

NOTICE AREA

Application No. 41J 30173067

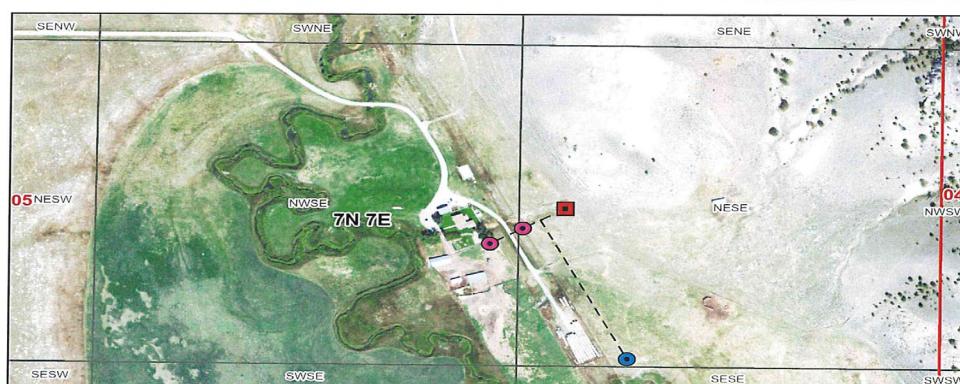
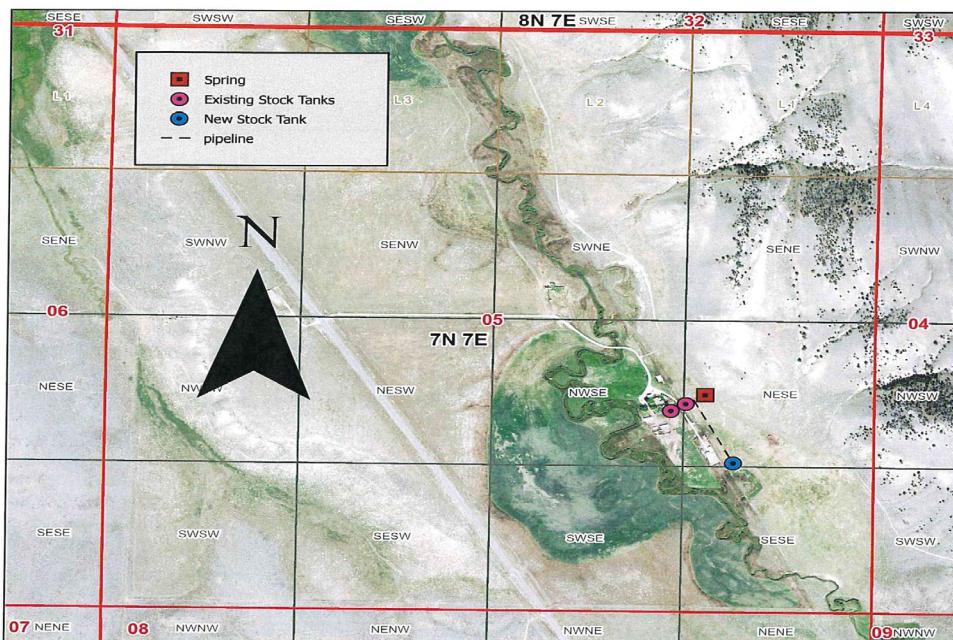
Regional Office # 6

Applicant's Name Debra L. Williams Mail Job: **3465**

Indian Reservation Yes No If yes, Reservation _____

Irrigation District Yes No If yes, District _____

Specialist Steven B. Hamilton Date **12/30/2025**



**If owner listed twice, only one notice sent*

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
1424 9TH AVENUE P.O. BOX 201601 HELENA, MONTANA 59620-1601

CHANGE AUTHORIZATION

UPON FINDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 85-2-429, MCA HAVE BEEN MET, APPLICATION TO CHANGE WATER RIGHT NUMBER 41J-30173067 SUBMITTED ON DECEMBER 22, 2025, IS APPROVED.

Application Form: DEBRA L WILLIAMS
5500 US HIGHWAY 89
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MT 59645 9512

Water Right **Wr #** **Ext** **Type**
Number(s) Changed: 41J-14298 00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Change Description:

THIS CHANGE AUTHORIZATION IS FOR THE ADDITION OF 1 STOCK TANK TO WR # 41J 14298-00 LOCATED IN THE SWNESE OF SECTION 5, T7N, R7E. THE EXISTING PLACE OF USE IN SENWSE SEC 5, T7N, R7E WILL REMAIN.

