MONTANA WATER COURT
UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION
PRELIMINARY DECREE
RUBY RIVER
BASIN 41C

NOTICE OF COUNTEROBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

1. Claim #:_____ **2.** County:_____
(One Claim Number Per Form)

3. Page number in decree: _____ **4.** Source:_____

5. Name of water right claim owner(s): _____
_____

6. Counterobjector's, address, & phone number:

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MID. INITIAL
_____
STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX
_____
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
(___)_____
PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL

7. Counterobjector's Attorney, address, & phone number:

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MID. INITIAL
_____
STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX
_____
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
(___)_____
PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL

8. Basis of Counterobjection:

___ All Elements
___ Flow Rate/Volume
___ Ownership
___ Period of Diversion/Period of Use
___ Place of Use/Maximum Acres
___ Point of Diversion/Means of Diversion
___ Priority Date
___ Purpose of Right
___ Source
___ Abandonment/Non-Perfection
___ Other:_____
_____

9. State the changes you think should be made to this claim and why. State the specific grounds and evidence on which the Counterobjection is based. (Use additional paper if necessary.)

_____
_____
_____
_____

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
SIGNATURE OF COUNTEROBJECTOR OR OBJECTOR'S ATTORNEY

(TURN FORM OVER AND COMPLETE OTHER SIDE)

You may NOT file a Counterobjection to another claimant's water right unless your claim(s) were first objected to by that claimant in this decree. Counterobjections are limited to claims included within this decree. ***There is no need for you to file a Counterobjection to your own water right claim because you are already a party as a claimant***.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING:

⇒ *You **must** mail a copy of this Counterobjection to all of the Owners on the water right. If you are the sole owner on the water right then you do not need to fill out the Certificate of Mailing.*

⇒ *If there are multiple owners on the claim, you **must** mail a copy of this Counterobjection to **all** of the other Owners listed on your water right.*

⇒ *The Certificate of Mailing **must** be completed and mailed **when** filing the original Counterobjection with the Montana Water Court.*

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury, that on the ____ day of
YOUR NAME
_____, 2026, I mailed a copy of this Counterobjection, postage prepaid, addressed to the following owner(s):

_____	_____
OWNER	OWNER
_____	_____
STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX	STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX
_____	_____
CITY STATE	ZIP CODE CITY STATE ZIP CODE

(Use additional paper if needed for additional owners names & addresses)

_____
YOUR SIGNATURE FOR CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Please send this completed original to: **Montana Water Court**
PO Box 1389
Bozeman, MT 59771-1389

or **E-mail to watercourt@mt.gov**

Questions? Call the Montana Water Court at 1-800-624-3270 or (406) 586-4364.

COUNTEROBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE WATER COURT BY DECEMBER 1, 2026.