

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:** 43O 186669-00 RESERVED CLAIM  
**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** STEVENS GENERAL TRUST  
% JOHN A & MATTHEW B STEVENS TRUSTEES  
RR1 BOX 1117A  
HARDIN, MT 59034

**Priority Date:** MAY 7, 1868

**Enforceable Priority Date:** MAY 7, 1868

**Type of Historical Right:** RESERVED

**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:** WILLOW 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		N2NW	15	8S	33E	BIG HORN

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		E2	16	8S	33E	BIG HORN
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**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

3		S2SE	19	8S	33E	BIG HORN
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**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

4		NE	20	8S	33E	BIG HORN
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**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

5		W2	20	8S	33E	BIG HORN
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**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

6		N2N2	21	8S	33E	BIG HORN
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**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

**Period of Use:** MAY 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			N2NW	15	8S	33E	BIG HORN
2			E2	16	8S	33E	BIG HORN
3			S2SE	19	8S	33E	BIG HORN
4			NE	20	8S	33E	BIG HORN
5			W2	20	8S	33E	BIG HORN
6			N2N2	21	8S	33E	BIG HORN

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**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 608 # 20297 RECEIVED 02/16/2005.

OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE 608 # 38371 RECEIVED 04/03/2006.

OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE DOR # 69872 RECEIVED 09/15/2008.

NO REVIEW OR DETERMINATION OF THE CLAIMED TYPE OF HISTORICAL RIGHT HAS BEEN MADE. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE THIS CLAIM CAN BE DECREED.

THE PRIORITY DATE MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION IN THE CLAIM FILE, IT APPEARS WATER FROM THE SOURCE WAS FIRST USED IN 1940.