

NOTICE AREA

Application No. **41J 30173067**

Regional Office # 6

Applicant's Name **Debra L. Williams**

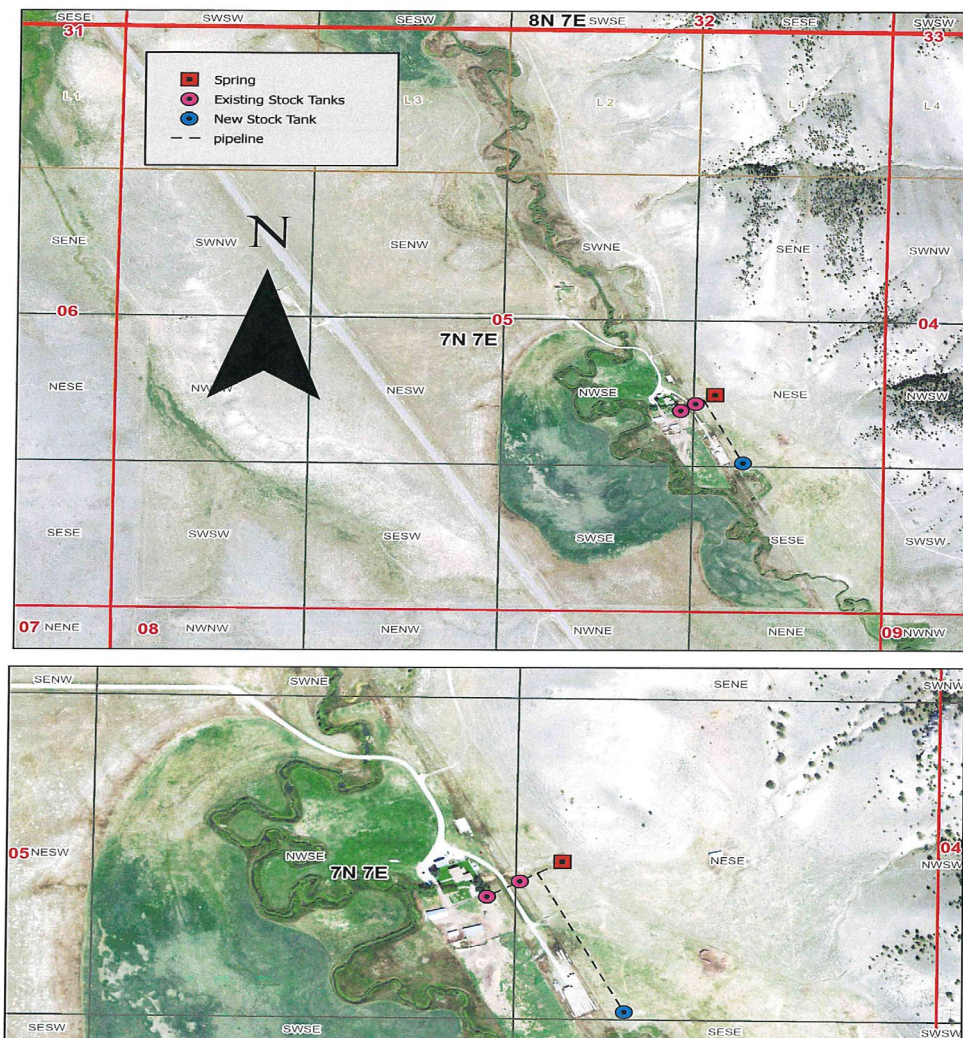
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Indian Reservation ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, Reservation _____

Irrigation District ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, District _____

Specialist **Steven B. Hamilton**

Date **12/30/2025**



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

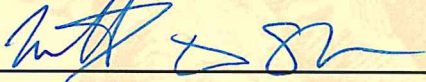
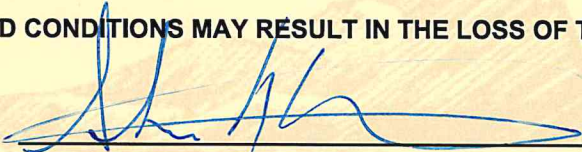
Water Right	Wr #	Ext	Type
Number(s) Changed:	41J-14298	00	STATEMENT OF CLAIM

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.

