

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:** 40F 155489-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT  
**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** MEISSNER RANCHES INC  
PO BOX 490  
CHESTER, MT 59522-0490

**Priority Date:** AUGUST 18, 1914  
**Enforceable Priority Date:** AUGUST 18, 1914

**Type of Historical Right:** FILED

**Purpose (use):** IRRIGATION  
**Irrigation Type:** SPRINKLER/FLOOD

**Maximum Flow Rate:** 2.50 CFS

**Maximum Volume:** THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

**Climatic Area:** 4 - MODERATELY LOW

**Maximum Acres:** 169.00

**Source Name:** BEAR GULCH  
**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		SWNWNE	2	36N	4E	LIBERTY

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1  
**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

**Period of Use:** APRIL 1 to NOVEMBER 1

**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	110.00		NE	34	37N	4E	LIBERTY
2	36.00		N2SE	34	37N	4E	LIBERTY
3	23.00		W2NW	35	37N	4E	LIBERTY
<b>Total:</b>	169.00						

**Geocodes/Valid:** 48-4960-34-1-01-01-0000 - Y      48-4960-35-3-04-02-0000 - Y

**Remarks:**

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

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THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS WERE AMENDED BY THE CLAIMANT ON 02/16/1990: POINT OF DIVERSION, PLACE OF USE, MAXIMUM ACRES.

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

FLOW RATE MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION BASED ON RESOLUTION OF MAXIMUM ACRES ISSUE.

THE LIBERTY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES SURVEY ( 1969 ) APPEARS TO INDICATE 67.79 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.

USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO(S). 478-84 , DATED 08/07/1979 , APPEARS TO INDICATE 58.14 ACRES IRRIGATED. A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACRES IS IN THE CLAIM FILE.