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ORDER

Chris gence After having reviewed the Water Master's Report of existing rights in the Willow Creek Basin, the Court finds that the Report meets the requirements for the Preliminary Decree set forth in 85-2-231(1) NCA 1978. The Court, being satisfied with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in the Report, hereby

ORDERS that the Water Master's Report (attached herein) and the abstracts of the individual water rights in the Willow Creek Basin be adopted as the Preliminary Decree for that Basin pursuant to Section 85-2-231(3) MCA 1978.

DATED this 29th day of June, 1984.

BERNARD W. THOMAS

Water Judge

Lower Missouri Division

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Report of the Water Master on the

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This Report is submitted to the Honorable Bernard W. Thomas, Water Judge of the Lower Missouri Division of the Water Courts of the State of Montana, by Timothy J. Sullivan, Water Master for the Willow Creek Basin.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Authority to Act

This Decree is issued by a Water Judge as authorized by Chapter 697, Session Laws 1979 (85-2-201) as amended.

Description of BasinWillow Creek

Willow Creek Basin drains a remote area south of the Sweet Grass Hills in eastern Toole County. The area was part of the northwest buffalo range and was controlled by the Blackfeet Indians until the establishment of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in 1873. This region was settled during the 1890's

by rarmers and ranchers attracted by the open lands and excellent dryland farming conditions along the Marias River Valley and the surrounding plains.

The headwaters and upstream perennial branches of Willow Creek Basin begin on the southern slopes of West and Middle Buttes in the Sweet Grass Hills at an elevation above 6,000 feet. Various coulees and streams flow south down these slopes and unite to form Willow Creek. Willow Creek continues flowing south where it empties into the Tiber Reservoir south of Galata at an elevation of 2,850 feet.

The headwaters of Willow Creek cut through narrow coulees and valleys enclosed by stone ridges. However, below the slopes of the Sweet Grass Hills, the valleys widen and the country is characterized by rolling glaciated uplands that form the largest irrigable area in Toole County.

Toole County has a continental type climate that is modified by the warming affect of frequent "Chinook" winds. High elevations receive about one-third greater annual precipitation than low elevations within the County. Normally, over 75% of the annual precipitation occurs during the growing season between April and September, and the stream flow in Willow Creek Basin fluctuates accordingly.

Few white Americans visited what is now Toole County during the time that the region was controlled by the Blackfeet Indians. Meriwether Lewis passed through this region in 1806 on his return from the Pacific Northwest. In 1830, Keneth McKenzie sent a party of traders from Fort Union to contact the

Blackreet. Two years later, James Kipp established a tracing post at the mouth of the Marias River and began tracing with the Blackreet. However, in 1842 this trading stopped after an incident in which several Blackfeet were killed by a trader.

After the creation of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in 1873, the Blackfeet edged control of what is now Toole County. This area remained isolated and undeveloped until the arrival of the Great Northern Railroad in 1891. The Railroad brought settlers attracted by the favorable soil and climatic conditions in the southern part of the county. The population grew rapidly and by the turn of the century, the region was famous for dryland, high yield wheat production.

Toole County was created in 1914 and named in honor of the first Governor of Montana, Joseph K. Toole. The discovery of oil in the Kevin Sunburst field north of Shelby in 1922 produced a boom that lasted until the 1930's. Energy production is still an important industry in Toole County.

Agriculture is the major industry in Toole County. Approximately 90% of the acreage within Toole County is used for agricultural purposes. Wheat and barley are the main crops but the area also produces oats, rye, ilax, alfalfa, and mustard. Cattle and sheep account for most of the livestock production but horses, hogs and chickens are also raised.

Approximately 1,432 claims of existing water rights were filed for stockwater, irrigation, domestic and other uses.

The Court finds that no indivioual or agency filed any valid instream claims for fish, fish and wildlife or recreational

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The houndaries of the Masin are outlined on the attached map.

3. Water Right Owner

Generally, the Court issues a water right to the appropriator, who is usually the claiment. If there is evidence that a change of ownership has occurred, the Court issues the right in the name of the new owner. If a change has occurred and the Court was not informed, the correct name can be added at a later date.

Some water rights are claimed by more than one person on separate claim forms. When both claimants insist on ownership, each is decreed the right but a remark is added to each decree noting the conflict.

4. Pre-1973 Water Rights

The general adjudication of water rights is to cover rights existing before 1973.

An existing water right includes those rights which would be protected under the law as it existed prior to July 1, 1973, pursuant to 85-2-102(7) MCA.

5. Specifics of Procedure

The Court outlined and supervised the procedure of processing the claims to existing rights. A claim is examined for incomplete or inaccurate information. It is then reviewed

for actual and pencifcial use. The Court offered the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to assist in the processing of the claims.

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The extent of each individual water right claim is further defined by these Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Where a claimant filed two or more water rights on the same claim form, each right was separated and assigned an individual water right number. If the claim oid not include all the information required by 85-2-224 MCA and the information was not available, the right was decreed within the limits of the information submitted.

The specifics of each individual claim is defined by an abstract or the water right. Each individual abstract of the claimed right includes (where possible):

- The name and post office address of the owner of the right;
- The amount of water, rate and volume included in the (b) right;
- The date of priority of the right; (c)
- The purpose for which the water included in the right (a) is used;
- The place of use and a description of the land, if any (e) to which the right is appurtenant;
- The source of water included in the right;
- The place and means of diversion; The inclusive dates during which the water is used each (h) vear;
- (i) Any other information necessary to fully define the nature and extent of the right.

6. Multiple Uses of a Water Right

Usually, a water right is decreed and the uses of the right are noted. In this general adjudication, the claimants filed separate claims for each use of the water right. Special claim iorms were used for irridation, stockwatering, comestic use and a catch-all form for all other uses. As a result of this unique filing, each use of a water right will be decreed separately. Therefore, a water right might be represented by two or more decreed uses.

A remark notation of the multiple use of a water right appears in the following instances:

- 1. Whenever an irrigation and an "Other Use" are for the same water right.
 - Whenever a water right has two or more "Other Dses."

In all cases where any multiple use of a right occurs, the combined flow rate and volume cannot exceed the original appropriation. The use of the right for several purposes does not increase the extent of the right, rather it decrees the right to alternate and interchange the use (purpose) of the water in accord with historic practices.

7. Source Name

Although some sources of surface water in the Willow Creek Basin were claimed under several names, the source is generally designated in the Decree by the name listed in the United States Geological Survey. If the source has not been designated by the U.S.G.S., the source name of most common recognition in the locality has been used.

Commonly recognized reservoir and lake names will appear as source names. Those lakes and reservoirs that have no commonly recognized name are generally decreed under the name of the

outilowing stream. The source have index or the Preliminary necree cross-indexes any such source names for easy access.

When more than one source is claimed for a water right, the Court determines the major source and lists that source in the Decree. If more than one source is determined to be major, a separate claim is made for the claimant.

8. Priority Date

The priority date claimed is recognized as prima facie and so decreed except where it is incomplete; or it would result in a clearly erroneous interpretation of the law; or the claim's supporting documentation contradicts the claimed priority date.

Priority dates were decreed in accord with the following:

Where a claimed priority date included only a year, or a
year and a month, the last day of the year and the last day of

the month are decreed as the priority date.

Priority dates for groundwater rights after 1961 are reviewed for compliance with the Groundwater Act. Priority dates are not changed if it appeared that the wrong form had been used.

If a claim to groundwater after 1961 is based on use, the priority date is decreed as the date of filing the claim to the existing right.

9. Irrication

Irrigation is a beneficial use of water. The limits of irrigation rights are quideo by reliance on crop requirements

and the overal, ethnolency of the irrigation system.

(cpm) or in apple test per second (cfs) instead of the traditional miner's inches. Fleven gpm is equivalent to one miner's inch; forty miner's inches is equivalent to one cubic foot per second.

The flow rates of all previously decreed water rights are unchanged and issued in accord with the flow rate decreed in the original adjudication. When different claimants claimed water rights based on decrees and the total flow rate claimed between the claimants exceeded the amount on the document, a remark is entered on each decree noting those decreed uses of the carlier decreed right.

Flow rates based on a "filed notice or appropriation" or "use" right shall not exceed a reasonable application rate. A reasonable application rate for flood, sprinkling and pump systems which is in keeping with the general requirement of most users in the Basin shall not exceed 17 gpm per acre (1.5 miner's inches). The Court has decreed all claimed flow rates of 17 gpm per acre or less on such systems. However, if the submitted documentation clearly documents a larger claimed flow rate, it was so decreed.

Water spreading, subirrigation and natural overflow and other irrigation systems not subject to quantification do not generally have a constant or consistent flow rate. The extent of the right is limited by the decreed volume. While the water

tights for subirrigation and natural overflow are decreed, the owner of the right does not have a right to depand continued right of the water by these means of diversion.

Flow rates are measured by the point of diversion.

Volume. Volume is decreed in acre-feet beneficially used in one year. An acre-toot of water will cover one acre to a depth of one foot. Net crop consumption requirements are considered to be the total amount of irrigation water a crop will use during an average growing season. Water usage is dependent on the overall efficiency of the irrigation system. General maximum requirements of differing systems are outlined in the following table:

Climatic Area	Flood Systems (giversion oitch) Volumes (AF/A)	Sprinkler & Pumped Diver- sion Systems Volumes (AF/A)	Water Spreading Systems, Sub- irrigation and Natural Overflow Volumes (AF/A)
ī	5.7	3.8	2.3
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	5.3	3.5	2.1
III	5.0	3.3	2.0
IV	4.6	3.1	1.9
V	4.4	3.0	1.8

Climatic areas are delineated by reliance on the designation of Irrigation Guide for Montana, USDA, S.C.S., 1973.

Volumes are measured at the point of diversion.

Any claimed volume not exceeding those designated in the table are decreed as claimed. Those exceeding the volume designated in the table are reduced in accord with those standards. In any case, where the documentation clearly supports a greater amount, it was so decreed.

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A. Verification of Place of Use. Irrigation rights are decreed to a defined place of use. In delineating the place of use, the claim is verified by the use of aerial photographs, tield investigation and data submitted by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the claimant. The place of use for irrigation is accepted as claimed except when the land did not appear irrigated or irrigable.

The place of use is designated by legal land description and can be further defined by reference to the maps and referenced aerial photographs included in the Court records.

B. Supplemental Water Fights and Place of Use. In many cases, several water rights with differing priority dates or different sources are combined to supplement the irrigation requirements of all or part of the same acreage. Each water right is decreed a specific place of use, flow rate and volume. Where these rights are used jointly, the combined volume and flow rate cannot exceed the amount of water necessary for the designated beneficial use.

The water user has the right to determine the volume contribution of each source or priority up to the maximum volume.

Period of Use. Because the period of use can vary widely for each individual user, the period of use is accepted as claimed unless the claimed period of use contradicts a previously decreed or documented period or use.

If a period of use was not designated by the claimant, a

period of use for irrigation claims was assigned in accord with a reasonable irrigation season for the climatic area. Those seasons are as follows:

Climatic Area	Perion of Use
I	3-15 to 11-15
11	4-01 to 10-30
III	4-15 to 10-15
1.0	4-20 to 10-10
V	4-25 to 10-05

Place and Means of Diversion. The place and means of diversion are designated. The place of diversion is specifically designated by legal land description.

Secondary points of diversion are noted when possible; however, the claim and claimant's map in many cases will more specifically define the point of diversion.

When a point of diversion is found on a source other than the one claimed, the other source points or diversion are decreed when that source is determined to be an incidental part of the original source. A remark will appear with the other source points of diversion that identifies the incidental source. If the other source is not considered incidental, a separate claim is created.

10. Irrigation Districts

Some irrigation districts used their water rights on designated places of use and the right has become appurtenant to the land. In those cases, the claim was verified and decreed in accord with the criteria used for all other irrigation claims.

where the irrigation district engages in the sale of water or the place of use changes on a continuing basis, the claimed flow rate and volume were decreed as claimed without an attempt to verify usage.

The several rights on one claim form are identified as being supplemental. Water rights from separate sources that water the same land are identified as being supplemental.

11. Domestic Use

Flow Rate. The average flow rate from a groundwater source in the State of Montana is approximately 25 gallons per minute. However, a flow rate of 40 gallons per minute is acceptable. As a result, those domestic rights with a claimed flow rate of 40 gallons per minute or less are so decreed. Where the claimed flow rate and the accompanying documentation does not substantiate a flow rate, the right is decreed a flow rate of 25 gallons per minute. When a flow rate claimed had been previously decreed, the flow rate is not changed.

<u>Volume</u>. A reasonable volume of water for comestic use is calculated at 1.0 acre-feet per household with an additional .5 acre-foot for each quarter acre of yard.

Flow rates and volumes are measured at the point of diversion.

<u>Place of Use</u>. Land irrigated as part of the domestic use is decreed as part of the place of use. It a claim for domestic use included irrigation separate from the domestic use, the irrigated land was decreed separately.

<u>Period of the</u>. The period of use claimed is the period of use decreed.

12. Stockwater

Volume. Stockwater is a beneficial use of water. The limit of the right is based on a consumptive use of 30 gallons per day per animal unit. An animal unit is described as a cow/calf pair or equivalent. The number of animal units is in most instances limited to the reasonable carrying capacity of the area historically serviced by the water source. In those cases when historically the source is utilized more intensively, for instance in the case of a confined stockyard, the right increases based on the number of animal units. Finally, where the stockwater is impounded in a reservoir, a right to reasonable carryover for use in future years is acknowledged.

Flow Rate. The flow rates for groundwater developments for stockwatering purposes were governed by the same principles on domestic groundwater sources. Those rights involving stock drinking directly from instream surface water sources do not reflect a specific flow rate. The instream flow rate shall be reasonable and shall not exceed the extent of the right as historically utilized.

