

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:** 41M 48236-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** PONDERA COUNTY CANAL & RESERVOIR CO  
PO BOX 245  
VALIER, MT 59486

**Priority Date:** APRIL 12, 1898

**Enforceable Priority Date:** APRIL 12, 1898

**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:** BIRCH CREEK  
**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		SWNE	1	30N	8W	PONDERA

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

**Ditch Name:** RYAN LAUFFER DITCH

**Period of Use:** MAY 1 to SEPTEMBER 30

**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			N2SENW	35	30N	7W	PONDERA
2			W2NW	35	30N	7W	PONDERA

**Geocodes/Valid:** -- NO VALID GEOCODES --

**Remarks:**

THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS WERE AMENDED BY THE CLAIMANT ON 06/02/2006: PURPOSE, POINT OF DIVERSION, PLACE OF USE, PRIORITY DATE.

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

**OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED**

OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE 608 # 18275 RECEIVED 12/14/2004.

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