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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

CASE NO. WC-0001-C-2021

ORDER DENYING LATE OBJECTION

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.

On April 11, 2023, Brandee J.K. Faria filed an objection in this case with the Court, after the expiration of the objection deadline.

As this objection is untimely, it will not be considered further in this case.

THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that the objection is DISMISSED as not timely filed.

Stephen R. Brown Water Judge

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