Place of Use. Where stock drink directly from the surface water source, the point of diversion and place of use seek to show all land adjacent to the source.

13. Reservoirs and Storage of Water

A storage right can exist for water that would otherwise go to waste. This right is dependent upon the lack of interference with other rights.

The right to appropriate water by storage in a reservoir is a right separate from a water right. Actual beneficial use of stored water creates a water right. The Court decrees the limits of that right.

14. Other Uses

In the Willow Creek Basin, claims for mining, commercial, recreation, fish and wildlife, fish raceways, multiple domestic, industrial, municipal, fire protection, power generation, wildlife and agricultural spraying use were submitted.

The Court finos that no individual nor Department filed any valid instream claims for fish, wildlife and recreational instream uses.

"Murphy Rights." Section 1 of Chapter 345 of the 1969
Session Laws provided for the appropriation of water in
designated streams to maintain fish and wildlife habitat. The
Court subjects these rights to all prior existing rights
pursuant to 89-801 RCM 1947. The flow rate and volume of these
rights are subject to change should the Court determine the
waters are needed for a use determined to be more beneficial to
the public.

Flow Rates. Flow rates are decreed as claimed unless the documentation accompanying the claim supported a different amount. The Court could not, however, determine a flow rate for

the minimal amount necessary to sustain fishing, wildlife, recreation and navigation. Flow rates for mining, power generation and fish raceways are accepted when it is determined that the amount claimed is less than the average annual stream flow. Rates in excess of the average annual stream flow are reduced to that average rate.

Volumes. Volumes are decreed as claimed unless the documentation accompanying the claim support a different amount.

Commercial and industrial use are limited to a reasonable volume of five acre-feet unless documentation supported a higher volume.

Incidental Use. Many purposes, especially fish, wildlife and recreation, are incidental to another beneficial use of water. The extent of the water right for an incidental use is no more than the extent of the primary use of the water.

Non-Consumptive Use. The Court recognizes that several uses do not consume water. A remark is added to these uses declaring the use to be non-consumptive.

15. Standards

Standards have been used by the Water Court to aid in calculating flow rate, volume and other elements of a water right. These standards are guidelines only and can be modified to reflect an individual's own circumstances upon objection.

16. Terminated Claim

The Water Court takes judicial notice of water claims that

have been terminated during this adjudication process. Instances are:

- A claim filed with the adjudication Field Office and withdrawn and terminated by the claimant because of self-confessed errors and filed anew.
 - 2. Claims filed and then withdrawn at claimant's request.
- 3. Claims that appear in the abstracts of water rights as part of the Preliminary Decree because they were assigned a "number" by the Helena, Montana office, and later returned to the forwarding Field Office; and these claims have a remark on the abstract of their termination for one reason or another from claimant. These claims are "alphabetizeo" and stored in the archives of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation by Field Offices.

The claims are printed in both decrees. The "O" prefix will tell the computer to print a statement saying, "The Court finds no right for this claim, as it has been withdrawn at the request of the claimant."

4. Claims terminated by the Field Offices and the DNRC before an Order of this Court of April 22, 1982, ordering that these claims were not to be terminated but stamped at the time of filing and processed as all other claims, even though there was a failure of payment of fees. All claims terminated because of lack of payment will be considered specially by this Court at the time of Preliminary Decree hearings.

Based on the Findings of Fact, the Water Juage makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This Report meets the requirements for a Preliminary Decree as required by 85-2-321 MCA 1979.

2.

For each person who claims an existing water right in this Basin, there is attached to this Preliminary Decree a statement defining the nature and extent or his claimed right, as found by the Water Court and as requested by 85-2-231 MCA and 85-2-234 MCA; these Conclusions make all these attached statements a part of this Report.

3.

All notices, all substantive and procedural requirements of court adjudication of water claims and requirements for hearing and decision have been fulfilled.

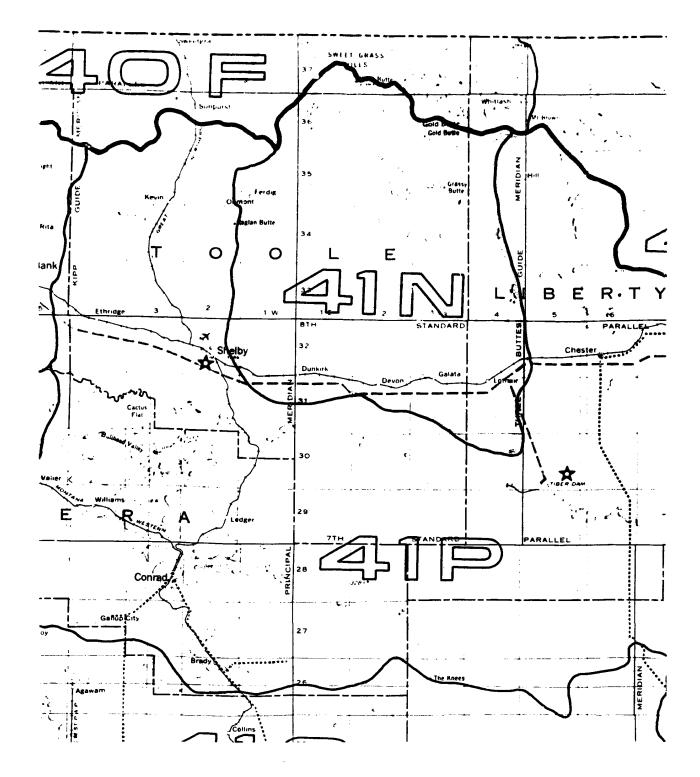
4.

The water adjudicated in this cause is a water use that is of a beneficial use and is the property of the State of Montana and for the use of these named water claimants, subject to their appropriative rights as specified in this Report.

All Findings are merged with these Conclusions of Law to give them the force of law in this Report.

DATED this 27th day of verc , 1984.

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Water Master
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II. THE WATER COURTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION

WILLOW CREEK BASIL

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF THE EXISTING RIGHTS TO THE USE OF ALL THE WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND, WITHIN THE WILLOW CREEK DRAINAGE AREA, INCLUDING ALL TRIBUTARIES OF THE WILLOW CREEK IN LIBERTY AND TOOLE COUNTIES, MONTANA.

MEMORANDUM

Early in our State's history (March 12, 1885) we were concerned about measurement of Montana water.

85-5-302 MCA, whose genesis was a statute of 1905, is still our guiding law. It states ". . . shall be required to have suitable headgates at the point wherein a ditch taps a stream and shall also, at some suitable place on the ditch and as near the head thereof as practicable, place and maintain a proper measuring box, weir or other appliance for the measurement of water flowing in such ditch."

Now, as we move into the present and future or water and its management, measurement of that water is most important.

DATED this 28 day of Dane, 1984.

Timothy & Sulliv TIMOTHY JU SULLIVAN

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IN THE WATER COURTS OF THE STATE OF HONTANA LOWER MISSOURI RIVER DIVISION

WILLOW CREEK BASIN

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MEMORANDUM

The commano of the Legislature was to "expedite" and facilitate the adjudication of the water rights of Montana.

To assure a speedy, simple and effective program for adjudication of Montana water, there was created a specific statewide program, operated by a newly created Water Courts system, all under the supervision or the Montana Supreme Court.

The Act creating the adjudication program and its Water Courts became law May 11, 1979; immediately on June 8, 1979, the Supreme Court promulgated its rules and prescribed forms and set in motion a statewide filing of water right claims.

Meanwhile, between May 11, 1979 and June 12, 1979, Water Judges were elected. Present Water Judges are Bernard W. Thomas, Robert M. Holter and Roy C. Rodeghiero. Early in June, 1979, these Water Judges met and began supervising (under Supreme Court direction) the preparing, filing and collecting of more than 200,000 water claims in the State of Montana. These Judges met and elected Judge W. W. Lessley to act as a Chief

water Judge to give direction and unity to their work. (in 1981 a statute amending the original Adjudication Act was passed and Lessley was appointed Chief Water Judge by Chief Justice Haswell of the Supreme Court.)

On April 30, 1982, all water claims were in under the direction of the Water Courts and clarification by field personnel began.

In early November, 1980, the first Water Master was appointed and adjudication began in two large basins of the Powder River. 10,302 water claims were adjudicated, 316 objections were tileo; hearings held on 146 cases. A final decree on both basins was filed April 14, 1983, and only one appeal from all that adjudication has been filed in the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile in June, 1983, the Water Courts had the 200,000 claims computerized and in a single master computer located in Helena. The Courts are now supervising the final verification of all claims for the final computer run for all preliminary decrees.

The organization and staff of the Water Courts has grown. As directed by the Legislature, it has three Water Judges, a Chief Water Judge, three Water Masters, an engineer assigned to and actively working with the Water Courts, and two office employees skilled in office skills, word processing, docket-base computer work and in Water Courts procedures and forms.

The Water Courts have established their own Rules of Court, specialized forms for objections, pre-pre trial and pre-trial

procedure for water case hearings and trials; all objections are neard promptly and accurate recording machines prepare Court records and transcripts of all hearings.

As or now, final decrees have been issued in three Basins.

The water Courts in 1984 will adjudicate at least sixteen
Basins; there is a real possibility to adjudicate 20 Basins.

Specifically, 13,506 individual water claims have been clarified, verified and adjudicated by preliminary decrees as of January, 1984, with final decrees ahead.

This comprehensive Water Court program has been challenged in Federal Courts. The words of the District Federal Judges who first heard the challenge are significant. The key phrase of the evaluation of Montana's program by Chief District Judge Battin and District Judge Hatfield is: "It is clear that the adjudication contemplated by the Bill is both comprehensive and efficient." Federal Judges Battin and Hatfield spell out the specifics of the working of the Montana Water Courts in this clear and practical language:

"By enactment of the last legislature of the State of Montana, Senate Bill 76, as yet uncodified, has provided the vehicle for adjudicating fied, has provided the vehicle for adjudicating claims of existing water rights in Montana. The claims of existing water rights in Montana. The provisions of that Bill bear heavily upon this provisions of that Bill bear heavily upon the Court's decision to dismiss these cases on the basis of wise judicial administration.

basis of wise judicial administration.

In essence the Bill provides for adjudication of all existing water rights in the State of Montana.

Section 6 of the Bill provides that:

- 1) The action for the adjudication of all existing water rights under [this act] is commenced with the issuing of the order by the Montana Supreme Court to file a statement of a claim of an existing water right as provided in [section 16].

 (2) The water judge for each division shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters concerning the determination and interpretation of existing water rights within his division.
- (4) All matters concerning the determination and interpretation of existing water rights shall be brought before or immediately transferred to the water judge in the proper water division unless witnesses have been sworn and testimony has been taken by a district court prior to the date of the Montana Supreme Court order as provided in [section 16].

Section 16 of the Bill provides that:
(1) The Montana Supreme Court shall within 10 cays of the filing of the petition by the attorney general issue an order to file a statement of a claim of an existing water right in substantially the following form:

"WATER RIGHTS ORDER

FAILURE TO FILE A CLAIN AS REQUIRED BY LAW WILL RESULT IN A CONCLUSIVE PRESUMPTION THAT THE WATER RIGHT OR CLAIMED WATER RIGHT HAS BEEN ABANDONED. . . . This order is notice or commencement of procedures for the general adjudication of existing rights to the use of water and of the requirement to file a claim for certain existing rights to the use of water. Every person, including but not limited to an individual, partnership, association, public or private _ corporation, city or other municipality, county, state agency of the State of Montana, and federal agency or the United States of America on its own behalf or as trustee for any Indian or Indian tribe, asserting a claim to an existing right to the use of water arising prior to July 1, 1973, is ordered to file a statement of claim to that right with the department no later than June 30, 1983. .

[3] The above-cited sections reflect both the policy and the essential mechanism for adjudication of state water rights. Adjudication by adversary proceeding initiated by one claimant against all others in his drainage has been for-

saken in layor of blanket adjudication of all claims, including receral and receral trust claims, in a systematic manner. The procedure outlined in the Bill is that of: (1) filing of an order by the supreme Court requiring the filing of all claimants of statements of each claim; (2) upon filing of all claims, submission of the claims to the water judge in the division or district in which the claimed water is diverted; (3) through utilization of special masters, the rendering, by the water judge, on the basis of the filed claims, of a preliminary decree of water right; (4) after passage of time without objection to the preliminary decree, entry of a final decree of water right which is binding upon all parties; (5) if objection is timely taken by the claimant to the preliminary decree, judicial determination of the right, but without the necessity of joining all users in the claimant's drainage.

And the Court concludes:

As the general adjudication has been initiated by recent order of the Montana Supreme Court, it would seem that the greater wisdom lies in rollowing Colorago River, and on the basis of wise judicial administration, deterring to the comprehensive state proceedings. The federal proceedings are all in their infancy; service of process has been but recently completed. The state adjudication is thorough, as opposed to the piecemeal proceedings initiated by the Government. There is no jurisdictional question preliminarily attending the state adjudication; all such questions have been eliminated by the McCarran Amenament. The state forum will likely be more convenient, geographically, than the federal torum.

The original hearing before the 9th Circuit carried the minority opinion of Circuit Juage Merrill. His statements are significant as bearing on the need and practicality of the Montana Water Courts operation:

I agree with the district court. Water adjudication is essentially a local concern, and in every western state water scarcity poses a problem not just to Indians but to everyone. In

my view, it is nightly important that each state be accorded room for an effort to scive its water scarcity problem in the manner it regards as most appropriate. Here so long as hontana gives recognition to Indian water rights and their establishment pursuant to rederal law, I see no good reason why Indians shouldn't be joined with other water users in the state in order to achieve a comprehensive state adjudication.

