

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:** 40B 185680-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE

**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:**

KNERR RANCH PARTNERSHIP  
1400 DIRT RD  
ROY, MT 59471

FORDS CREEK HUTTERIAN BRETHERN INC  
PO BOX 118  
GRASS RANGE, MT 59032-0118

JOYCE E MURPHY  
PO BOX 253  
ROY, MT 59471-0253

MURPHY, JAMES E BYPASS TRUST  
% TRUSTEE  
PO BOX 253  
ROY, MT 59471-0253

**Priority Date:** JULY 1, 1898

**Enforceable Priority Date:** JULY 1, 1898

**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:** BEAR CREEK, SOUTH FORK

**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

**Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		E2	33	17N	22E	FERGUS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		E2W2	33	17N	22E	FERGUS
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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3		NW	34	17N	22E	FERGUS
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

4		NWSW	34	17N	22E	FERGUS
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

5		S2N2	35	17N	22E	FERGUS
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

6		N2SE	35	17N	22E	FERGUS
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
7		SWSWSW	28	17N	23E	FERGUS

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

8			31	17N	23E	FERGUS
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

9		N2N2	32	17N	23E	FERGUS
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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			E2	33	17N	22E	FERGUS
2			E2W2	33	17N	22E	FERGUS
3			NW	34	17N	22E	FERGUS
4			NWSW	34	17N	22E	FERGUS
5			S2N2	35	17N	22E	FERGUS
6			N2SE	35	17N	22E	FERGUS
7			SWSWSW	28	17N	23E	FERGUS
8				31	17N	23E	FERGUS
9			N2N2	32	17N	23E	FERGUS

<b>Geocodes/Valid:</b>	08-2689-33-1-01-01-0000 - Y	08-2689-34-2-01-01-0000 - Y
	08-2689-35-1-03-01-0000 - Y	08-2690-28-3-03-01-0000 - Y
	08-2690-31-1-01-01-0000 - Y	08-2690-32-1-01-01-0000 - Y
	08-2690-32-2-02-01-0000 - Y	

**Remarks:**

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

NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER RECEIVED 01/21/92.

NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER RECEIVED 05/18/89.

NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER RECEIVED 04/27/90.

**OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED**

OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE 608 # 37028 RECEIVED 01/24/2006.

OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE DOR # 130456 RECEIVED 05/31/2012.

OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE DOR # 144696 RECEIVED 06/29/2016.