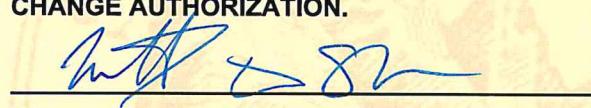
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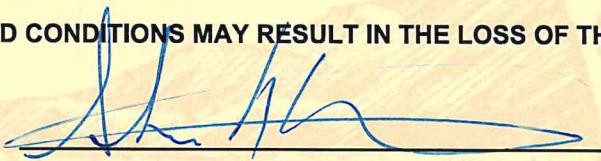
THIS CHANGE AUTHORIZATION IS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO 85-2-429(5) MCA.

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

THIS AUTHORIZATION IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF THE HISTORIC USE RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THIS PROCEEDING AS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND WILL THEREAFTER NOT EXCEED THAT AMOUNT. IF THE HISTORIC USE IS REDUCED UNDER ADJUDICATION PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO TITLE 85, CHAPTER 2, PART 2, MCA, THIS AUTHORIZATION WILL BE LIMITED TO A LESSER AMOUNT.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THIS CHANGE AUTHORIZATION.


Witness Signature


Water Resources Division

DATE ISSUED: DECEMBER 30, 2025

**THE INFORMATION SHOWN BELOW REFLECTS THE ENTIRE WATER RIGHT.
AN ASTERISK (*) HAS BEEN PLACED NEXT TO EACH ITEM ALTERED BY THIS CHANGE AUTHORIZATION.**

Water Right Number: 41J 14298-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version: 2 – CHANGE AUTHORIZATION
Version Status: ACTIVE

Owners: DEBRA L WILLIAMS
5500 US HIGHWAY 89
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MT 59645-9512

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 1, 1954
Enforceable Priority Date: NOVEMBER 1, 1954

Purpose (Use): STOCK
STOCK

Maximum Flow Rate: 30.00 GPM

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: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SMITH RIVER, SOUTH FORK
Source Type: GROUNDWATER

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		NWNESE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31
Diversion Means: PIPELINE

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Place of Use:

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OWNERSHIP UPDATE TYPE 608 # 18433 RECEIVED 12/20/2004.

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5500 US HIGHWAY 89
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RECEIVED - DNRC

DEC 22 2025

LEWISTOWN WATER
RESOURCES

Application # 30173067 Basin 41J
 Received By S Hamilton
 Fee Received \$ 400.00 Check # Inter Unit
 Deposit Receipt # IWT2612053
 Payor FWP
 Refund \$ _____ Date/Time 12/22/25 13:21

Notice of Change in Appropriation
Right for Stock Tanks

85-2-429(5), MCA

Form No. 656 (Revised 10/2025)

FILING FEE:

\$400.00

WHEN TO USE THIS FORM:

- To add, move, or remove stock tanks on an existing water right for stock use, or to change to stock tanks from a livestock direct from source water right.
- File this form within 60 days after the project is completed.
- Multiple water rights may be changed on one form if the place of use and purpose will be exactly the same for each water right, and all water rights will share a common conveyance system.
- This form cannot be used if the amount of water diverted from the source or the number of animal units will increase.

1. Water right owner(s) information:

Name(s) Debra L Williams 242 386Mailing Address 5500 US Highway 89City White Sulpher Springs State MT Zip 59645-9512

Phone Number _____ Email _____

*Note: If there are additional owners, attach the water right owner information labeled as Attachment #1.*Contact Person: Applicant Consultant Attorney Other _____

Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____



Form 656

Note: If a contact person is identified as an attorney, all communications will be sent only to the attorney unless the attorney provides written instruction to the contrary. Unless the contact person is an attorney, the water right owner will receive all correspondence, and a copy may be sent to the contact person.

2. Application details:

a. Date project was completed: 10/27/2025

Note: If more than 60 days have passed since the project completion you cannot use this form and will need to file Form 606-Application to Change a Water Right.

b. List all water right numbers included in this change in appropriation right:

41J 14298-00

Note: Attach the water right abstracts and a narrative explaining details of the change in appropriation right and label as Attachment #2b.

