#### 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 25555-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

**Version Status: ACTIVE** 

Owners: ALVIN RAY LEHMAN

BOX 1023A

HARDIN, MT 59034
ANDREW CHAVEZ
210 6TH ST E
HARDIN, MT 59034
DONALD D LEHMAN
RT 1 BOX 1122
HARDIN, MT 59034

RENEE LEHMAN RR 1 BOX 1023A HARDIN, MT 59034

Priority Date: MAY 21, 1909

Enforceable Priority Date: MAY 21, 1909

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Maximum Flow Rate: 426.36 GPM

Maximum Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT

PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 1 - HIGH

Maximum Acres: 60.00

Source Name: BIGHORN RIVER

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1NESWSE202S33EBIG HORN

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: TWO LEGGINS CANAL

Period of Use: APRIL 1 to NOVEMBER 1

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot</u> <u>Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u> 1 60.00 S2NE 33 1N 33E BIG HORN

**Total:** 60.00

Geocodes/Valid: 22-1040-33-1-03-01-0000 - Y 22-1040-33-1-04-01-0000 - Y

22-1040-33-1-04-04-0000 - Y

# Remarks:

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

THIS WATER RIGHT IS LOCATED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE CROW INDIAN RESERVATION.

## **OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED**

OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE DOR # 120043 RECEIVED 01/15/2014.

THIS CLAIM APPEARS TO BE FOR WATER PROVIDED BY THE TWO LEGGINS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION UNDER CLAIM NO. 185058-00. THIS CLAIM APPEARS TO BE REDUNDANT.

### Remarks:

THE TYPE OF HISTORICAL RIGHT, PRIORITY DATE, AND FLOW RATE MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. THERE ARE 263 WATER RIGHT CLAIMS FOR THE WATER FROM THE TWO LEGGINS CANAL THAT CLAIM A TOTAL COMBINED FLOW RATE OF 1362.404 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND. THE TOTAL COMBINED CLAIMED FLOW RATES EXCEED THE 600 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND OF THE SHEPARD, BAIR, EDWARDS, 5/21/1909 FILED APPROPRIATION FOR THE TWO LEGGINS CANAL. A LIST OF THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS INVOLVED HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE CLAIM FILE.

A REQUEST TO WITHDRAW SUBMITTED 04/23/2014 WAS NOT SIGNED BY ALL OWNERS OF RECORD. DNRC REQUESTED THE OTHER OWNERS SUBMIT A SIGNED AND NOTARIZED WITHDRAWAL FORM. AS OF 09/16/2014, A WITHDRAWAL FORM HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED BY ALL OWNERS OF RECORD, THEREFORE, THIS REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HAS NOT BEEN PROCESSED.

IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS CLAIM IS A STATE-BASED WATER RIGHT OR PART OF THE TRIBAL WATER RIGHT AS DEFINED IN THE CROW TRIBE - MONTANA COMPACT. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE THIS CLAIM CAN BE DECREED.