issuance of the Preliminary Decree commenced a 180-day objection period originally scheduled to end on December 6, 2022.

On December 2, 2022, the Court issued an order extending the deadline to file objections from December 6, 2022, to February 9, 2023. The Court also published notice of the extension in the same newspapers that were used for notice of the Preliminary Decree. Additionally, notice of the extension was provided on the Water Court’s website. The Court’s objection form made clear that objections must be received by the Water Court on or before the deadline.

The Court received a number of objections after the expiration of the objection deadline. These late objections are identified on the following table:

Filer Name	Late Obj Docket No.	Late Obj Docket Date:
Barton, Denise K.	1,039.20	2/17/23
Carey, Frances	1,033.10	2/10/23
Lee, Joseph and Doris Aletha Lee Family Trust	1,033.10	2/10/23
Decker, Gale L.	1,036.90	2/13/23
Enger, Gail M.	1,038.00	2/15/23
Krein, Laurence F.	1,033.40	2/10/23
Loveless, Deborah L.	1,036.60	2/13/23
Mandella, RuthAnn	1037.10	2/14/23
Mandella, Larry D.	1037.10	2/14/23
Newman, William R.	1,039.20	2/17/23
Sanders, Bruce A.	1,033.50	2/10/23
Shaver, Jetta I.	1,037.30	2/14/23
Tripp, William G.	1,034.10	2/10/23
Wells, Tonja Lee	1033.30	2/10/23
Whitcomb, Lisa F.	1037.20	2/14/23
Winegard, Nancy E.	1,036.80	2/13/23
Wrbelis, Cole	1039.10	2/17/23
Evenson, Dale M.	1034.30	2/10/23
Skinner Evenson, Mary H.	1034.30	2/10/23
Palmer, Delbert Dee	1033.60	2/10/23
Erb, Gene Jr.	1034.00	2/10/23
Brady, Debra L.	1033.60	2/15/23

As these objections are untimely, they will not be considered further in this case. The Court notes that the final three objections noted on this table are from parties that also timely filed objections prior to the expiration of the deadline. Accordingly, this order only applies to the objections listed on the table, not to prior timely filed objections.

THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that each of the objections identified in this Order is DISMISSED as not timely filed.

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Water Judge

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