Additional Information:
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:

ID	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1		NWNESE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: PIPELINE						
1		NWNESE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: PIPELINE						

Purpose (Use)

STOCK

Period of Use:

JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1			SEWSE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER

Purpose (Use)

STOCK

Period of Use:

JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

*Place of Use:

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1			SEWSE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER
*2			SWNESE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER

OWNERSHIP UPDATE RECEIVED

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

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41J 14298-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version:

1 – ORIGINAL RIGHT

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

Type of Historical Right:

USE

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STOCK

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ID	Govt Lot	Qtr	Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1		NW	NE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31							
Diversion Means: PIPELINE							
1		NW	NE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31							
Diversion Means: PIPELINE							
Purpose (Use) STOCK							
Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31							
Place of Use:							

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr	Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1			SE	NW	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER
Purpose (Use) STOCK								
Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31								
*Place of Use:								

ID	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr	Sec	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1			SE	NW	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER
*2			SW	NE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER

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RECEIVED - DNRC

DEC 22 2025

LEWISTOWN WATER
RESOURCES

Application # 30173267 Basin 41J
Received By S. Hamilton
Fee Received \$ 400.00 Check # Inter-Unit
Deposit Receipt # IVT 2612053
Payor FWP
Refund \$ _____ Date/Time 12/22/25 13:21



The Montana Department of
**Natural Resources
& Conservation**

**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 242 386
Mailing Address 5500 US Highway 89
City 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 POU's 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:

47-1597-05-1-01-01-0001

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 7 ☒ E ☐ W County Meagher

of permanent tanks in LLD 1 # of temporary tanks in LLD _____

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

of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____

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

of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____

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

of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____

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

of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____

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

of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____

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

of permanent tanks in LLD _____ # of temporary tanks in LLD _____

8. _____ $\frac{1}{4}$ _____ $\frac{1}{4}$ _____ $\frac{1}{4}$ 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:

<u> </u> ¼ <u> </u> ¼ <u> </u> ¼ Section	<u> </u> Twp	<input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> S Rge	<input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> W	County <u> </u>
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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 traditional
been wintered in that
pasture.

STATE OF MONTANA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

1424 9TH AVENUE P.O. BOX 201601 HELENA, MONTANA 59620-1601

GENERAL ABSTRACT

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1		NWNESE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER

Period of Diversion:

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means:

PIPELINE

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>
1			SENWSE	5	7N	7E	MEAGHER

Geocodes/Valid:

