

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-407(3), MCA)
The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

NEW EVIDENCE OF ADVERSE EFFECT TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING **NOVEMBER 7, 2025**. MAIL THE EVIDENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE AT 2705 SPURGIN RD, BLDG C, PO BOX 5004, MISSOULA, MT 59804-5004 FAX: 406-542-5899 PHONE: 406-721-4284.

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WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	76H 30043235	DECEMBER 31, 1871
Historical Flow Rate: 269.84 GPM	Historical Consumptive Volume: 20.25 AC-FT	Historical Diverted Volume: 131.99 AC-FT
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	76H 30043236	DECEMBER 31, 1871
Historical Flow Rate: 248.75 GPM	Historical Consumptive Volume: 19.63 AC-FT	Historical Diverted Volume: 121.95 AC-FT
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	76H 30043240	DECEMBER 31, 1871
Historical Flow Rate: 16.27 GPM	Historical Consumptive Volume: 1.25 AC-FT	Historical Diverted Volume: 7.72 AC-FT

PAST USE OF WATER

HISTORICALLY 1.19CFS UP TO 261.66 AF WAS DIVERTED FROM O'BRIEN CREEK FOR IRRIGATION OF A COMBINED TOTAL OF 33.9 ACRES IN THE SE AND E2SE OF SECTION 27, T13N, R20W, MISSOULA COUNTY. WATER WAS DIVERTED USING A HEADGATE AND DITCH SYSTEM FOR FLOOD IRRIGATION OF A COMBINED 16.8 ACRES AND A PUMP AND SPRINKLER SYSTEM TO IRRIGATE 17 ACRES. WATER WAS DIVERTED FROM MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 24 ANNUALLY.

PROPOSED CHANGE

FLOW RATE: 534.86 GPM VOLUME: 41.13 AC-FT ACRES: 33.9

THIS APPLICATION IS TO RENEW A TEMPORARY CHANGE. THE TEMPORARY CHANGE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED ON 08/04/2015 FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AND AUTHOIRZED THE APPLICANT TO TEMPORARY CHANGE THE PURPOSE TO INSTREAM FLOW FOR FISHERIES FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS. THIS CHANGE AUTHORIZES THE APPLICANT TO CONITNUE TO PROTECT A FLOW RATE OF 534.86 GPM (1.19 CFS) AND 41.13 AF OF VOLUME IN A PROTECTED REACH OF O'BREIN CREEK, BEGINNING AT THE ORIGINAL HEADGATE LOCATED IN THE SWSWSE SEC 27 T13N R20W, DOWNSTREAM 0.4 MILES TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE BITTERROOT RIVER. THE RENEWAL PERIOD REQUESTED IS AN ADDITIONAL 10 YEARS.

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