Note: If you do not have a DNRC water right number, you may have an existing exempt water use. Water for stock use from groundwater sources (well or developed springs) or stock drinking directly from a surface water source were exempt from the general adjudication filing requirements for claims of existing water rights if they met either of the following criteria:

- For wells, the water was put to use prior to January 1, 1962, OR put to use between January 1, 1962, and July 1, 1973, and a notice was filed in the courthouse records.
- For stock drinking directly from the source and water was put to use before July 1, 1973.

If your stock use meets one of the above criteria, complete this form and a Non-Filed Water Project Addendum. You can obtain the addendum from the [Water Rights Forms and Resources webpage](#). If your use does not meet these criteria, contact your Regional Water Resources Office for more information (Regional Office contact information is on page 5).

c. How many stock tanks have been added through this change?

Permanent 1 Temporary 0

Note: A temporary change in appropriation right for stock tanks may be authorized in accordance with 85-2-407, MCA.

d. Will the existing places of use (POUs) continue to be used? Yes No



e. New places of use: Provide the following information for all POUs being added in this change:

Note: If necessary, attach additional geocode or legal land descriptions using another sheet and label as Attachment #2e.

i. Geocode(s) of the place(s) of use:

47-1597-05-1-01-0001

ii. Legal Land Description (LLD):

1. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5 Twp 7 N S Rge E W County Meagher
of permanent tanks in LLD 1 # of temporary tanks in LLD _____
2. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Twp _____ N S Rge _____ E W County _____
of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____
3. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Twp _____ N S Rge _____ E W County _____
of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____
4. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Twp _____ N S Rge _____ E W County _____
of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____
5. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Twp _____ N S Rge _____ E W County _____
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6. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Twp _____ N S Rge _____ E W County _____
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7. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Twp _____ N S Rge _____ E W County _____
of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____
8. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section _____ Twp _____ N S Rge _____ E W County _____
of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____



f. What are the types and numbers of animals that use the stock water system?

Refer to the [DNRC Water Calculation Guide](#) for information about animal unit (AU) calculations.

Note: If necessary, attach additional animal information using a separate sheet and label as Attachment #2.f.

Type of Animal	Cattle	x # of Animals	375	=	375	AU	
Type of Animal	Horses	x # of Animals	8	=	12	AU	
Type of Animal		x # of Animals		=		AU	
Type of Animal		x # of Animals		=		AU	
						Total Animal Units:	387

g. Provide the legal land description for new points of diversion (PODs), if the change involves going from livestock drinking direct from source to tanks:

____ $\frac{1}{4}$ ____ $\frac{1}{4}$ Section ____ Twp ____ N ____ S Rge ____ E ____ W County _____

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h. Are you changing all water right(s) associated with the place of use? Yes No

If No, provide an explanation of how the rights will be operated to ensure no expansion of use:

Note: If necessary, attach additional narrative explaining details of associated rights and label as Attachment #2h.

i. Did you add stock tanks on State Trust Lands? Yes No

If Yes, you must include a copy of the DNRC Forestry and Trust Lands Division's *Authorization for Temporary Change in Appropriation Right Consent Form*. A change in authorization to add stock tanks on state trust land will be temporary for the duration of the lease term. If one FORM No. 656 is used to add permanent stock tanks on private land and temporary stock tanks on state trust land the form, attachments and map(s) must clearly identify the permanent POUs on private land and temporary POUs on state trust land.



3. Adequate infrastructure to control diversions:

Note: If stock tanks are being added to a livestock direct from source water right, the diversion must be shut off when the tank is full. If you will not have an automatic shut off on the tank, outflow water must be immediately directed back to the source.

a. How will the water be diverted from the source?

Well Pump Gravity Flow Other

b. Identify the flow rate that will be diverted: 30 GPM

Note: If stock tanks are being added to a livestock direct from source water right, the maximum flow rate for the diversion to the tanks may not exceed 35 GPM (85-2-429(5)(b)(i), MCA).

c. How was the flow rate determined?

filled a 5 gallon Bucket in 1.25 minutes
equates to 4 gal/minute \Rightarrow (4 GPM)

d. Provide evidence to show that the flow rate will be adequate for the new system.

Note: Attach evidence to the form and label it #3d.

e. Will a pipeline be used to convey water to the new tanks? Yes No

If No, explain the new means of conveyance:

f. Provide design plans for the stock tanks system from the point of diversion to the place of use (tanks). Include pump information, pipe size, pipe length, pipe material, flow shut off method, any valves or booster pumps used, depth pipelines will be buried, etc.