-- NO VALID GEOCODES --

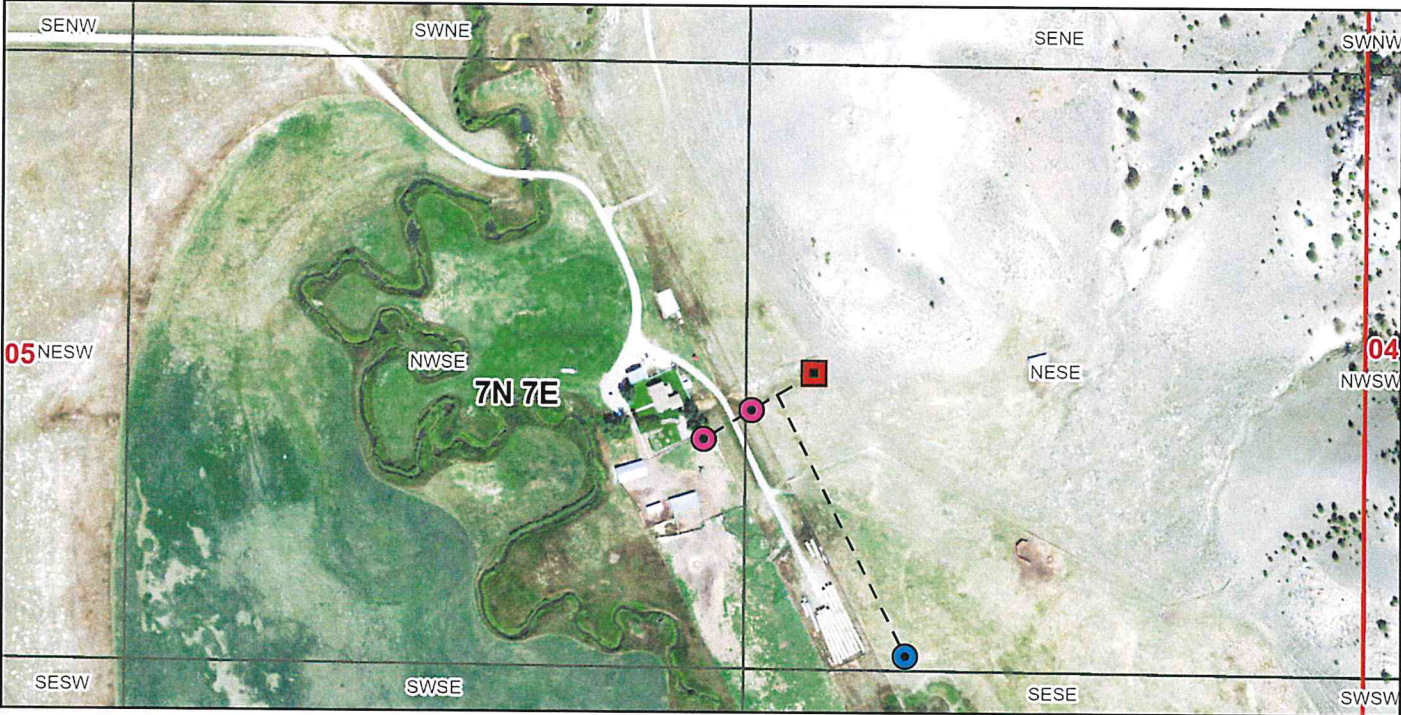
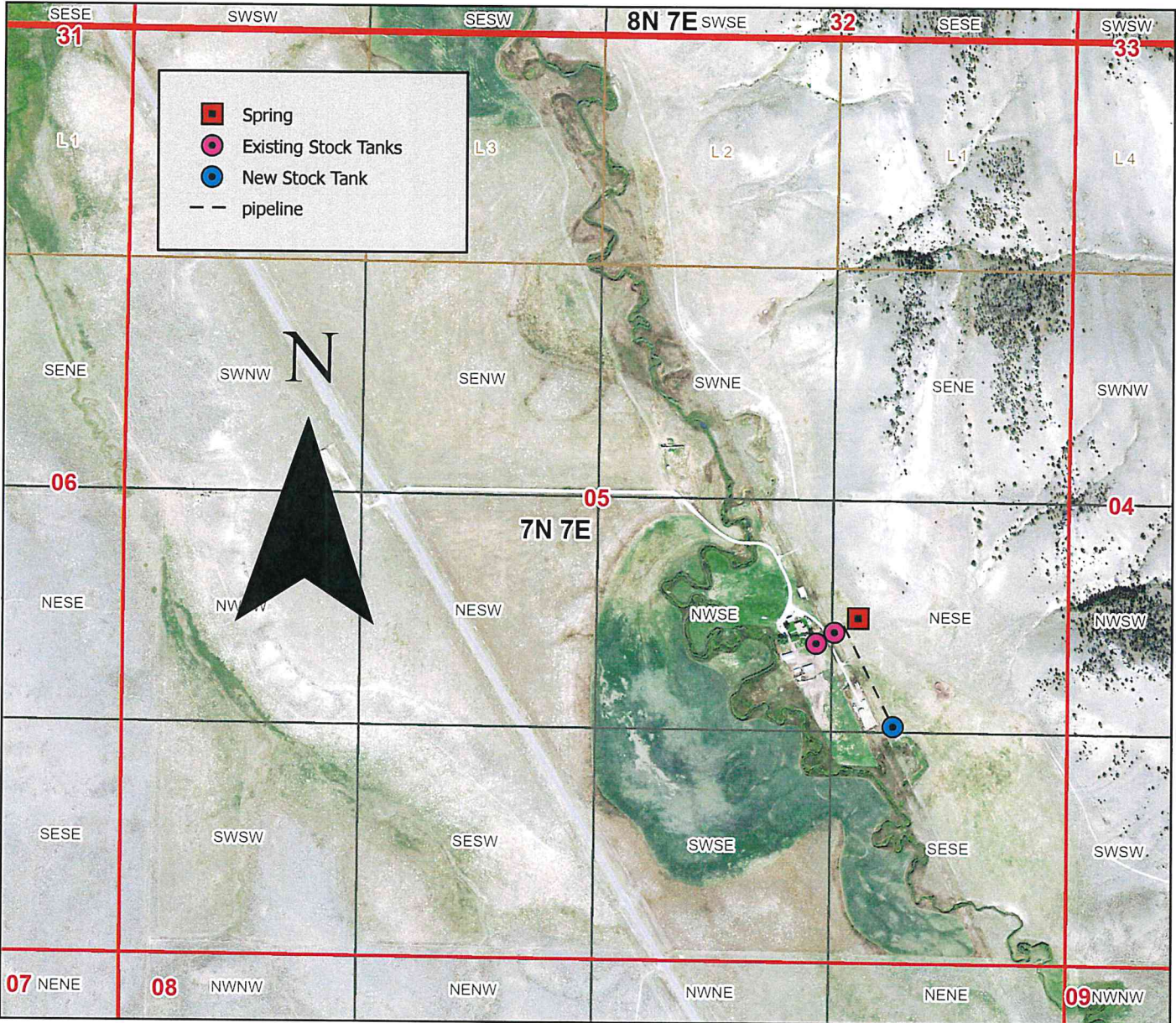
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STARTING IN 2008, PERIOD OF DIVERSION WAS ADDED TO MOST CLAIM ABSTRACTS, INCLUDING THIS ONE.

NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER RECEIVED 08/20/1996.

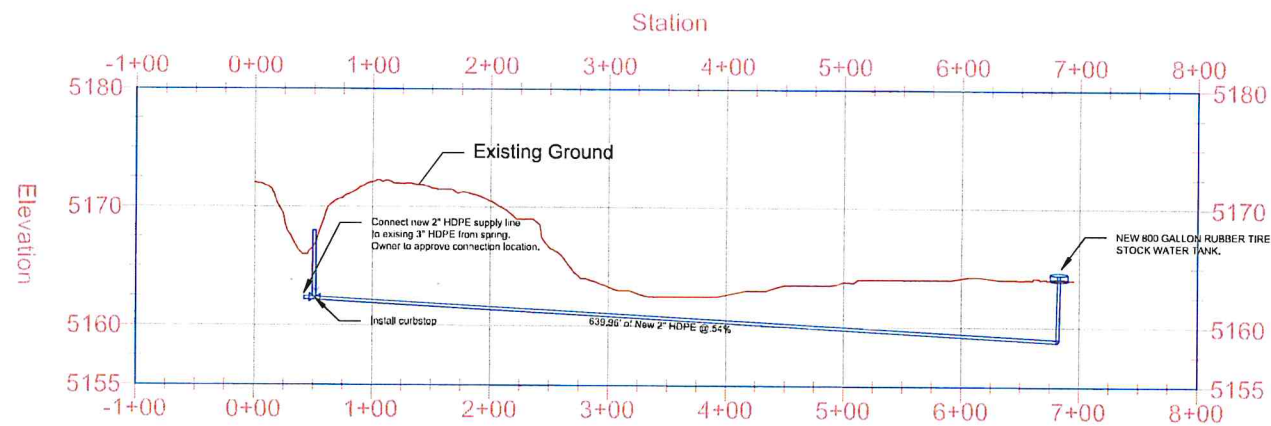
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SF Smith PROFILE



Tank Water Supply Line Plan and Profile

PLAN VIEW

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

J. Reneger
APPROVED BY: DATE: 4/30/25

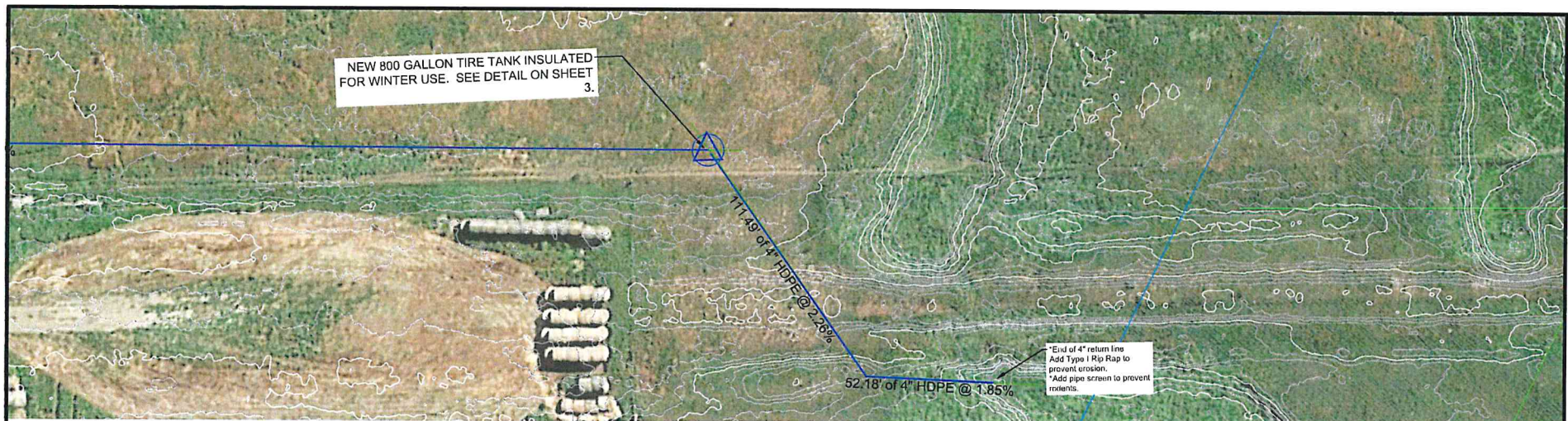
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**MONTANA FISH,
WILDLIFE & PARKS**