Finally, the receral law on the Montana Water Courts, as spoken by the Supreme Court of the United States, through Justice Brennan for the Majority:

In light of this history, the parties in this case have engaged in a vigorous debate as to the exact meaning and significance of the Arizona and Montana Enabling Acts. We need not resolve that debate, however, nor need we resort to the more general doctrines that have developed to chart the limits of state authority over Indians, because we are convinced that, whatever limitation the Enabling Acts or federal policy may have originally placed on state court jurisdiction over Indian water rights, those limitations were removed by the McCarran Amendment.

And on specific problems of Indian rights and federal reservations vis-a-vis Montana State program by adjudication, the Justice continued:

But the most important consideration in <u>Colorago</u> River, and the most important consideration in any federal water suit concurrent to a comprehensive state proceeding, must be the "policy underlying the McCarian Amendment," 424 U>S., at 820; see Moses H. Cone Hospital, supra, at _____, and, despite the strong arguments raised by the respondents, we cannot conclude that water rights suits brought by Indians and seeking adjudication only of Indian rights should be excepted from the application of that policy or from the general principles set out in <u>Colorado River</u>.

Even hore important is Justice Brennan's crear approval () what the Montana water Courts can do:

adequate to quantity the rights at issue in the lederal suits, and taking into account the McCarran Amendment policies we have just discussed, the expertise and administrative machinery available to the state courts, the intancy of the lederal suits, the general judicial bias against piecemeal litigation, and the convenience to the parties, we must conclude that the District Courts were correct in deterring to the state proceedings.

We here at the Montana Water Courts know the Justice is not recreating from general principles of Indian rights, and rederal reservations. In these words he makes the understanding clear:

Nothing we say today should be understood to represent even the slightest retreat from the general proposition we expressed so recently in New Mexico v. Mescalero Apacne Tribe, ante, at _____, (1983): "Because of their sovereign status, [Incian] tribes and their reservation lands are insulated in some respects by an 'historic immunity from state and local control,' Mescalero Apache Tribe v. Jones, 411 U.S. 145, 152 (1973), and tribes retain any aspect of their historical sovereignty not 'inconsistent with the overriging interests of the National Government. washington v. Confederated Tribes, [447 U.S. 134, 153 (1980)]." Nor should we be understood to retreat from the general proposition, expressed in Colorado River, that tederal courts have a "virtually untlagging obligation. . . to exercise the jurisolction given them." 424 U.S., at 817. See generally Moses H. Cone Hospital, supra, at But water rights adjudication is a virtually unique type of proceeding, and the McCarran Amendment is a virtually unique federal statute, and we cannot in this contract be guided by general propositions.

Further:

we also emphasize, as we did in <u>Colorado River</u> that our decision in no way changes the substantive law by which Indian rights in state water adjudication must be judged. State courts, as much as rederal courts, have a science obligation to rollow federal law. Moreover, any state court decision alleged to abridge Indian water rights protected by rederal law can expect to receive, it brought for review before this Court, a particularized and exacting scrutiny commensurate with the powerful rederal interest in safeguarding those rights from state encroachment.

The Act creating the Water Courts and its jurisdiction and its operation meets the caveats of Justice Brennan's opinion.

This is evident in the careful adjustment of the general adjudication process to special problems of Indian and federal reserved rights.

85-2-701. Legislative intent. Because the water and water rights within each water division are interrelated, it is the intent of the legislature to conduct unified proceedings for the general adjudication of existing water rights under the Montana Water Use Act. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature that the attorney general's petition required in 85-2-211 include all claimants of reserved Indian water rights as necessary and indispensable parties under authority granted the state by 43 USC 666. However, it is further intended that the state of Montana proceed under the provisions of this part in an effort to conclude compacts for the equitable division and apportionment of waters between the state and its people and the several Indian tribes claiming reserved water rights within the state.

85-2-702. Negotiation with Indian tribes. (1) The reserved water rights compact commission, created by 2-15-212, may negotiate with the Indian tribes or their authorized representatives jointly or severally to conclude compacts under 85-2-701. Compact proceedings shall be commenced by the commission. The commission shall serve by

certified mail directed to the governing body of each tribe a written request for the initiation of negotiations of an authorized representative of the tribe to conduct compact negotiations. Upon receipt of such written designation from the governing body of a tribe, compact negotiations shall be considered to have commenced.

- (2) When the compact commission and the Indian tribes or their authorized representatives have agreed to a compact, they shall sign a copy and tile an original copy with the department of state of the United States of America and copies with the secretary of the state of Hontana and with the governing body for the tribe involved. The compact is effective and binding upon all parties upon ratification by the legislature of Hontana, any affected tribal governing body, and the congress of the United States.
- (3) Upon its approval by the Montana legislature and the tribe or tederal agency, the terms of a compact must be included in the preliminary decree as provided by 85-2-231. However, it approval of the state legislature and tribe or tederal agency has not been accomplished by July 1, 1985, all tederal and Indian claims for reserved water rights that have not been resolved by a compact must be filed with the department within 60 days. These new rilings shall be used in the tormulation of the preliminary decree and shall be given treatment similar to that given to all other fillings.

85-2-703. Negotiation with federal government. The compact commission may also enter into separate negotiations with the federal government for the conclusion of compacts concerning the equitable division and apportionment of water between the state and its people and the federal government claiming non-Indian reserved waters within the state. The terms and conditions of such negotiations shall be the same as provided in this section for negotiations with Indian tribes.

85-2-704. Termination of negotiations. The commission or any other party to the negotiations may terminate negotiations by providing notice to all parties 30 days in advance of the termination date. On the termination date, the suspension of the application of part 2 provided for in 85-2-217 shall also terminate. The tribe or federal agency shall file all of the claims for reserved rights within 60 days of the termination of negotiations.

which states, "The preliminary occree <u>Shell</u> be issued within 90 days after the <u>close</u> of the special filing period.", read together with 85-2-270(3), which says that the reserved rights not resolved by an approved compact "must be filed" and "shall be used in the formulation of a preliminary occree" indicates that either approved compacts of filed claims are technically necessary to issue a preliminary occree. However, this strict construction of the legislation could frustrate the clear legislative purpose underlying SB76, which is to "expedite and facilitate" the general adjudication of water rights, by slowing the adjudication process.

The Legislature has authorized the use of an interlocutory decree or "other temporary decrees" prior to the issuance of a preliminary decree when it is needed for "the orderly administration of water rights," 85-2-231. The inclusion of this procedure supports the argument that a preliminary decree should not be issued lacking an approved compact or filed reserved right claims. On the other hand, it also supports the argument that the Court should proceed expeditiously to adjudicate basins even though the extent and quantity of federal reserved right claims is undetermined and unknown.

After close study of the language pertaining to preliminary decrees in the Water Use Act, we should conclude that 85-2-231 technically requires inclusion of approved compacts or filed claims for reserved rights. But as a practical matter it is insignificant whether the decree is called a preliminary or a

temporary decree if they both on the same thing. Furthermore, if both decrees have the same legal effect, the use of the normal procedure, which involves issuance of a preliminary decree, makes sense because it is consistent with the general adjudication procedures established by the Legislature and the Water Courts, and, therefore best serves the orderly administration or water rights.

All pertinent case law in talking of state adjudication programs speak of a "state-wide unified adjudication" of water.

As stated, our Federal District Court of Montana, (Chier Judge James F. Battin and Judge Paul G. Hatfield), have characterized Montana's adjudication of water with these words:

"It is clear that the adjudication contemplated by the Bill is both comprehensive and efficient."

And the 9th Circuit granted a stay of Federal actions as preferable to dismissal. The Court clearly states:

"Moreover the question of adequacy of the State proceedings is one best decided by the State Courts in the first instance."

Further, the McCarran Amendment as interpreted in Colorado River allows and encourages a comprehensive water adjudication to quantify Indian water rights.

And Justice Brennan said:

"... and, despite the strong arguments raised by the respondents, we cannot conclude that water rights suits brought by Indians and seeking adjudication only of Indian rights should be excepted from the application of that policy of from the general principles set out in Colorado River. In the cases before us, assuming that the state adjudications are adequate to quantity the rights at issue in the federal suits, and taking into account the McCarran Amendment policies we have just discussed, the expertise and administrative machinery available to the the state courts, the infancy of the tederal suits, the general judicial bias against piecemeal fitigation, and the convenience to the parties, we must conclude that the bistrict Courts were correct in deferring to the state proceedings."

what of our general adjudication of Montana water? Is it comprehensive? Is it effective? Clearly SB76 (C. 697) is comprehensive. Its mandate from the Legislature is to adjudicate all the water resources. It seeks and will quantify all of Montana's water. The water of individuals, municipal corporations, other corporate entitles, Indian water rights, and other Federal reserved rights in Montana - all of this to the end that statewide we will have certainty as to our water - where it is, who owns it, what it is used for, now long it is used, the source. In fact, the caption item of the water right issued by the Water Courts best shows its comprehensive character of over 200,000 individual and corporate water claims and unnumbered Indian rights and Federal reserved rights. Here is a caption of the water right issued:

CERTIFICATE OF WATER RIGHT NO. W-1005050-00

OWNER:

PRIORITY DATE:

FLOW RATE:

VOLUME:

SOURCE:

PURPOSE:

PERIOD OF USE:

POINT OF DIVERSION AND MEANS OF DIVERSION:

PLACE OF USE:

GENERAL REMARKS:

Comprehensive is the key description of the Water Courts plan.

Long before actual gathering of the thousands of water claims, the Court with the help of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation prepared an Atlas of Water Resources by Hydrologic Basins. This inventory of surface water resources consists of drainage basin maps showing location and relation to each other.

From the three major Continental Basins, a civision was made within the State of six major drainage basins based on the streams which flow cut of the State and do not reenter: the Kootenai, Clark Fork of the Columbia, St. Mary, Missouri, Yellowstone and Little Missouri. The Belle Fourche drainage of the Cheyenne River in South Dakota extends into a small area of the southeast corner of Montana.

Then the six major orainage basins were divided into 15 submajor drainage basins consisting or the Upper Clark Fork, Lower
Clark Fork; Flathead and Kootenai River basins in the Columbia
River drainage; the Upper Missouri tributaries; Missouri-Smith,
Missouri-Sun-Marias; Missouri-Musselshell; Milk; and
Missouri-Fork Peck Basins in the Missouri River drainage; the
Upper Yellowstone; Middle Yellowstone; and Lower Yellowstone

River basins in the Yellowstone Grainage; the St. Eary River basin in the Hudson bay Grainage; and the Little Missouri River basin.

Then again the 15 sub-major basins were divided into 65 minor orainage basins representing the minor tributaries within the State. On a statewide plan or 85 basins, the Court began its statewide adjudication. All of these are based on the work of the Office of Water Data Coordination; U.S. Department of the Interior; Geological Survey Atlas of stream gaging stations. Slight modifications clearly do not significantly change any of the OWDC basins.

The Atlas includes twelve maps showing the 15 sub-major drainage basins with two of these maps showing more than one of the drainage basins on one map page. The maps show culture in black, power lines in grey, and streams and stream names in blue. The major, sub-major, and minor drainage basin boundary lines are shown in three significant widths of rea lines. Existing and proposed flood control projects are located by red stars with open stars representing potential projects while closed stars designate existing projects. Blue triangle represent U.S.G.S. stream discharge gaging stations with righted triangles representing stations active as of January 1, 1970, and inverted triangles representing those stations, used in the past, but now discontinued. Green areas on the maps represent presently irrigated land according to the county-wide surveys being conducted by the water resources survey division, Montana Water Resources Board.

The last two maps in the Atlas are prepared by the Wontana Water Resources Board stail from information supplied by cooperating agencies.

The first is one prepared through a joint effort of the Water Board and the Montana Fish and Game Department. Shown in green are the fishing access sites, state parks and monuments, and state recreation areas maintained by the Fish and Game Department throughout the State. An index to this map provides the proper names of each of these sites as of January 1, 1970.

The last map in the Atlas shows mountain precipitation by colored isohyet lines representing increments of annual precipitation above 20 inches. This map was prepared in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and the National Weather Service.

This detailed information should make clear the detailed planning of our comprehensive, statewide program.

The unification of our statewide plan of state court adjudication of water rights is evident in our approach toward Indian water rights and Federal reserved rights.

The Compact Commission is organized; is working; is talking with the Indian tribes concerning compacts on their water. The Compact Commission is attempting to secure talks with the Forest Service.

All of this procedure is considered by the Water Courts because in the words of the law, "... the water and water rights within each water division are interrelated, it is the intent of the legislature to conduct unified proceedings for the

general adjudication of existing water rights. . . "

And so the Water Courts Rule of Court Number 10 and its linguings of fact on compacts and federal reservations meet the requirement for unified proceedings. And in some extreme cases to meet what the words of the statute call "the orderly administration of water rights prior to the issuance of a preliminary decree" the Water Court can use an "interlocutory" or "temporary" decree.

In any event, the statewide unified adjudication of water goes on.

DATED this day of July

W. W. LESSLEY Chier Water Juage P.O. Box 879 Bozeman, MT 59715

BASIN 4//

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY DECREE AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

IN THE WATER COURTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION - WILLOW CREEK BASIN (41N)

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY DECREE AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Since you have tiled a claim for a water right existing before July 1, 1973, we are sending with this Notice your abstract of your claim entered on the Willow Creek Basin.

However, if you received a certificate or applied for a "water use permit to appropriate" or reserve water under the 1973 Water Use Act do not expect to receive an abstract of that document.

This Notice is being sent to others as required in 85-2-232

WHAT IS A PRELIMINARY DECREE

A Preliminary Decree decides the water rights in the Willow Creek Basin and lists those water rights.

It you don't agree with what it decides as to your right or any other water right which may affect your water right claims, you may file an objection, request a hearing and the Water Courts will hear it. See the general Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for further explanation of your right.

A water right in the Preliminary Decree remains unchanged and will be so entered in the Final Decree if it is not objected to during the objection period. However, if determinations of Indian and Federal reserved water rights present circumstances affecting that water right, additional objections may be filed.

