

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: 41M 44258-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Version Status: ACTIVE

Owners: BIRCH CREEK CATTLE CO
PO BOX 215
VALIER, MT 59486-0215

ROBERT L KUKA
155 W HEIGHTS
VALIER, MT 59486

OWNER ROBERT L KUKA RETAINED. CONTRACT FOR DEED INTEREST.

Priority Date: MAY 30, 1902

Enforceable Priority Date: MAY 30, 1902

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: BIRCH 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 | 9 | SENE | 34 | 30N | 6W | PONDERA |

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

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| 2 | 7 | NWNW | 34 | 30N | 6W | PONDERA |
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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

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| 3 | 12 | S2NW | 34 | 30N | 6W | PONDERA |
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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

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| 4 | 8 | SENW | 34 | 30N | 6W | PONDERA |
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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

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| 5 | 10 | W2NESE | 34 | 30N | 6W | PONDERA |
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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

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| 6 | 11 | NESW | 34 | 30N | 6W | PONDERA |
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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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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> |
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Geocodes/Valid: 26-4202-34-2-02-02-0000 - Y 26-4202-34-4-01-01-0000 - 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 BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION.

OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED

OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE DOR # 104391 RECEIVED 01/03/2012.

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