

STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  
1424 9TH AVENUE P.O.BOX 201601 HELENA, MONTANA 59620-1601

# GENERAL ABSTRACT

**Water Right Number:** 43P 118083-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT  
**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** VERNARD MELVILLE  
RT 1 BOX 1258  
HARDIN, MT 59034-9724

**Priority Date:** JULY 25, 1868  
**Enforceable Priority Date:** JULY 25, 1868

**Type of Historical Right:** FILED

**Purpose (use):** STOCK

**Maximum Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

**Maximum 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:** WHITMAN COULEE  
**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

**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		SWSWNE	33	1N	32E	BIG HORN

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		NW	33	1N	32E	BIG HORN
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3		SE	33	1N	32E	BIG HORN
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4		N2N2	8	1S	33E	BIG HORN
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

5		W2NW	9	1S	33E	BIG HORN
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
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**Period of Use:** JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 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			SWSWNE	33	1N	32E	BIG HORN
2			NW	33	1N	32E	BIG HORN
3			SE	33	1N	32E	BIG HORN
4			N2N2	8	1S	33E	BIG HORN
5			W2NW	9	1S	33E	BIG HORN

**Geocodes/Valid:** 22-0934-08-2-01-04-0000 - Y 22-0934-09-2-01-01-0000 - Y  
22-0934-09-2-03-01-0000 - Y 22-1039-33-1-01-01-0000 - Y  
22-1039-33-2-01-01-0000 - Y 22-1039-33-3-01-01-0000 - Y  
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**Remarks:**

STARTING IN 2008, PERIOD OF DIVERSION WAS ADDED TO MOST CLAIM ABSTRACTS, INCLUDING THIS ONE.

NO REVIEW OR DETERMINATION OF THE CLAIMED TYPE OF HISTORICAL RIGHT HAS BEEN MADE. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE THIS CLAIM CAN BE DECREED.

THE TYPE OF HISTORICAL RIGHT AND PRIORITY DATE MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THE TYPE OF HISTORICAL RIGHT AND PRIORITY DATE WAS NOT SUBMITTED WITH THIS CLAIM.

IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS CLAIM IS FOR A RESERVED WATER RIGHT OR A STATE BASED RIGHT.