IF A RIGHT IS NOT OBJECTED TO, IT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND

BE ENTERED IN THE FINAL DECREE.

HOW YOU FILE AN OBJECTION AND REQUEST A HEARING AN OBJECTION MUST BE FILED PURSUANT TO WATER COURTS RULE #6 AND ON THE FORMS PROVIDED BY THE WATER COURTS.

ALL OBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED AND RECEIVED BY THE 9th DAY OF October , 1984. Objections must be sent to the Montana Water Courts, P.O. Box 879, Bozeman, MT 59715.

CAN YOU GET AN EXTENSION?

Extension for filing objections may be granted by the Water Judge. Requests must be received by the Water Courts on or before the 9th day of October , 198 . USE THE FORM FURNISHED BY THE WATER COURTS AND FOLLOW WATER COURT RULE #7.

If an extension is granted, it applies to all within this Basin. A copy of the Order granting an extension may be seen at the Clerk of Court offices listed below.

WHERE YOU CAN SEE OR GET THE PRELIMINARY DECREE (OR FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW) FOR THE WILLOW CREEK PASTN

See it at:

(Over Please)

- 1. Water Courts Office, P.O. Box 879, 601 Haggerty Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715
- 2. Department of Natural Resources, Water Rights Bureau, 32 South Ewing, Helena, MT 59620
- Department of Natural Resources Field Office, P.O. Box 1828, 1708 West Second Street, Havre, MT 59501
- 4. Clerk or the Court, Liberty County, Chester, MT 59522 5. Clerk and Recorder, Liberty County, Chester, MT 59522
- Clerk of the Court, Toole County, Shelby, MT 59474 Clerk and Recorder, Toole County, Shelby, MT 59474

Microtilm of the existing water rights claimed and the abstract as reviewed by DNRC at:

- 1. Water Courts Office, P.O. Box 879, 601 Haggerty Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715
- Department of Natural Resources, Water Rights Bureau, 32 South Ewing, Helena, MT 59620
- Department of Natural Resources, Field Office, P.O. Box 1828, 1708 West Second Street, Havre, MT 59501
- Clerk of the Court, Toole County, Shelby, MT 59474

You can buy a copy of the Preliminary Decree at the Department of Natural Resources, Water Rights Bureau, 32 South Ewing, Helena, MT 59620.

Any questions? Call the Water Courts Office at (406) 586-4364.

AFTER OBJECTIONS ARE FILED

Atter the time for tiling objections has passed, the Water Courts will notify each party named in the Decree that hearings have been requested and set a date for all interested parties to notity the Water Courts of their intent to participate in any of those hearings.

THE WATER COURT RULES AND FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE OFFICES LISTED BELOW:

- 1. Water Courts Office, P.O. Box 879, 601 Haggerty Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715
- Clerk of the Court, Liberty County, Chester, MT 59522
 Clerk of the Court, Toole County, Shelby, MT 59474

July , 1984. DATED this 6th day of ____

BERNARD W. THOMAS

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WATER JUDGES:

Upper Missouri River Basin Chief Judge W. W. Lessiey PO. Bux 879 Bozeman, MT 59715

Clark Fork River Basin Judge Robert M. Holter Lincoln County Courthouse Libby, M. 159923

Yellowstone River Basin Judge Roy C. Rodeghiero PO. Box 448 Roundup, MT 59072

June 29, 1984

Jim Kindle Records Section Department of Natural Resources 32 South Ewing Helena, MT 59620

Re: Willow Creek Basin (41N)

Dear Jim:

Enclosed please find copies of the Order appointing Tim as the Master for this Basin and the Order designating DNRC to mail the Notice of Availability.

If you have my questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Chris Jensen

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"... to expedite and facilitate the adjudication of existing water rights." CH. 697 L. 1979 $\Delta P_{k} + 2 \epsilon A_{k} \cdot \delta (2 \epsilon \cos \theta) \cdot \sigma_{k}^{-1} + k \operatorname{Merc}_{k} \mathcal{O} + k \mathcal{G}$

IN THE WALL COUPLE OF LIE LOWER LIBSOURI DIVISION OF LIE STATE OF MONTANA

IN HE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A WATER FASTER FOR THE WATER COURTS OF THE LOWER EISSOURI DIVISION

OFDER

The undersigned, as Water Judge of the Lower Missouri Division, ORDERS that TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN be, and he is, hereby appointed Water Master for the Lower Missouri Division for the specific purpose of preparing a Water Master's Report for the Willow Creek Easin (Basin 41M) to be submitted to me.

ORDERED that TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN is appointed as the Water Easter of the Lower Missouri Division for the additional and specific purpose of hearing all matters on the Preliminary Decree and related subjects of the Willow Creek Basin.

ORDERED that this appointment takes effect as of the date of this Order.

DATED this 29th day of June, 1984.

BERNARD W. THOMAS

Water Judge

Lower Missouri Division

IN THE NAMES COURSE OF THE STATE OF LOUGHER

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WILLOW CREEK LASIE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF THE EXISTING FIGHTS TO THE USE OF ALL THE WATER, BOTH SUPPACE AND UNDERGROUND, WITHIN THE WILLOW CREEK PRAINAGE AREA, INCLUDING ALL THIFUTARIES OF THE WILLOW CREEK IN LIBERTY AND TOOLE COUNTIES, FONTANA.

ORDER

DESIGNATING THE DNRC TO MAIL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE PRILIMINARY DECREE

This Order complies with the requirements of 85-2-232 MCA 1978.

ORDERED that the Department of Natural Fesources and Conservation send by mail to each person and their successor in interest, if known, who has filed a claim of existing right in the Willow Creek Basin (41N), a copy of the Notice of Availability of the Preliminary Decree on that Basin and an abstract of the disposition of such person's claim of existing right.

ORDERED specifically that the Notice of Availability be mailed to: (1) all parties in the Willow Creek Fasin issued permits for water use in that Basin pursuant to 85-2-301 MCA 1978 or their successor in interest, if known; (2) all parties who have applied for permits for use of water in the Willow Creek Basin pursuant to 85-2-301 MCA 1978; (3) all parties who have been granted a reservation in the Willow Creek Easin

Creek Lasin who have received certificates of water rights pursuant to 85-2-306 MCA 1978 for wells under 100 gallons per minute; (5) all federal land management agencies in the Lower Missouri Water Division; (6) all neighboring states of the Lower Missouri Water Division; (7) all Indian tribes of the Lower Missouri Water Division; (8) the County Clerk of Court and Clerk and Recorder of Liberty and Totle counties, Montana, (9) any other persons who have requested service of notice from the Water Judge.

ORDERED that the Montana State Water Courts publish the Notice of Availability in newspapers of general circulation in the Willow Creek Easin, including the Liberty County Times, the Shelby Promoter and the Great Falls Tribune; including any advertisement which may bring the Notice of Availability to the attention of the public.

ORDERED that the Depart of shall make a general certificate of mailing certifying that a copy of notice has been placed in the United States Mail, postage proposed and addressed to each party required by this Order to be served notice of the Preliminary Decree.

FINALLY IT IS ORDERED that the original certificate of mailing be filed with the Montana State Water Courts.

DATED this 29th day of June, 1984.

BERNARD W. THOMAS

Water Judge

Lower Missouri Division



Jim Kindle Records Section Department of Natural Resources 32 South Ewing Helena, MT 59620

BASIN 4//

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION



TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

32 SOUTH EWING

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

(406) 444-6601 ADMINISTRATOR (406) 444-6646 ENGINEERING BUREAU (406) 444-6668 WATER DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (406) 444-6601 WATER MANAGEMENT BUREAU (406) 444-6610 WATER RIGHTS BUREAU

July 27, 1984

Ms. Chris Jenson Water Courts Box 879 Bozeman, MT 59715

Dear Chris:

Enclosed is the certificate of mailing for the Willow Creek Basin (Basin 41N). This mailing was completed July 6, 1984.

Sincerely,

Jim Kindle Records Section Supervisor Water Rights Bureau

Enclosure JK/jg

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WILLOW CREEK BASIN (Basin 41N)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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State of Montana) SS:
County of Lewis and Clark)

I, JAMES E. KINDLE, Records Supervisor for the Water Resources

Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation of the State

of Montana, hereby certify that:

- A. The Notice of Entry of Preliminary Decree, Notice of Availability, and abstracts showing dispositions of each person filing a claim for the Willow Creek Basin (Basin 41N) has been placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and addressed to each party as per the records of the Water Rights Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, July 6, 1984.
- B. The Notice of Entry of Preliminary Decree and Notice of
 Availability for the Willow Creek Basin (Basin 41N) has been placed in the
 United States Mail, postage prepaid and addressed to each party as per the
 records of the Water Rights Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and
 Conservation, July 6, 1964 for (1) all parties in the Willow Creek river issued
 permits for water use in that basin pursuant to 85-2-301 MCA 1978 or their
 successor in interest, if know; (2) all parties who have applied for permits
 for use of water in the Willow Creek Basin pursuant to 85-2-301 MCA 1978;
 permits for use of water in the Willow Creek Basin pursuant to 85-2-301 MCA
 1976; (3) all parties who have been granted a reservation in the Willow Creek
 Basin pursuant to 85-2-316 MCA 1978; (4) all parties in the Willow Creek Basin

who have received certificates of water rights pursuant to 85-2-306 MCA 1978 for wells under 100 gallons per minute; (5) all federal land management agencies in the Upper Missouri Water Division; (6) all Indian Tribes in the Upper Missouri Water Division; (7) all neighboring states of the Upper Missouri Water Division; (8) the County Clerk of Court and Clerk and Recorder of Liberty and Toole Counties, Montana; (9) any other persons who have requested service of notice from the Water Judge.

C. The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation sent to the Clerk of Court and Clerk and Recorder of Liberty and Toole Counties entire copies of the Preliminary Decree for the Willow Creek Basin and indexes thereto.

D. The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation sent to the Clerk of Court of Toole County (Shelby, MT) microfilm copies of prima facia claims and Department records for all claims submitted in the Willow Creek Basin.

This mailing and distribution was made under my direction and control on July 6, 1984.

Dated this 27 day of JULY , 1984.

JAMES E. KINDLE, Supervisor

Records Section, Mater Rights Bureau

Water Resources Division

Dept. of Natural Resources and

Conservation

State of Montana

State of Montana County of Lewis & Clark)

Natural Resources and Conservation, and acknowledges to me that he, in his official capacity, executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at Helian My commission expires 1.2 -1987

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

Basin 41N

(5) All Federal Land Management Agencies in the Lower Missouri Division

Area Director
U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Federal Building
Missoula, MT 59807

Division Engineer U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 103 Downtown Station Omaha, NE 68101

Soil Conservation Service 10 West Babcock Room 443, Federal Building Bozeman, MT 59715 Director Bureau of Land Management P.O. Box 38600 Billings, MT 59107

Regional Director Eureau of Reclamation 316 North 26th Street Room 3035 Billings, MT 59101

Upper All Neighboring States of the *Bower Missouri Division

Vernon Fahy State Engineer North Dakota State Water Commission 900 East Boulevard Bismark, ND 58505

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Mr. Michael Fairbanks Superintendent Blackfeet Agency Browning, MT 59417

Mr. Elmer Main Superintendent Fort Belknap Agency P.O. Box 80 Harlem, MT 59526

Mr. Dennis Whiteman Superintendent P.O. Box 637 Poplar, MT 52255 Mr. Earl Old Person Chairman Blackfeet Tribal Business Council Blackfeet Agency Browning, MT 59417

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Mr. Henry Brockie, Sr. Fort Belknap Community Council Gros Ventre & Assiniboine Tribes Harlem, MT 59526

Mr. Norman Hollow Chairman Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes Poplar, MT 59255 Mr. John Pereau Superintendent Rocky Boy Agency Box Elder, MT 59521 Mr. John Windy Boy Chairman Chippewa Cree Business Committee Box Elder, MT 59521

(8) County Officials

Mr. Darby O'Brien Clerk of the Court Liberty County Courthouse Chester, MT 59522

Ms. Vivian Hall Clerk of the Court Toole County Courthouse Shelby, MT 59474 Mrs. Alma Soper Clerk and Recorder Liberty County Courthouse Chester, MT 59522

Mrs. Elizabeth Munson Clerk and Recorder Toole County Courthouse Shelby, MT 59474

(9) Other Interested Parties

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U.S. Attorney General U.S. Attorney
Department of Justice Building Federal Building Washington, D.C. 20530

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Sherry Matteucci Crowley Law Firm P.O. Box 2529 Billings, MT 59103 Dept. of Interior SOL/DER/6045 18th and C Streets NW Washington, D.C. 20240

Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service P.O. Box 25486 Denver Federal Center Denver, CO 80225

Great Falls, MT 59401

Aaron Hostyk U.S. Army Engineer District Omaha Corps of Engineers 6014 U.S. Post Office and Courthouse Omaha, NE 68102