Note: Attach information to the form and label as Attachment #3e.



4. **Map: Provide a map or maps depicting the changed stock water system;**

Note: label map as attachment #4.

Aerial photos may be available from the DNRC, NRIS, NRCS, USGS, or other sources. Be sure to indicate which tanks are currently authorized and which tanks are being added via this form. The map also must show:

- North arrow, scale bar, section lines and numbers, and township and range.
- Labels for already authorized PODs, POUs and means of conveyance.
- Labels for new PODs, POUs and means of conveyance. The map should reflect the entire water right including the change and the remaining old use.

Signatures(s): All owners must sign the form.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY AND UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

I AFFIRM STATEMENTS APPEARING HERE ARE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE TRUE AND CORRECT. I ALSO AFFIRM THAT I HAVE POSSESSORY INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHERE THE WATER IS TO BE PUT TO BENEFICIAL USE.

Water Right Owner Signature Debra L. Williams Date 12-5-25

Printed Name Debra L. Williams

Water Right Owner Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____



3d

The flow rate will
be very adequate for
60 head of heifer calves
that have traditionally
been wintered in that
pasture.

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GENERAL ABSTRACT

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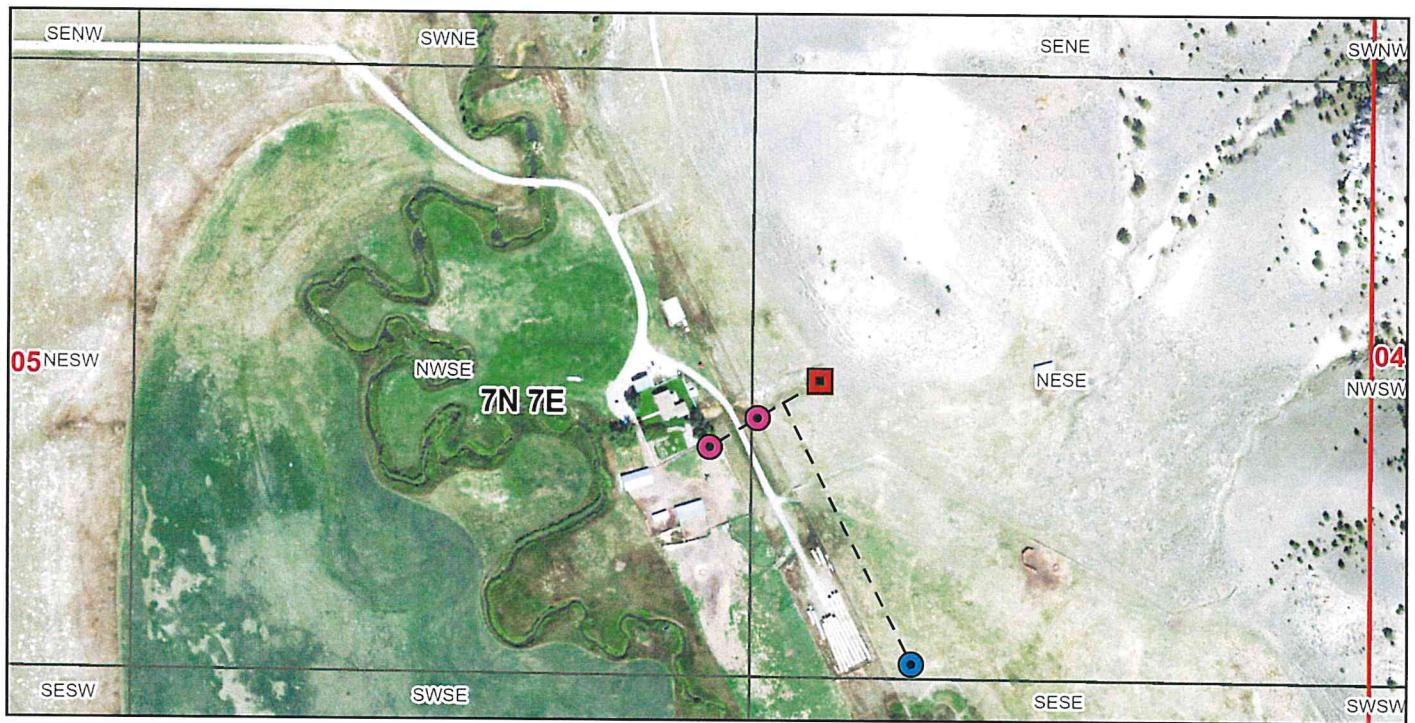
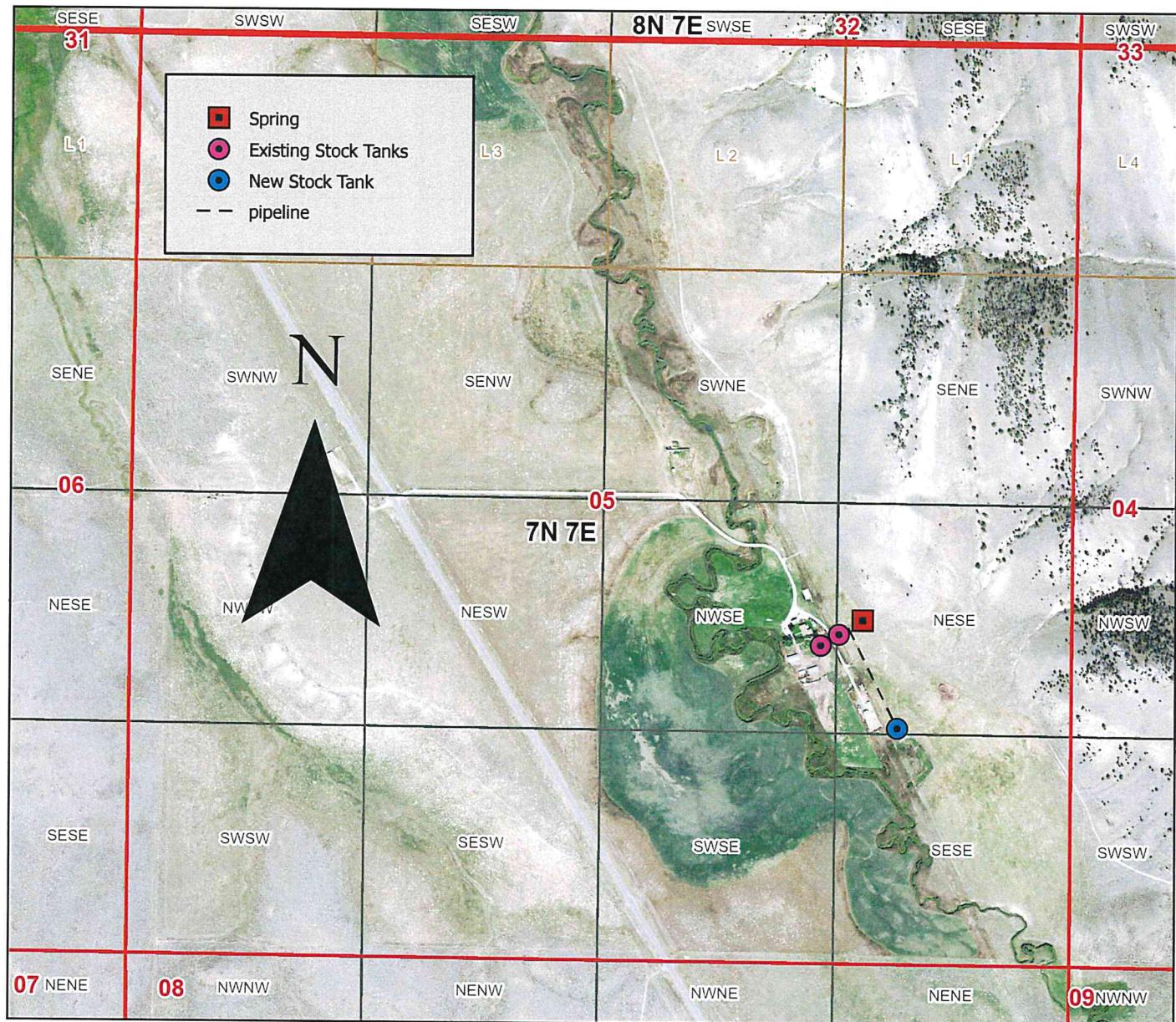
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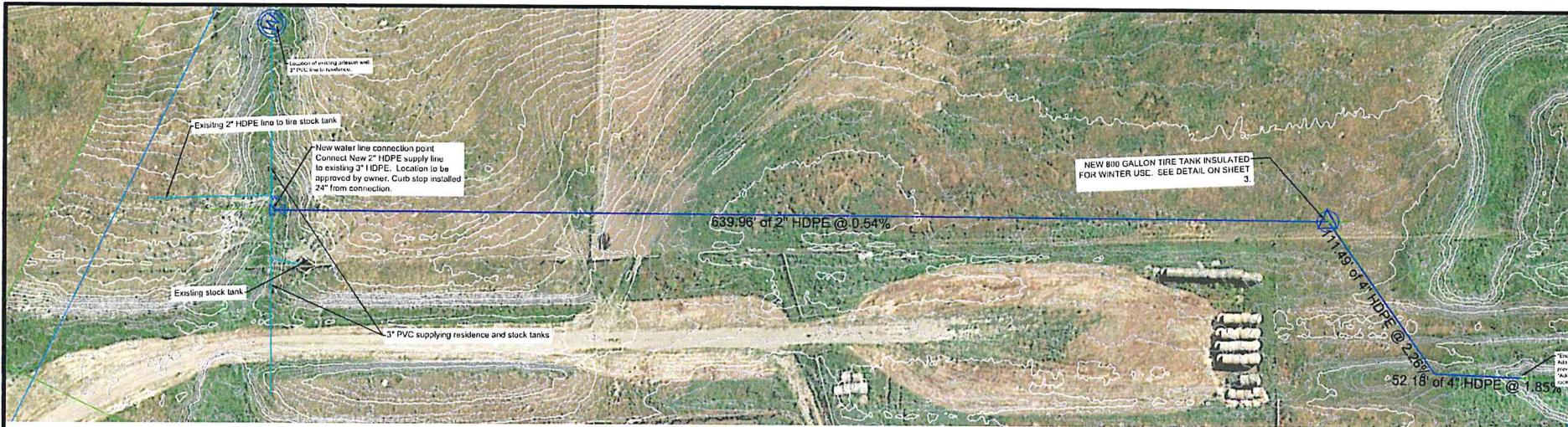
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Geocodes/Valid: -- NO VALID GEOCODES --

