

NOTICE OF RECEIPT WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

(Pursuant to Section § 85-2-307(1), MCA)

Summarized below are the application details as described in an Application to Change of Appropriation Water Right received by the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation on MARCH 6, 2025. This notice reflects the application details only as originally submitted. The notice does not reflect changes to the application details made during the review process.

Application Number: 41E 30164689
Applicant: L R HUCKABA RANCH INC
26 MT HIGHWAY 359
CARDWELL, MT 59721 9604

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41E-3407	DECEMBER 31, 1886
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41E-3408	DECEMBER 31, 1888

PAST USE OF WATER

STATEMENTS OF CLAIM 41E 3407-00 AND 41E 3408-00 HISTORICALLY DIVERTED WATER FROM THE BOULDER RIVER VIA THE CARDWELL DITCH HEADGATE IN NWSNW SECTION 35, T2N, R3W, JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR IRRIGATION OF 300 ACRES IN SECTION 2, 3, AND 11 ALL WITHIN T1N, R3W, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FROM APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 30.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION OF STATEMENTS OF CLAIM 41E 3407-00 AND 41E 3408-00 FROM THE CARDWELL DITCH HEADGATE TO THREE PUMPSITES DOWNSTREAM ON THE APPLICANT'S PROPERTY. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO PUT THREE PUMPSITES IN NWNWSE SECTION 11, NENWSW SECTION 2, NENWNE SECTION 3 ALL WITHIN T1N, R3W, JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE PROJECT IS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND THE SOURCE IS THE BOULDER RIVER.

In general, the Department will make a draft preliminary determination to grant or deny this application within 60 or 120 days of the date the application is deemed and correct and complete (60 days if a preapplication meeting was held, 120 days if a preapplication meeting was not held). That date is currently unknown as the application has not yet been determined to be correct and complete. If the draft preliminary determination is to grant the application, the application will be published in the local newspaper and a notice will be sent to appropriators who, according to the department records, may be affected by the proposed appropriation. Individuals will have 30 days to submit a public comment about this application under §85-2-307, MCA, after the application has been published in the newspaper. If public comments are received, the Department will consider the public comments and update the preliminary determination. If the preliminary determination is to grant the application, the application will again be published in a local newspaper and a notice will be sent to anyone who submitted a public comment, along with appropriators who, according to the department records may be affected by the proposed appropriation. Individuals will have 30 days to submit an objection under §85-2-308, MCA, after the application has been published in the newspaper.

Direct questions regarding this application to the Water Resources Regional Office, 1424 9TH AVENUE, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 FAX: 406-444-9317 PHONE: 406-444-6999