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GIGGS 7115 CIRCLE WAY CITRUS HEIGHTS	GERALDIN!		95610
BJO RANCHES INC BOX 426 CHESTER	N	т	59522
BRAMMER 606 OILFIELD AVE SHELBY	भहपश्रY ∨	т	59474
BRONKÉN 2 E HAYWARD 1803 PHOENIX	УРТОЯСС Д	L Z	35020
BRONKEN, IDA G ES 924 HILL SHELBY		Ţ	57474
BUECHLER BOX 86 GALATA	ANNA	т. Т	5 2 4 4 4
BUECHLER Bûx so Galata	RAY	r T	59444
BURLINGTON NORTH 1ST NW HANK NEDG 1UTH FLOOR 1 ITE BILLINGS	1003	945 CO	59101
BUSSELE FARES IN DEVON SIAR P PO BOX OD SHEERY		· Ţ	89474
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CHILDERS	MARJORIE	
PO HOX 53 GALATA	* T	59444
CHILDERS PO BOX 74	SILEY	94
GALATA	3.1	59444
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SHELEY A	~1	59474
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(SHELBY	~ T	59474
CHRISTIAN 511 1ST ST S	STEVE	<u>.</u>
SHELBY	* T	54474
CHRISTIAN STREET	STEVEN SOUTH	2
SHELSY		59474
CLARK	W CHAPLES	
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SOUNELL SOUS F ST RELLINGHEN	4 بر	98225
COOMS	DONALD S	
SHELBY SHELBY	MT	59474
	SARA JANE	
SHELBY SOX 309 SHELBY SHELBY SHELBY SHELBY	# T	57474
DANIELSON PO BOX 91 FERDIO	<u>е</u> анц УТ	<u> </u>
DANIELSON	MARY	9 59437
FERDIG		4
DEMAREST BOX 7 WHITLASH	CL AUDE	595+5
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DEMAREST 7 XOE HEALTING	ELSI- NT	N 59545
DIEMERT LUTHALP	CLAPK	5 59461
SIEMERT	SENNIS	5944
GALHTA Diemekt	HELLIE MT	a 54401
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DOUBLE L INC BOX Q CHESTER		~ T	59522
DYRDAHL BOX 62 DEVON STA SHELBY	JEVNIE R PT	ΥT	59474
DYRDAHL 30 (62 DEVON STA SHELRY	Ј ЭНК (2-21	ут	59474
EAGLE CREEK COLO	DNY.		
RR GALATA		٧T	59444
EIDE	LESTER	₹	M.
GALATA		M.E.	59444
ENGELN BOX 297 Lakeside	явсея	4 T	4 59 92 2
FENGER, GERALD RR BOX 7 GALATA	FARMS I	1C *T	5 0444
FIVE A CATTLE C PO BOX J SHELBY	Э	FT	59474
FLAGE PO 30% 31 GALADA	ALVIN	N T	59444
FLAGE PO ROX 31 SALATA	GRANT	· **	3 × 4 · 4
FLESCH 725 1ST ST 3 SHILLHY	Fea	# . 7	59474

PROLIMINARY RECREE ON WILLOW CREEK BASIN BACIN 41N

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FLESCH FARMS IN BOX 645 SHELBY	C	47	54474
FK4H4 # 3231 BOONE SI SPOKANE	GERALOI PACE 125	116 %A	99201
FRANSEN STAR RT SHELBY	GUST	ΥT	V 59474
FRANSEN BROTHE STAR RT SHELBY	9 S	ХŢ	59474
FREDERICKSON F BOX 611 CHESTER	ARMS INC	r.T	59522
FRITZ SOX N Chester	£ → →) L	NΣ	59522
FRITZ BOX 250 Chester	ୁ ଓ ନାଷ	: T	3 59522
FRITT BOX N CHESTER	LEONAR	€0 ~ *	5930 <u>2</u>
FRITZ BOX 230 CHESTER	LILLI	A.V * T	59172
FRITZ 30X 201 CHESTER	1 ' - 4	~ T	8 1577
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GAGNER 435 BENTON ST SHELBY	EDWAPD	٧Ţ	0	59474
GIBSON GOX G CHESTER	LEOPA	דא	4	5952?
GIBSON 512 STH AVE 3 SHELBY	MAY	MT	¢	59474
GIBSON PO BOX G CRESTER	TED	MT I	À	59522
GIDEON 2009 F ST BELLINGHAM	DALE	· WA-*		98725
GLEL PO BCX 113 GALATA	LYLE	мТ		59444
GLEE PO JOX 113 GALATA	au i v	чT		39444
GOLDEN FIELDS F PO BOX 27 GALATA	3 6 N	· VT	,	50444
SREEN BOX 233 KEVIN	DANNY	, T	D	50454
GREEN COULEE PA BOX 233 SUNBURST	N Č H	71		5.3443
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GRIFFIN	ANNO	m ·
CHESTER	**************************************	59522
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CHESTER		59522
GUMMER 40x 524	THOMAS	J
CHESTER .	* ∲T	59522
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VALIER	ΨŤ	59480
HAGEN Bux 873	ALVIN	M
SHELBY	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	59474
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WALVERSON PD BOX 56	HENRY	
PU RUX 56 GALATA	^ _(~ MT	59444
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TUTO 130 AVE NE	%A	98033
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MARWOOD PO BOX 64 DEVON SHELBY	JOHA STAR ST	4 59474
HARWOCD PU BOX 66 GALATA	LINDA	59444
HARWOOD PU BOX 64 DEVUN STAR RT	RICHARD MT	A 59474
MARWOOD PO HOX 64 DEVCH	PICHARD	A 59474
HARWOOD PO BOX 66 GALATA	RICHARD YT	T 59444
HARWOOD 6202 SE 22ND MERCER ISLAND	ROBERT	J 99040
HASQUET 104 E GRANITE A SHELHY	JULIUS VT	*9474
HASQUET 325 12TH AVE N SHELBY	LOUIS	*9474
HASQUET 1124 1ST ST N SHELBY	ROBERT	50474

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HASQUET 325 12TH AVE 1 SHELBY	VETA	A.L	4 59474
HAMKINS BOX 748 SHELHY	FRED -	אר	H 59474
HAWKINS BOX 746 SHELBY	JOE	MT.	3 4474
MARKS STAR AT BUX 18 GALATA	ADRIA'	§ , ∀ Τ:	L 59444
HAWKS N'STAR RT 10 A 2 CHESTER	CLAUD	e MT	L 59522
HARKS CHESTER	DALE	, MT	59522
HAWKS CHESTER	HENRY	¥ †	59522
HEATH 311 STH AVE S SHELBY	ALMA	MT	L 59474
HELLINGEP DEVON STAR RT SHELBY	DEAN	γт	я 59474
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HOUDEK VOEGELES MOSIL BELGRADE	A DESTINATION	59714
HOUDEK DRAWER H SHELBY	CHARLES	59474
HOUDEK SHELBY	KATHEHATAN	59474
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ISH INC BOX L CHESTER	₽ Т	59522
J R A ENTERP	AISES INC	59474
JENSEA FERDIĞ	ADNALD VT	J 59437
JOHANNSEN 835 HILL ST	DONALD	59474
JOHANNSEN STAR RT	FRANCIS	59474

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SHELBY		r T	59474
JOHNSON	MYRTLE	- 1	,L
234 GHANITE AVE		MŢ	59474
JOHNSON	RAYMON	D .	A.
N 6927 COCHRAIN SPOKANE		₩ A	99203
JOYCE	IRENE		
355 1ST AVE CHULA VISTA		CA	92010
KALHFLEISCH	JAMES		3 .
PO BOX 806 Shelby	*	*T	59474
KALBFLEISCH	MORNAN		, p
PO BOX 579 SHELBY		· ¥T	59474
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SHELBY		· ¥T	59474
KANNING	LLOYD		C
HOX 838		MT.	59474
KANNING FARMS	N C		
BOX 740 SHELBY		***	59474
KELLEHER BROS			
BOX 207 SHELBY		4.4	59474
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950 HILL-ST		ΥT	59474

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	KINYON DEVON STAR RT 30 SHELBY	VIRGINIA IX SE	4 - ä *.T	59474
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- -1	BOX 43 GALATA		MT.	59444
s 8	KINYON, DALE & S BOLATA		४ ३ ४ १	59444
	KIRK H 3231 BOONE SP SPOKANE	RUBERT ACE 125	#" E ₩A [™] ,#	99201
	KLEINERT 310 5th St N Shelby	ELIZARS	TH 5	\$0474
	KLEINERT 310 STH ST V SHELBY	WILLIAM	y Tr	50474
	KLINE RT 1 BOX 2 DJE BOARDMAN	ROLAND	14 () 4	97313
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KOVATCH	ANDREW	
506 S MARYLAND	ΝŤ	59425
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LAAS	AUGUST	
CHESTER	**	59522
LAAS	CHARLES	
CHESTER	· PT	59522
LECK	DAVID	5
ATALAR	, PT	59444
LECK	STEVEN.	¢ .
GALATA	*1	59444
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GALATA		5 9444
LÜHR	AUDIE	6
BOX 205 CARTER	FT	59420
MARKUŠOU.	DUANE	
PO BOX 24	MT.	59444
MARKUSON	HAZOLO	
PO BOX 24 GALATA	∀T	59444
MARKUSON	THECOSHAN	
PU BOX 24	* T	54444

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MARSHALL STAR HT SHELDY	CHARLOTT		59474
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MCDERMOTT BOX 353 OILMONT	CHARLO	TTE	J 59486
	HENUY		<u>.</u>
MCDERMÖTT SJX 353 OILMONT	HENTI	MT	59466
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MCGILLIS 4401 RIVER OR GREAT FALLS	CONAL) ."T	57401

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MasneR	RICHARD			
BOX 285 AUGUSTA	MT	59410		
MUNSON 760 N MARIAS SHELBY	RONALD	3 59474		
MUZATKO N 6927 COCHRAN SPOKANE	INA	24338		
NESBO PO BOX 411 SHELBY	TH	9 5947÷		
NORTHHESTERN UN BOX 5011 GREAT FALLS	ION TRUST CO	5 - 40 3		
HUTTER BOX 486 SUNBURST	JOHN YT	1.4 m; 5.44£3		
NUTTÉR BOX 486 SUNBURST	PEGGY MT	54482		
OBRIEN 105 AGATE DR LEWISTOWN	WALTER MY	R 59457		
OLSON 5045 AVON 58 Mound	DORCTHY MN	9 55364		
ORAW BOX 178 Chester	LILLY	4 = e522		
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PACE
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PO BOX 320
SUNSURST
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PARSELL
BOX 82
WHITLASH
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                              ALLEN
PEERS
BOX 127
SHELBY
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 PETERSCHICK
RR BOX 26
GALATA
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                               FRANCES
 PETERSON
  PO BOX 40
DEVON STAR RT
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  PETERSON
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  PLEASANT VIEW FARM
PO BOX 438
SUNBURST
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   RANKIN
30X 24
FERDIG
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PO BOX 831 ST SHELBY		M T	59474	
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RR BOX 26 GALATA		BT.	59444	
MUSSELL	ELTZAS	ETH		
NW SHELBY SHELBY		M T	59474	
RUSSELL	RALPH		K	
NH SHELBY Shelby		• T	59474	
SCALESE	FOLUMA	S		
BUX 22 GALATA		r x	59444	
SCALESE	EMILY		o	
GALATA		MT	59444	
SCALESE	HALES		*	
BOX 22 GALATA		MT	59444	
SCALESE	THOMAS		j	
, ĜALÁTA		NT_S	59444	
SCHRECK	HELEN	*	F,	
BOX 297 LAKESIDE		MT	59922	
SCHULZ	VICKI	6	¥	
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SEWARD	SAYYON)	u
STAR RT		M T	59474
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STAR RT SHELBY		MT .	59474
SIMMONS 710 1ST ST S SHELDY	AMPARI	TA . MT	5947+
SISK RAHCH INC PO BOX 10 GALATA		MT	59444
SKARI, O M & SJ. BOX 296 CHESTER	NS INC) NT	59522
SMITH PO BCX 03 GALATA	FRANCI	F11	59444
SMITH 930 TURNER AVE SHELBY	6144	ул.	H 59474
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SMITH 1113 1ST S SHELBY	ĻŪĆĪĽ	Ē NŢ	£ 59474
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STAUDÁCHER BOX 212 Chester	ESTHER	4 T	V 59522
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STRATION 600 CILFIELD AVE SHELBY	ELDHED	*1	59474
SUN AG INC PO BOX 32 GALATA		мŢ	59444
SUTA BOX 313 SUNBURST	TIMALL	A MT	A. 59482
SUTA	KALMAN	ΜT	A 59437
FERDIG		. ** 1	
SUTA BOX 313 SUNBURST	LOUIS	MÍ	55492
SUTĂ	MAHEL		
FERDIG		# T	59437
SVEUM	ALBER	Ŧ	
RR SWEET GRASS		41	59434
SVEUM BROTHERS STAR AT GALATA		 Y.T	59444
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TOMSHECK	DARGLD	
PU BOX 22M SUNBURST	**************************************	59432
TOTUSHEK 18301 COVINGT MINNETONKA	ALICE ON RD	M 55343
TRIPLE G FARM 30x 398 Chester	S INC	59522
TURNEK RR BÖX 26 FERDIĞ	MARIAN *T	f 594370026
TURNER RR BOX 25 FERDIG	HEYNOLDS	M 594373326
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VAKOFF 90X 475 Shelby	TONY TONY	59474°
VIOLETT FARM	S I'IC	59461
WALLEWEIN GR HOX 285 SUNBURST	AIN 8 CATTLE IT	59432
WARD GALATA	TERESA YT	S 39444
WEHR BOX 67 WHITLASH	RONALD	59545

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WENK BOX 97 WHITLASH	VIRGINI	MT	M 59545
HELKER BOX BUS SHELPY	CPAWOH	דא	59474
WELKER BOX dUS SHELBY	JAMES	×T	″ F 59474
HELKER 211 W CASCADE A SHELBY	AILES VE	μŢ	59474
WELLS 300 STH ST N SHELBY	1044	μŢ	59474
MELLS 300 5TH ST N SHELBY	MARY	₩ Ť	= 9474
WEST RIM AGRIC BOX 255 KEVIN	INC	ΜŤ	59454
WESTERMARK 975 TURNER AVE SHELBY	JEAS	21	59474
WESTERMAPK 975 TURNER AV SHELBY	KARL E	. MT	н 59474
WESTERMARK 975 TURNER AV SHELBY	WALL E	ACE NT	H 65474
WESTERMARK 475 TURNER AV Smelby	WILM VE	YT	59474

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MESTERMARK & SONS 975 TURNER AVE SHELBY	MT	59474
JOHN BOX 23 DEVON STAR RT SHELBY	" MT	59474
MMITE BROS Devon SR Smelby	H T	59476
MHITNEY OLIV 9224 HILDRETH SOUTHGATE	CA .	90283
WICKUM RICH	1APD	•
CHESTER	FT	59522
WICKUM POY		
CHESTER	r T	59522
WIGEN ART DEVON STAR RT PO BOX 28 SHELBY	ния Мт	¥ 59474
WIGEN BROTHERS DEVON STAR RT PO BOX 28 SHELRY	• * *	50474
AILLIAMS LEC 2201 MIDAGOD AVE TOLEDO)M OH	. 8 43606
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RH HOX 32	M.T	59444
HOLDTVEDT	ANNA MAE	
SHELBY MAIN	MT	59474
MOLDTVEDT	DAVID	£
PU BOX 343 OILMONT	rT	59466
JOLDTVEDT	ELTCH	S
PO BOX 343 DILMONT	MT	59465
HOLDTVEDT	MELTON	T
169 MAIN Sheley	MT	59474
WOLFE	EVELYN	4
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WOLFE	GARY	A
BOX 351 SHELBY	MT	59474
WOLFE	HARIT	L
BOX 758 Shelby	WT	59474
WOOD	JAMES	K
BOX 29 GALATA	MT	59444
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WATER COURT ORDERS
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IN THE WATER COURTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION

WILLOW CREEK RIVER BASIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF THE EXISTING RIGHTS TO THE USE OF ALL THE WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND, WITHIN THE WILLOW CREEK DRAINAGE AREA, INCLUDING ALL TRIBUTARIES OF WILLOW CREEK IN LIBERTY AND TOOLE COUNTIES, MONTANA

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DATED this 29th day of June, 1984.

