

**MONTANA WATER COURT  
CLARK FORK DIVISION  
FLATHEAD RIVER, SOUTH FORK  
BASIN 76J  
INTERLOCUTORY DECREE**

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**NOTICE OF ENTRY OF INTERLOCUTORY DECREE AND NOTICE OF  
AVAILABILITY**

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR WATER RIGHTS**

You received this notice to inform you that the Montana Water Court has issued a Decree (a list of water rights) in your Basin. This notice may include an abstract (a description of your water right as decreed).

- If an abstract is included with this notice, then your claim is part of the Decree.
- If an abstract is not included with this notice, then your claim is not part of the current Decree.

**WHAT IS THE INTERLOCUTORY DECREE AND SHOULD YOU FILE AN  
OBJECTION?**

The Decree includes 3 water rights. The water rights were either not previously decreed by the Water Court or have issues that still need to be addressed. Review the abstracts. The Decree can be viewed at: <https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/Notices-Info/PublicNotices>. If you prefer to view a paper copy, please contact the Water Court or your DNRC office. See below for contact information.

If you believe any claims in the Decree do not reflect historical (before July 1, 1973) beneficial use, you should file an objection by **June 4, 2025**. Objections must be filed on the forms provided by the Water Court. The forms can be found at: <https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/LegalResources> or by contacting the Court: [watercourt@mt.gov](mailto:watercourt@mt.gov) or (406) 586-4364.

Any request to extend the objection deadline must be filed by **June 4, 2025**. If an extension is granted it will be advertised in the *Whitefish Pilot*, *Hungry Horse News*, and *Daily Inter-Lake*.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

The Water Court will be offering an informal public meeting to explain the objection process on the following date:

- **Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 12:30 pm via Zoom.** To take part in the telephone conference, dial (646) 558-8656, enter the Meeting ID 847 3061 1910# then press # to skip participant ID, then enter the meeting password 661735#

If someone objects to any of your water rights, the Court will notify you, and you will be allowed to file a counterobjection. After all notice periods have passed, the Water Court will address all

objections, counterobjections, and issue remarks. **Make sure your address is up to date with the DNRC.**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Montana Water Court  
1123 Research Drive  
Bozeman, MT 59718  
(406) 586-4364  
[watercourt@mt.gov](mailto:watercourt@mt.gov)

Montana DNRC, Water Rights Adjudication Office  
1424 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620  
(406) 444-0560

DNRC Water Resources  
Kalispell Regional Office  
655 Timberwolf Parkway, Suite 4  
Kalispell, MT 59901  
(406) 752-2288

**Remember, objections must be filed and received by the Water Court by June 4, 2025.**

DATED this 6th day of December 2024,

/s/ Stephen R. Brown  
Water Judge  
Montana Water Court

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS, OTHERWISE,  
YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL ANY DECISIONS AFFECTING YOUR WATER RIGHT IS  
LIMITED.**