

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:** 41Q 20896-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** STEPHENSON RANCH INC  
PO BOX 2269  
GREAT FALLS, MT 59403

**Priority Date:** JULY 29, 1918

**Enforceable Priority Date:** JULY 29, 1918

**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:** SMITH 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		SW	17	20N	9E	CHOUTEAU

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

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		NW	20	20N	9E	CHOUTEAU
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**Period of Diversion:** MAY 1 TO OCTOBER 19

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

**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			SW	17	20N	9E	CHOUTEAU
2			NW	20	20N	9E	CHOUTEAU

**Geocodes/Valid:** 19-3021-17-2-01-01-0000 - Y      19-3021-20-2-02-01-0000 - Y  
19-3021-20-2-04-03-0000 - Y

**Remarks:**

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

NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER RECEIVED 06/03/1988.