W.W. LESSLEY

Chief Water Judge

Upper Missouri Division

cc: Water Courts Office P.O. Box 879 601 Haggerty Lane Bozeman, MT 59715

> Clerk of the Court Liberty County Chester, MT 59522

> Clerk and Recorder Liberty County Chester, MT 59522

> Clerk of the Court Toole County Shelby, MT 59474

Department of Natural Resoucres Water Rights Bureau 32 South Ewing Helena, MT 59620

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DATED this 10 day of July

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MONTANA WATER COURTS

STATE OF MONTANA

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Upper Missouri River Basin Chief Judge W W Lessley PO Box 879 Boxeman MT 59715

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July 13, 1984

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Jim Kindle Records Section Department of Natural Resources 32 South Ewing Helena, MT. 59620

Dear Jim:

Enclosed are eighteen (18) sets containing two (2) orders correcting the description from Lower Missouri Division to Upper Missouri Division and naming Judge Lessley the presiding judge for this Basin.

Please attach these orders to your sets of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Willow Creek Basin.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely, .

. Janet Lackey Clerk

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE, WATER COURT

June 19,1984

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WATER RESOURCES DIVISION



TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

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- STATE OF MONTANA -

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June 19, 1984

Tim Sullivan Water Master Water Courts PO Box 879 Bozeman, MT 59715

Dear Tim,

Enclosed is the review copy of the Temporary Preliminary Decree on Willow Creek, Basin 41N. Please let me know of any needed changes.

Sincerely,

Jim Kindle . Records Supervisor Water Rights Bureau

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Enclosure

BASIN 4/N

INTERBASIN TRANSFERS

March 16,1984

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

HAVRE FIELD OFFICE

TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

March 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Jim Kindle, Records Section Supervisor

and

Montana Water Courts

FROM:

Roy C. Jones Water Rights Specialist Havre Water Rights Bureau

RE:

Basin 41N Interbasin transfers into

Claim #	POD Basin	POU Basin	 Owner(s) Name & Address	
4 IP-113495 4 IP-113504 4 IP-113508 40F-154790 40F-154797 40F-154797 40F-154800 40F-154800 40F-154810 40F-154811 40F-154812 40F-154812 40F-154821 40F-154822 40F-154822	41P 41P 40F 40F 40F 40F 40F 40F 40F 40F 40F 40F	41N 41N 41N 41N 41N 41N 41N 41N 41N 41N	 Cherie F. Anderson, P.O. Box U. Shelby, MT	59474 59474 59474 59474 59474 59474 59474 59474

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P. O. BOX 1828 1708 WEST 2ND STREET

- STATE OF MONTANA

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HAVRE, MONTANA 59501

March 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Jim Kindle, Records Section Supervisor

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Montana Water Courts

FROM:

Roy C. Jones Water Rights Specialist

Havre Water Rights Bureau

RE:

Basin 41N Interbasin transfers out

The following claims are for waters originating in Basin 41N and which waters are put to use, wholly or in part, outside the basin.

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	Claim #	Basin	Basin	<u>5/G</u>	Owner(s) Name & Address
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	41N-113500	41N	41P	S	Eagle Creek Colony, RR, Galata, MT 59444
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	41N-113510	41N	41P	5	Eagle Creek Colony, RR. Galata, MT 59444
	41N-153235	41N	40F	S	Ronald & Virginia Wehr, Box 97, Whitlash, MT 59545
	41N-153237	41N	40F	S	Ronald & Virginia Wehr, Box 97, Whitlash, MT 59545
	41N-15323B	41N	40F	5	Ronald & Virginia Wehr, Box 97, Whitlash, MT 59545
	41N-153240	41N	40F	S	Ronald & Virginia Wehr, Box 97, Whitlash, MT 597
	41N-153309	41N	41P	s	Mermaid Haven, Inc., Box 121, Lothair, MT 5946
	41N-183215	41N	40F	S	U.S. Dept. of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service,
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ACCEPTABLE LAKE AND RESERVOIR NAMES

March 16,1984

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TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

P.O. BOX 1828

STATE OF MONTANA

(406) 265-5516

HAVRE MONTANA 89501

March 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Kindle, Records Section Supervisor

and

Montana Water Courts

FROM: Roy C. Jones Vater Rights Specialist

Havre Water Rights Bureau

RE: Basin 41N Source Names

Other than streams, there are only two ecceptable source names in Basin 41N.

Tiber Reservoir - outflowing stream - Marias River.
Chicago Lake - no outflowing nor named inflowing streams.

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BASIN 4/N

AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PRELIMINARY DECREE

Nov. 1, 1984

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

HAVRE FIELD OFFICE

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HAVRE, MONTANA 59501

August 7, 1984

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Jim Kindle. Records Section Supervisor

FROM:

Roy C. Jones, Water Rights Specialist

Havre Water Rights Bureau

SUBJECT:

Returned Mail - Dorothy L. Bronken

Attached is the complete returned mail file for Dorothy L. Bronken. water rights 41N-W:52541-00 through 41N-W152544-00. As you can see from my report, the problem appears to be the sequence in which the owner's address was entered into the computer. Apparently it should have been left as it was on the claim, which is:

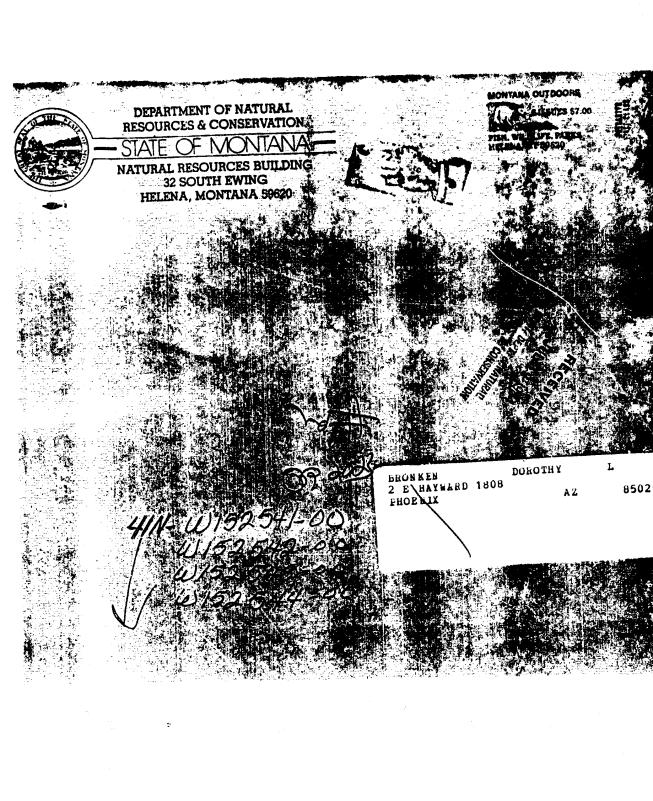
> Bronken. Dorothy L. 1808 - 2E. Hayward Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85020

Notice materials to Mrs. Bronken My recommendation is to send the regi at the claimed address.

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BASIN 4/N

AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PRELIMINARY DECREE

Nov. 1, 1984

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MONTANA	3
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County of Hill	3

TERRI L. PETERSON, an employee of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that on July 23, 1984, she deposited in the United States mail, Notice of Entry of Temporary Preliminary Decree and Notice of Availability for the Willow Creek Decree, a Water Right Transfer Certificate form and a letter of inquiry concerning water right ownership address changes to the following persons or agencies:

Fransen Brothers Ster Route Shelby, MT 59474 and

Gust V. Fransen Star Route Shelby, MT 59474

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

STATE OF MONTANA

County of Hill

On this 23rd day of July, 1984, before me, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared TERRI L. PETERSON, known to me to be an Administrative Clerk of the Department executed this instrument or the person who executed the instrument on behalf of said Department, and acknowledged to me that such Department executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Montana

Residing at Havre, Montana

My Commission expires: April 6, 1987

HONT DELT OF PLATITUAL DESOURCES & CONSERVATION TURNED MAIL RESEARCH RECORD

August 8, 1984

Water Right No.(s): 41N-W121517-0

ough W121519

Owner(s) of Record: Fransen Brothers

Gust V. Fransen

Address of Record:

Star Route

Shelby, MT 59474

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Shelby, MT 59474

Reason Returned:

Out of Business

Researched By:

Roy C. Jones, Water Rights Specialist

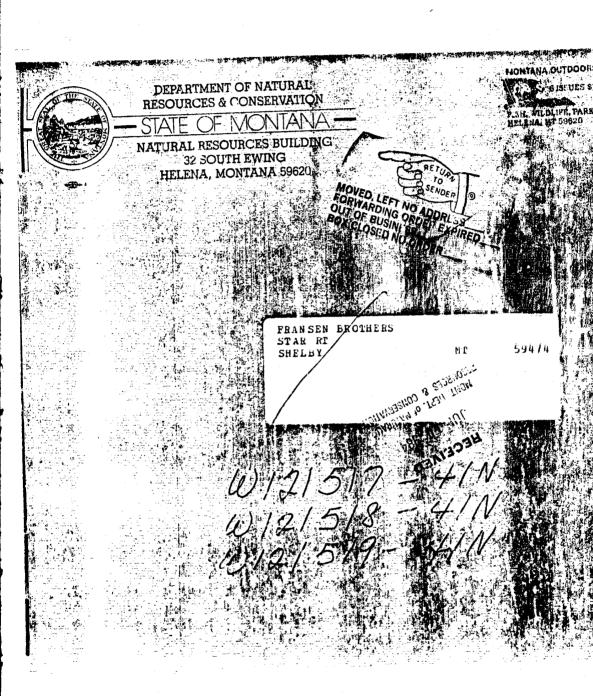
Havre Water Rights Bureau

Research Findings:

I phoned Fransen Brothers at the number listed on the claim and got no enswer. Next I phoned Gust Fransen as listed in the Shelby phone directory. Mrs. Fransen answered. She said they had paid their attorney to dissolve Fransen Brothers and transfer the property into the name of Gust V. Fransen only. She called her attorney and then got beck to me. She requested that I send her the necessary forms to effect the water rights transfer. A cover-letter, Water Right Transfer Certificate Form, Notice of Entry of Temporary Preliminary Decree and Notice of Availability was sent.

10/26/84

No response - file mailed to DNAC Records



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STATE OF MONTANA)
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TERRI L. PETERSON, an employee of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that on August 7. 198 4, she deposited in the United States mail, first class mail.

Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing on the Willow Creek Basin Preliminary Decree, an Address Change form, Abstracts of pertinent water rights, and a letter of inquiry concerning water right ownership address changes to the following persons or agencies:

Geraldine C. Frahm E. 2121 Upriver Drive #26 Spokane, WA 99201 Robert E. Kirk E. 2121 Upriver Drive #26 Spokene, WA 99201

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

TERRI L. PETERSON

STATE OF MONTANA : ss County of Hill ;

On this 7 day of August , 198 4, before me, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared TERRI L. PETERSON, known to me to be the GENERAL OFFICE CLERK of the Department executed this instrument or the persons who executed the instrument on behalf of said Department, and acknowledged to me that such Department executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at Havre, Montana

My Commission expires: 04/06/87

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

MONTANA D.N.R.C. HAVRE FIELD OFFICE

WATER RIGHT(s) No.	41N-W-121265-00
PRESENT OWNER(S):	Geraldine C. Frahm and Robert E. Kirk
	W. 3231 Boone Space 125
	Spokane, WA 99201
OLD ADDRESS: Mailing address:	W. 3231 Boone Space 125
	Spakene, WA 99201
NEW ADDRESS: Mailing address:	E. 2121 Upriver Drive #26
	Spokane. Wa 99201
	above new address is not correct, please make cessary correstions.

Geraldine C. Frahm and Robert E. Kirk E. 2121 Upriver Drive #26 Spokane, WA 99201

Signature(s)

Return to:

Water Rights Bureau P. O. Box 1828 Havre, MT 59501



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION

NATURAL RESOURCES BUILDING 32 SOUTH EWING HELENA, MONTANA 59620

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File No(s).