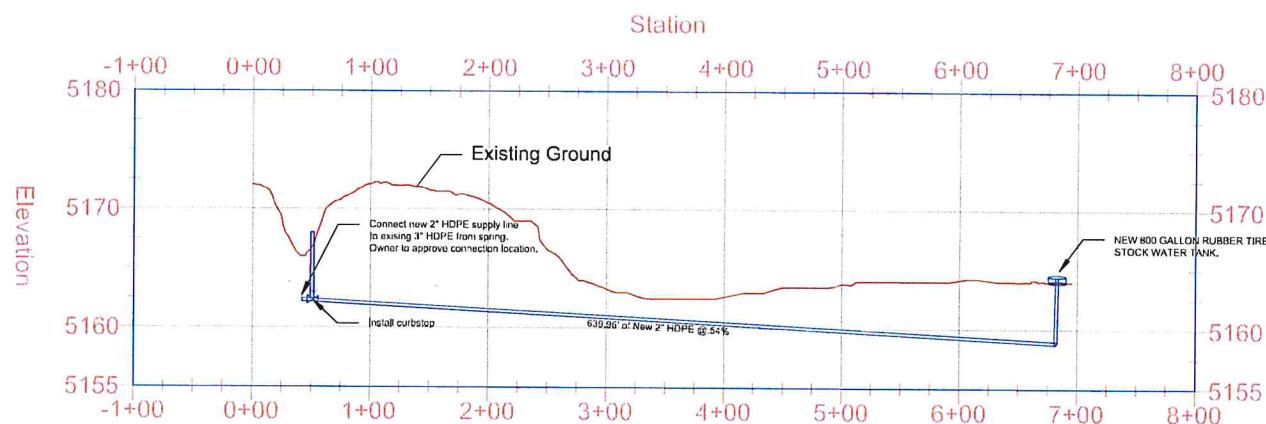
Remarks:

STARTING IN 2008, PERIOD OF DIVERSION WAS ADDED TO MOST CLAIM ABSTRACTS, INCLUDING THIS ONE.
NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER RECEIVED 08/20/1996.
OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED
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SF Smith PROFILE