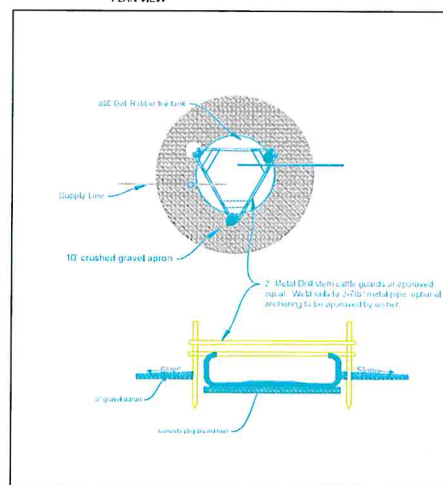
**South Fork Smith River Restoration
Williamson Stock Tank Main Line**

SHEET: C1



Tank Return Line Plan and Profile

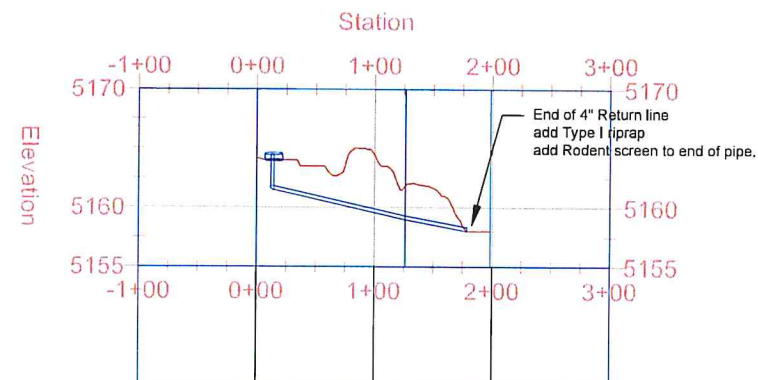
PLAN VIEW



Cattle Guard detail

PLAN VIEW

SF Smith return line PROFILE



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DRAWN BY: DATE: 3/26/25

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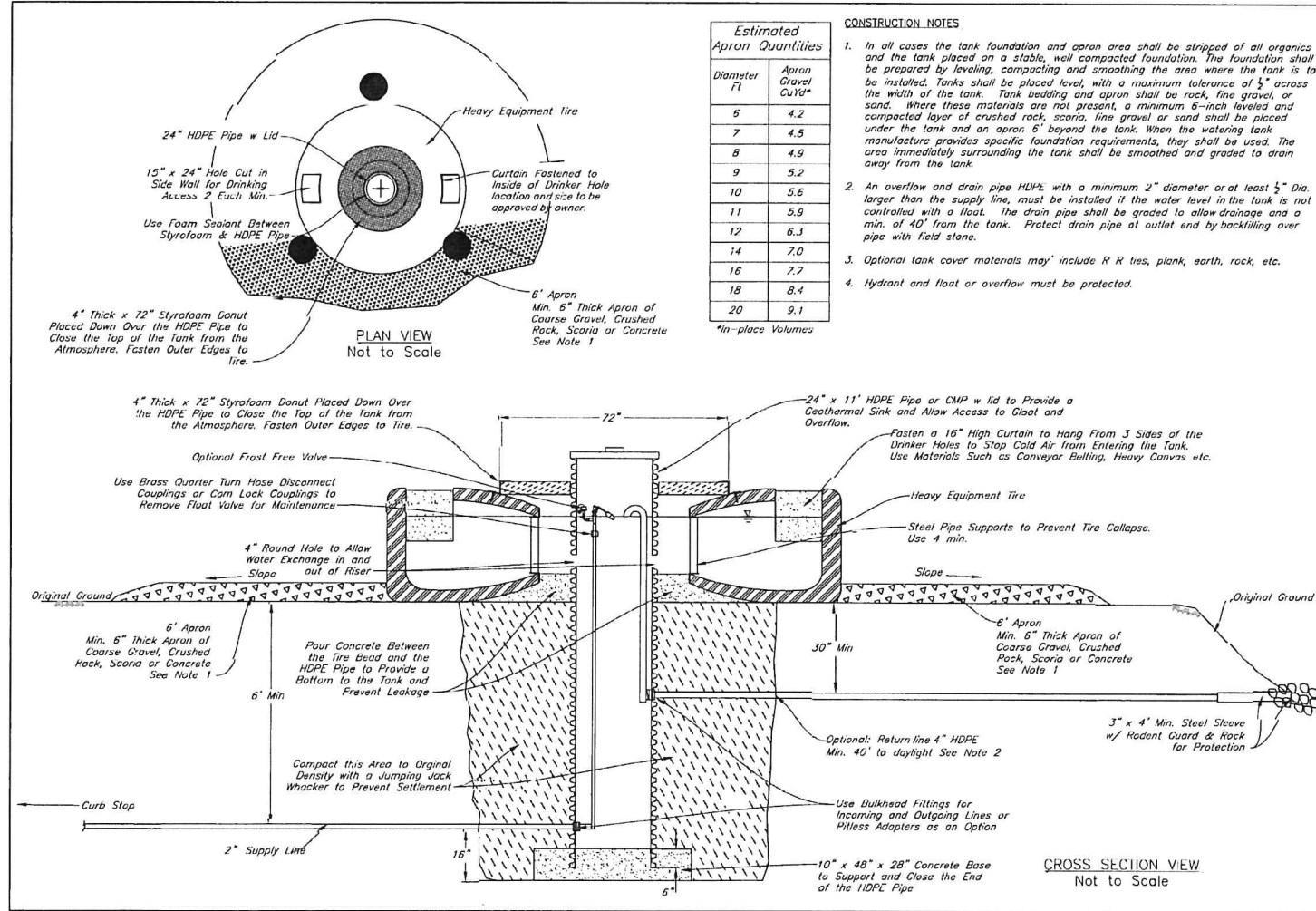
APPROVED BY: DATE:
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**MONTANA FISH,
WILDLIFE & PARKS**

**South Fork Smith River Restoration
Williamson Stock Tank Main Line**

SHEET: C2



Estimated Apron Quantities	
Diameter Ft	Apron Gravel CuYd*
5	4.2
7	4.5
8	4.9
9	5.2
10	5.6
11	5.9
12	6.1
14	7.0
16	7.7
18	8.4
20	9.1

- CONSTRUCTION NOTES
- In all cases the tank foundation and apron area shall be stripped of all organics and the tank placed on a stable, well compacted foundation. The foundation shall be prepared by leveling, compacting and smoothing the area where the tank is to be installed. Tanks shall be placed level, with a maximum tolerance of 1/4" across the width of the tank. Tank bedding and apron shall be rock, fine gravel, or sand. Where these materials are not present, a minimum 