41N-W167254-00 41N-W167255-00 and 41N-P051209-00

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MONTANA : ss County of Hill :

> Ronald B. Munson Farms Inc. 760 N. Marias Avenue Shelby, MT 59474

> > Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

By: Leterson TERRIL. PETERSON

STATE OF MONTANA] : ss County of Hill]

On this 25th day of July , 1984, before me, a Notary Public for said state, personally appeared TERRI L. PETLOSON, known to me to be the GENERAL OFFICE CLERK of the Department executed this instrument or the persons who executed the instrument on behalf of said Department, and acknowledged to me that such Department executed the

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RETURNED MAIL RESEARCH RECORD

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Date: _ August 8, 1984

41N-W167254-00, 41N-W167255-00, 41N-P051209-00 Water Right No.(s):

Raymond Seward Owner(r) of Record:

Address of Record: Star Rt. Shelby, MT 59474

Forwarding Order Expired Reason Returned:

Roy C. Jones, Water Rights Specialist Havre Water Rights Bureau Researched By:

Per the attached letter from the Toole County Clerk and

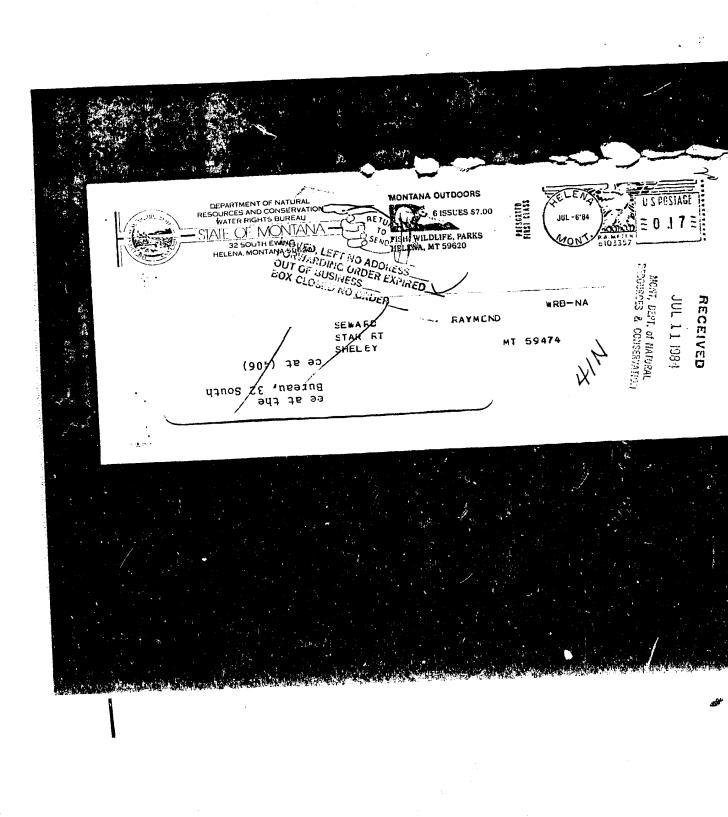
Recorder, the land pertinent to these water rights now Research Findings: belong to Ronald B. Munson Farms Inc.

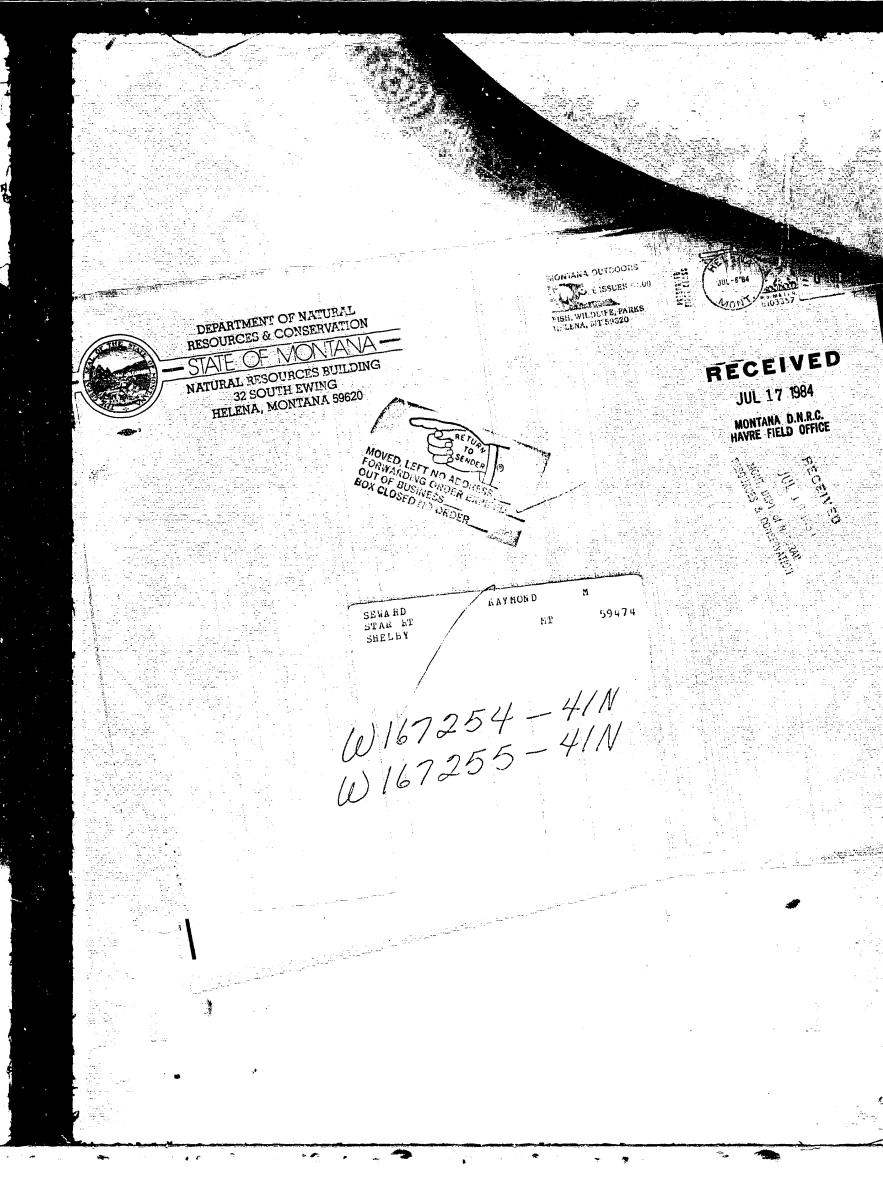
760 N. Marias Ave. Shelby, MT 59474

A cover letter, Water Right Transfer Certificate Form, Notice of Entry of Temporary Preliminary Decree and Notice of Availability were sent to Munson Farms.

10/26/84

No response - File mailed to DNRC Records





Basin 41N File No(s). 41N-W007863-00

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MONTANA] : se County of Hill]

TERRIL. PETERSON, an amployee of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that on July 25 . 1984, she deposited in the United States mail, first class mail.

Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing on the Willow Creek. Preliminary Decree, an Address Change form, Abstracts of pertinent water rights, and a letter of inquiry concerning water right ownership address changes to the following persons or agencies:

Tony G. Vakoff c/o Robert & Hettle Appley 902 Birch Shelby, MT 59474

Department of Natural Resources

By: John & toterson

STATE OF MONTANA] : s County of Hill]

On this 25th day of July . 1984, before me, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared TERRI L. PETERSON, known to me to be the GENERAL OFFICE CLERK of the Department executed this instrument or the persons who executed the instrument on behalf of said Department, and acknowledged to me that such Department executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

NOTARIAL SEAL)

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Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at Havre, Montana My Commission expires: 04-00-1987

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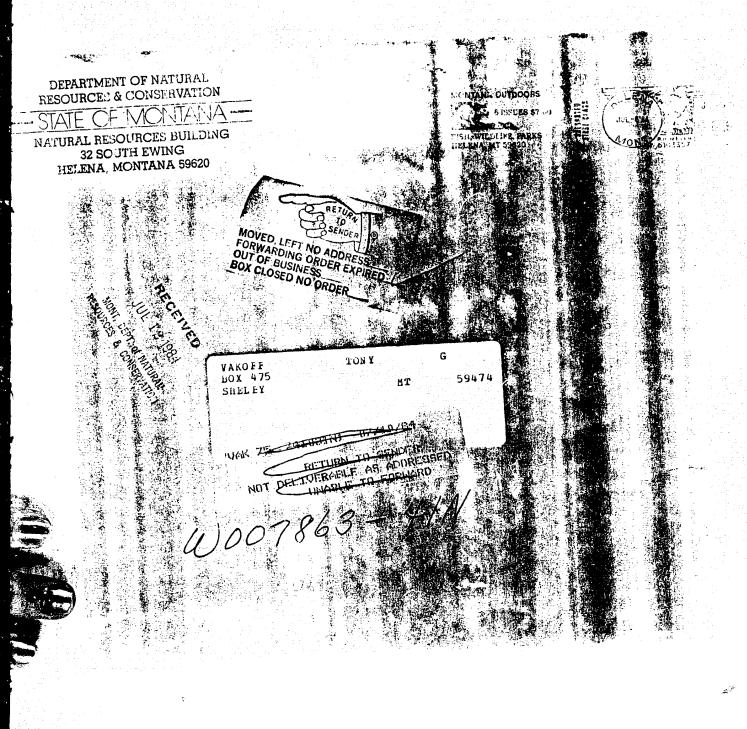
CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

WATER RIGHT(s) No.	41N-W007863-00
PRESENT OWNER(S):	Tony G. Vakoff
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OLD ADDRESS: Mailing address:	c/o Robert & Hattie Appley
	902 Birch
	Shelby, MT 59474
Menny audi cas.	ONY G. VAKOFF 484 BIRCH GROVE DRIVE
	CALISPELL, MONTANA 59901
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REMARKS:	
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Return to:

Signature(s)

Water Rights Bureau P. O. Box 1828 Havre, MT 59501



Basin 41N File No(s). 41N-P002327-00

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MONTANA County of Hill

TERRI L. PETERSON, an employee of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that on , 1984, she deposited in the United States mail, Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing on the Willow Creek Basin water rights, and a letter of inquiry concerning water right ownership address changes to the following persons or agencies:

> Henry & Diana Lynn Alme Bax 293 Cut Bank, MT 59427

> > Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

STATE OF MONTANA County of Hill

, 198 4 , before me, a Notary August On this 7th day of Public for said state, personally appeared TERRI L. PETERSON, known to me to be the GENERAL OFFICE CLERK of the Department executed this instrument or the persons who executed the instrument on behalf of said Department, and acknowledged to me that such Department executed the

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal. the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notacy Public for the State of Montana Residing at Havre, Montana (NOTARIAL SEAL)

04/06/87 My Commission expires: _

Basin 411	
File No(s).	41N-P002326-00

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MONTANA ; ss County of Hill ;

TERRI L. PETERSON, an employee of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that on August 7. 1984, she deposited in the United States mail, Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing on the Willow Creek Basin water rights, and a letter of inquiry concerning water right ownership address changes to the following persons or agencies:

Nepstad Farms Sunburst, MT 59482

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

By: Devu & Value
TERRIL. PETERSON

STATE OF MONTANA) : ss
County of Hill)

On this 7th day of August , 1984 , before me, a Notary Public for said state, personally appeared TERRI L. PETERSON, known to me to be the GENERAL OFFICE CLERK of the Department executed this instrument or the persons who executed the instrument on behalf of said instrument, and acknowledged to me that such Department executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at Havre, Montana My Commission expires: 04/06/87

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RETURNED MAIL RESEARCH RECORD

Date: <u>August 9, 1984</u>

Water Right No.(s):

41N-P002326-00

Owner(s) of Record:

Nepstad Farms

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Address of Record:

Sunburst, MT 59482

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Reason Returned:

Attempted Not Known

Researched By:

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Roy C. Jones, Water Rights Specialist

Havre Water Rights Bureau

Research Findings:

As per the attached letter from the Toole County Clerk and Recorder, the property pertinent to this water right is now

owned by: Donald L. Alme

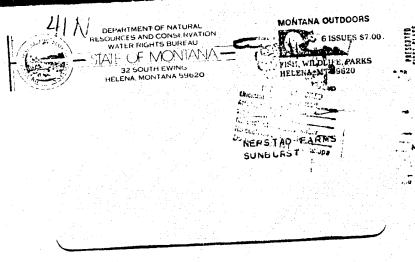
Box 815

Shelby, MT 59474

A cover letter, Water Right Transfer Certificate Form, Notice of Entry of Temporary Preliminary Decree and Notice of Availability was sent to Mr. Alme.

10/26/84

No response - Pile mailed to DNRC Records





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BASIN 41 N

OF MAILING NOTICE OF OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING

October 31, 1984

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION



TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

32 SOUTH EWING

- STATE OF MONTANA:

(406) 444 6603 ADMINISTRATOR (406) 441 5646 ENGINEERING BUREAU (406) 444-6668 WATER DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (406) 444-6601 WATER MANAGEMENT BUREAU (406) 444-6610 WATER RIGHTS BUREAU HELENA, MONTANA 59620

November 2, 1984

Ms. Chris Jenson Water Courts Box 879 Bozeman, MT 59715

Dear Chris:

Enclosed is the certificate of mailing for the Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing for Willow Creek Basin (Basin 41N). This mailing was conducted October 31, 1984.

