

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:** 43P 190380-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFF)  
PO BOX 69  
CROW AGENCY, MT 59022

WHITE MAN, JOHN HEIRS OF  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CROW AGENCY, MT 59022

CROW INDIAN RESERVATION  
CROW TRIBE WATER RESOURCES  
TITUS TAKES GUN, DIRECTOR  
PO BOX 159  
CROW AGENCY, MT 59022-0159

**Priority Date:** MAY 21, 1909

**Enforceable Priority Date:** MAY 21, 1909

**Type of Historical Right:** FILED

**Purpose (use):** IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** SPRINKLER/FLOOD

**Maximum Flow Rate:** 280.50 GPM

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

**Climatic Area:** 1 - HIGH

**Maximum Acres:** 40.00

**Source Name:** BIGHORN 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		NESWSE	20	2S	33E	BIG HORN

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

**Ditch Name:** TWO LEGGINS CANAL

**Period of Use:** MAY 1 to OCTOBER 15

**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	40.00		NWSE	2	2S	33E	BIG HORN

**Total:** 40.00

**Geocodes/Valid:** 22-0830-02-4-01-01-0000 - 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 CROW INDIAN RESERVATION.

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.

THIS CLAIM APPEARS TO BE FOR WATER PROVIDED BY THE TWO LEGGINS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION UNDER CLAIM NO. 185058-00 . THIS CLAIM APPEARS TO BE REDUNDANT.

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

**Remarks:**

THE TYPE OF HISTORICAL RIGHT, PRIORITY DATE, AND FLOW RATE MAY BE QUESTIONABLE. THERE ARE 263 WATER RIGHT CLAIMS FOR THE WATER FROM THE TWO LEGGINS CANAL THAT CLAIM A TOTAL COMBINED FLOW RATE OF 1362.404 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND. THE TOTAL COMBINED CLAIMED FLOW RATES EXCEED THE 600 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND OF THE SHEPARD, BAIR, EDWARDS, 5/21/1909 FILED APPROPRIATION FOR THE TWO LEGGINS CANAL. A LIST OF THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS INVOLVED HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE CLAIM FILE.

USDA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH NO(S). 179-110 , DATED 09/26/1980 , APPEARS TO INDICATE 0.00 ACRES IRRIGATED.

IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS CLAIM IS FOR A RESERVED WATER RIGHT OR A STATE BASED RIGHT.

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