Tank Water Supply Line Plan and Profile

PLAN VIEW

K.Harrington 3/26/25

DRAWN BY: DATE

J. Renenger 4/3/25

APPROVED BY: DATE

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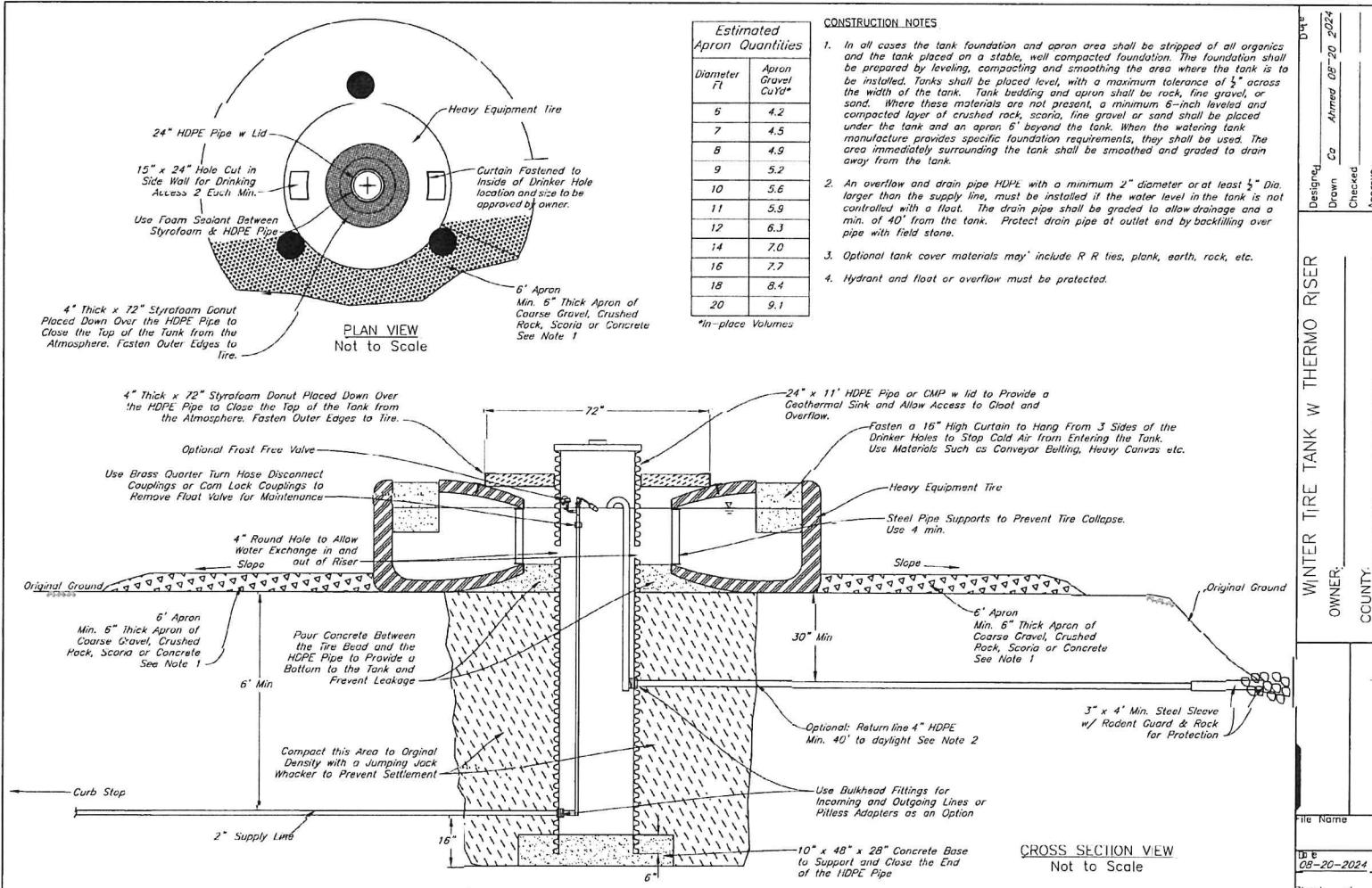
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South Fork Smith River Restoration
Williamson Stock Tank Main Line

Sheets: C1



Tire Stock Tank Detail

PLAN VIEW

K.Harrington 3/26/25
DRAWN BY: DATE:

CHECKED BY: DATE

J. Renegar	4/30/25	
APPROVED BY:	DATE	APPROVED BY: DATE
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**MONTANA FISH,
WILDLIFE & PARKS**

South Fork Smith River Restoration Winter Stock Tire Tank Detail

SHEET:
C3