Sincerely,

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Jim Kindle Records Section Supervisor Water Rights Bureau

Enclosure JK/jg

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

WILLOW CREEK BASIN (Basin 41N)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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- I, JAMES E. KINDLE, Records Supervisor for the Water Resources

 Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation of the State

 of Montana, hereby certify that:
- A. The Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing for each person filing a claim for the Willow Creek Basin (Basin 41N) has been placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and addressed to each party as per the records of the Water Rights Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, October 31, 1984, and updated records of July 6, 1984.
- B. The Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing for the Willow Creek Basin (Basin 41N) has been placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and addressed to each party as per the records of the Water Rights Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, October 31, 1984, and updated records of July 6, 1984, for; (1) all parties in the Willow Creek issued permits for water use in that basin pursuant to 85-2-301, MCA, 1978, or their successor in interest, if known; (2) all parties who have applied for permits for use of water in the Willow Creek Basin pursuant to 85-2-301, MCA, 1978; (3) all parties who have been granted a reservation in the Willow Creek Basin pursuant to 85-2-316, MCA, 1978; (4) all parties in the Willow Creek Basin who have received certificates of water rights pursuant to 85-2-306, MCA, 1978, for wells under 100 gallons per minute; (5) all federal

land management agencies in the Upper Missouri Water Division; (6) all Indian Tribes in the Upper Missouri Water Division; (7) all neighboring states of the Upper Missouri Water Division; (8) the County Clerk of Court and Clerk and Recorder of Liberty and Toole Counties, Montana; (9) any other persons who have requested service of notice from the Water Judge.

This mailing and distribution was made under my direction and control on October 31, 1984.

Dated this 5th day of November

AMES E. KINDLE, Supervisor Records Section, Water Rights Bureau Water Resources Division Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation State of Montana

State of Montana County of Lewis & Clark)

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day of November 1984 __, before me, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared James E. Kindle, known to me to be a Supervisor for the Water Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and acknowledges to me that he, in his official capacity, executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at Helena

My commission expires 1.21-1987



MONTANA WATER COURTS

WATER JUDGES:

Upper Missouri River Basin Chief Judge W. W. Lessley P.O. Box 879 Bozeman, MT 59715

Lower Missouri River Basin Judge Bernard W. Thomas P.O. Box 938 Chinook, MT 59523

Clark Fork River Basin Judge Robert M. Holter Lincoln County Courthouse Libby, MT 59923

Yellowstone River Basin Judge Roy C. Rodeghiero P.O. Box 448 Rouncup, MT 59072

October 25, 1984

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MONTANA DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION

Jim Kindle Records Section Department of Natural Resources 32 South Ewing Helena, MT 59620

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is a copy of the Order designating the Department of mail the Notices of Objection.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Chris Jensen Clerk

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> ". . . to expedite and facilitate the adjudication of existing water rights." CH. 697 L. 1979

AN EQUAL OFFORTUNITY EMPLOYER

IN THE WATER COURTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION - WILLOW CREEK BASIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF THE EXISTING RIGHTS TO THE USE OF ALL THE WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND, WITHIN THE WILLOW CREEK DRAINAGE AREA, INCLUDING ALL TRIBUTARIES OF WILLOW CREEK IN LIBERTY AND TOOLE COUNTIES, MONTANA.

> ORDER DESIGNATING THE DNRC TO MAIL NOTICES OF OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING

ORDERED that the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation send by mail to each person and their successor in interest, if known, who was named in the Preliminary Decree in the Willow Creek Basin (#41N), a copy of the Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing.

ORDERED that the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation shall make a general certificate of mailing certifying that a copy of the Notice has been placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to each party to be served by this Order.

FINALLY IT IS ORDERED that the original certificate of mailing be filed with the Montana State Water Courts.

DATED this 25th day of Octour

W.W. LESSLEY

Chief Water Jydge

Montana State Water Courts

P.O. Box 879

Bozeman, MT 59715

MASTER LIST - UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

All Federal Land Management Agencies in the Upper Missouri Division

Area Director U.S.D.A. Forest Service Federal Building Missoula, MT. 59807, ----

Division Engineer U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 103 Downtown Station Omaha, NE 68101-----

Soil Conservation Service 10 West Babcock Room 443, Federal Building Bozeman, MT 59715 Director Bureau of Land Management P.O. Box 38600 Billings, MT 59107

Regional Director Bureau of Reclamation 316 North 26th Street Room 3035 Billings, MT 59101

All Neighboring States of the Upper Missouri Division

Director Department of Water Resources 450 West State Street Street State Office Building East Boise, ID 83720

George L. Christopulos State Engineer Cheyenne, WY 82002

All Indian Tribes in the Upper Missouri Division

Mr. Michael Pairbanks Superintendent Blackfeet Agency Browning, MT 59417

County Officials

Mr. Darby O'Brien Clerk of the Court Liberty County Courthouse Chester, MT 59522

Ms. Vivian Hall Clerk of the Court Toole County Courthouse Shelby, MT 59474

Mr. Earl Old Person Chairman Blackfeet Tribal Bus. Council Browning, MT 59417

Mrs. Alma Soper Clerk and Recorder Liberty County Courthouse Chester, MT 59522

Mrs. Elizabeth Munson Clerk and Recorder Toole County Courthouse Shelby, MT 59474

(9) Other Interested Parties

Department of Natural Resources Field Office Box 1828 1708 West Second St. Havre, MT 59501

Pat Barry
Indian Resource Section
U.S. Dept. of Justice
10th and Pennsylvania Ave.NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

U.S. Attorney General Dept. of Justice Building Washington, D.C. 20530

Field Solicitor Room 5931 Federal Building Billings, MT 59103

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Ted Doney.
Attorney At Law
314 N. Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59601

Sherry Matteucci
Crowley Law Firm
P.O. Box 2529
Billings, MT 59103

Vern House
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Robert G. Anderson P.O. Box D Shelby, MT 59474 John C. Chaffin Dept. of Interior SOL/DER/6045 18th and C Streets NW Washington, D.C. 20240

Regional Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Serv.
P.O. Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, CO 80225

U.S. Attorney Federal Building Butte, MT 80225

Aaron Hostyk
U.S. Army Engineer Dist.Omaha
Corps of Engineers
6014 U.S. P.O. & Courthouse
Omaha, NE 68102

Tom Luebben Attorney at Law P.O. Box 25686 Albuquerque, NM 87125

HKM Associates Ralph Saunders P.O. Box 31318 Billings, MT 59107

Tom K. Hopgood Loble & Pauly, P.C. Box 176 Helena, MT 59624

Michael E. Zimmerman 40 East Broadway Butte, MT 59701

Tim D. Hall DNRC 32 South Ewing Helena, MT 59620

Lyle Manley Dept. State Lands Capital Station Helena, MT 59620 John Hill Jr.
U.S. Dept. of Justice
1961 Stout St., Drawer 3607
Denver, CO 80294

William L. Madden Jr. Goetz, Madden & Dunn, P.C. 35 N. Grand Bozeman, MT 59715

Joseph R. Hunt P.O. Box D Shelby, MT 59474

Leck Land & Grain Co. P.O. Box 69 Galata, MT 59444

Karen J. Carpenter 11965 S.W. Belvidere Place Portland, OR 97225

Raymond Johnson N. 6927 Cochran Spokane, WA 99208

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NOTICE OF OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING

October 31, 1984

IN THE WATER COURTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION - WILLOW CREEK BASIN

NOTICE THAT OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN FILED AND THOSE OBJECTORS HAVE REQUESTED PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

This is notice that objections have been filed and hearings have been requested on several of the water rights issued in the Willow Creek Preliminary Decree. If your water right was objected to by another party, you will receive a special notice of that objection attached to this sheet.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A hearing will be held on those water rights that have been objected to. You are notified that an individual water right may be altered as a result of a hearing requested by another party. WE SUGGEST YOU LOOK AT ALL OF THE OBJECTIONS FILED IN THE WILLOW CREEK BASIN. THEN YOU CAN DECIDE WHETHER YOU WANT TO APPEAR AND TAKE PIRT IN ANY HEARINGS. SEE BELOW WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE LIST OF OBJECTIONS FOR YOUR BASIN.

HOW TO APPEAR AND PARTICIPATE IN HEARINGS ON OBJECTIONS To participate in any hearing on objections filed in this Basin, you MUST file a Notice of Intent to Appear. THAT NOTICE MUST BE ON THE FORMS PROVIDED BY THE WATER COURTS. These forms can be found at the offices listed on page 2.

All Notices to Appear must be filed and received by the 5th

_, 1984. day of December

Notices to Appear must be sent to the Water Courts, P.O.

Box 879, Bozeman, MT 59715.

The failure to file a Notice may, at the discretion of the Water Judge or Water Master, result in the exclusion of the party at further proceedings or in the continuance of the hearing if THOSE PARTIES the party failing to file appears at the hearing. WHO FILED THE ORIGINAL OBJECTION DO NOT NEED TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR AND PARTICIPATE.

WHERE TO SEE THE LIST OF OBJECTIONS

- A listing of all the objections is available for review at:
- Water Courts Office, P.O. Box 879, 601 Haggerty Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715
- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Water Rights Bureau, 32 South Ewing, Helena, MT 59620
- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Field Office, Box 1828, 1708 West Second Street, Havre, MT 59501 Clerk of District Court, Liberty Co., Chester, MT 59522 Clerk & Recorder Office, Liberty Co., Chester, MT 59522 Clerk of District Court, Toole Co., Shelby, MT 59474 Clerk & Recorder Office, Toole Co., Shelby, MT 59474

A copy of the objection in its entirety can be obtained from the Water Courts, P.O. Box 879, Bozeman, MT 59715; phone is If you have other questions, you may call the Water Courts. 586-4364.

The Court shall notify those parties who filed an objection or Notice to Appear in a particular preliminary hearing before the time any proceedings are set by the Water Courts.

THE WATER COURT RULES AND FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICES

1. Water Courts Office, P.O. Box 879, 601 Haggerty Lane,

Water Courts Office, P.O. Box 0/9, but maggerly mane, Bozeman, MT 59715
 Clerk of District Court, Liberty Co., Chester, MT 59522
 Clerk of District Court, Toole Co., Shelby, MT 59474

DATED this 31st day of October 1984.

W.W. LESSLEY Chief Water Judge Montana State Water Courts

P.O. Box 879 Bozeman, MT 59715

OBJECTIONS TO THE WILLOW CREEK PRELIMINARY DECREE

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THESE OBJECTIONS TO THE WILLOW CREEK PRELIMINARY DECREE DO NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE INFORMATION FILED BY AN OBJECTING PARTY. TO OBTAIN A COPY OF AN OBJECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY, CONTACT THE WATER COURTS AT P.O. BOX 879, BOZEMAN, MONTANA 59715, (406) 586-4364.

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July 15, 1985

Ms. Chris Jenson Water Courts Box 879 Bozeman, MT 59715

Dear Chris:

Enclosed is the amended certificate of mailing for the Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing for the Prelimnary Decree for Willow Creek Basin (Basin 41N). This mailing was conducted 10-31-84 to 7-15-85.

Sincerely,

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Jim Kindle Records Section Supervisor Water Rights Bureau

Enclosure JK/jg

WILLOW CREEK BASIN (Basin 41N)

AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Notice of Objection and Request for Prliminary Hearing for the Preliminary Decree for the Willow Creek Pasin (Basin 41N)

State of Montana)) ss:
County of Lewis and Clark)

- I, JAMES E. KINDLE, Records Supervisor for the Water Resources
 Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation of the State
 of Montana, hereby certify that all return mail for the Notice of Objection and
 Request for Preliminary Hearing for the Preliminary Decree for the Willow Creek
 Basin (Basin 41N) has been researched by the water rights field offices and
 that based on their research the following has been sent, postage prepaid,
 first class, United States Mail:
 - A. For persons filing claims;
- 1. owner address changes only. Based on research, all parties in the Willow Creek Basin have been sent the Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing for the Preliminary Decree.
- 2. transfered owners. Based on research, all apparent successors in interest in the Willow Creek Basin for water rights concerning return mail have been sent the Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing for the Preliminary Decree and Water Right Transfer Certificate forms.
 - B. For post July 1, 1973 water rights;
- 1. all parties in the Willow Creek issued permits for water use in that Basin pursuant to 85-2-301, MCA, 1978, or their successor in interest;
- all parties who have applied for permits for the use of water in the Willow Creek Basin pursuant to 85-2-301, MCA, 1978;

- 3. all parties who have been granted a reservation in the Willow Creek Basin pursuant to 85-2-316, MCA, 1978;
- 4. all parties in the Willow Creek Basin who have received certificates of water rights pursuant to 85-2-306, MCA, 1978, for wells under 100 gallons per minute; the following has been sent:
- a. owner address changes only. Based on research, all parties have been sent the Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing for the Preliminary Decree;
- b. transfered owners. Rased on research, all apparent successor in interest for water rights concerning return mail have been sent the Notice of Objection and Request for Preliminary Hearing for the Preliminary Decree and Water Right Transfer Certificate forms.

This mailing and distribution was made under my direction and control from 10-31-84 and 7-15-85.

Original documents concerning return mail, envelopes, research, correspondence, field office confirmation and field office certification of mailing can be found in original files and microfilm files.

Dated this 15th day of Jun 1985

JAMES E. KINDLE, Supervisor Records Section, Water Rights Bureau

Water Resources Division

Dept. of Natural Resources and

Conservation State of Montana

attachment

Log of noticed water right owners in the basin

State of Montana

County of Lewis & Clark)

On this 5th day of July 1985, before me, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared James E. Kindle, known to be a Supervisor for the Water Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and acknowledges to me that he, in his official capacity, executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at Helen A

My commission expires 1-21-1987

ATTACHMENT TO THE AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF MAILING FOR THE NOTICE OF OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING

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FOR THE NAME VARIATION LIST, SEE THE CERTIFICATE OF MAILING FOR THE NOTICE OF OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING RETURN MAIL LIST AND THE ONE WITH THE AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF MAILING FOR THE TEMP. AND/OR PRE. DECREE INDICATE THE RETURN MAIL FOR THE OBJECTION MOTICE.

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