

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 144185-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT  
**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** JOAN P WELLMAN  
14779 VALIER CUT BANK HWY  
VALIER, MT 59486-5316  
ROBERT E WELLMAN JR  
14779 VALIER CUT BANK HWY  
VALIER, MT 59486-5316

**Priority Date:** JANUARY 1, 1929  
**Enforceable Priority Date:** JANUARY 1, 1929

**Type of Historical Right:** USE

**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:** TWO MEDICINE RIVER  
**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		NESE	7	31N	5W	PONDERA

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

2		W2SE	7	31N	5W	PONDERA
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

3		SW	7	31N	5W	PONDERA
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

4		N2	18	31N	5W	PONDERA
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

**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			NESE	7	31N	5W	PONDERA
2			W2SE	7	31N	5W	PONDERA
3			SW	7	31N	5W	PONDERA
4			N2	18	31N	5W	PONDERA

**Geocodes/Valid:** 26-4312-07-1-02-02-0000 - Y 26-4312-07-3-04-01-0000 - Y  
26-4312-18-1-01-01-0000 - 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 BLACKFEET

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**Remarks:**

INDIAN RESERVATION.

WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED 03/16/1998.

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