

**PRELIMINARY DECREE
TONGUE RIVER, BELOW HANGING WOMAN CREEK
BASIN 42C
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM**

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Water Right Number: 42C 27352-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: BIG SKY COAL CO
% PEABODY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
PO BOX 1508
ATTN: KENDRA QUICK
GILLETTE, WY 82717 1508

***Priority Date:** DECEMBER 31, 1936

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose(use): STOCK

***Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

***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:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LAY CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

***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	4	NWNWNW	4	2S	43E	ROSEBUD

***Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

*Reservoir: ONSTREAM

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Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1
 Dam Height: 13.00 FEET
 Depth: 10.00 FEET
 Surface Area: 0.50 ACRES
 Capacity: 2.00 ACRE-FEET

THE CAPACITY, DAM HEIGHT, AND SURFACE AREA HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED BY DNRC.

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