6-inch leveled and compacted layer of crushed rock, scoria, fine gravel or sand shall be placed under the tank and an apron 6" beyond the tank. When the watering tank manufacture provides specific foundation requirements, they shall be used. The area immediately surrounding the tank shall be smoothed and graded to drain away from the tank.
 - An overflow and drain pipe HDPE with a minimum 2" diameter or at least 1/2" Dia. larger than the supply line, must be installed if the water level in the tank is not controlled with a float. The drain pipe shall be graded to allow drainage and a min. of 40' from the tank. Protect drain pipe at outlet end by backfilling over pipe with field stone.
 - Optional tank cover materials may include R R ties, plank, earth, rock, etc.
 - Hydrant and float or overflow must be protected.

DATE	DESIGNED	DRAWN	CHECKED	APPROVED
08-20-2024	Ca	Ca		
WINTER TIRE TANK W THERMO RISER				
OWNER: _____				
COUNTY: _____				
File Name				
ID # 08-20-2024				
Sheet of				

Tire Stock Tank Detail
PLAN VIEW

DRAWN BY: K. Harrington	DATE: 3/26/25	APPROVED BY: J. Bengner	DATE: 4/30/25	APPROVED BY:	DATE:
CHECKED BY:	DATE:	APPROVED BY:	DATE:	APPROVED BY:	DATE:



South Fork Smith River Restoration
Winter Stock Tire Tank Detail