

STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  
1424 9TH AVENUE P.O.BOX 201601 HELENA, MONTANA 59620-1601

# GENERAL ABSTRACT

**Water Right Number:** 76F 97652-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE  
**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** BIGNELL RANCH CO  
4801 OVANDO-HELMVILLE RD  
HELMVILLE, MT 59843-9121

**Priority Date:** JUNE 15, 1872  
**Enforceable Priority Date:** JUNE 15, 1872

**Type of Historical Right:** DECREED

**Purpose (use):** IRRIGATION  
**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD

**Maximum Flow Rate:** 1.00 CFS

**Maximum Volume:** THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

**Climatic Area:** 5 - LOW

**Maximum Acres:** 861.00

**Source Name:** MCELWAIN CREEK  
**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

**Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		SE	18	13N	11W	POWELL

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15  
**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

2		NE	13	13N	12W	POWELL
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**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15  
**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

**Ditch Name:** WIDENER DITCH

3		SE	24	13N	12W	POWELL
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**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15  
**Diversion Means:** DAM

**Ditch Name:** YOURNAME CREEK DITCH

4		SW	24	13N	12W	POWELL
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**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15  
**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

**Ditch Name:** WIDENER DITCH

**Reservoir:** ON STREAM

<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
	SE	24	13N	12W	POWELL

**Diversion to Reservoir:** DIVERSION # 3

**Dam Height:** 10.00 FEET

**Depth:** 7.00 FEET

**Surface Area:** 1.00 ACRES

**Current Capacity:** 2.80 ACRE-FEET

SEE THE RESERVOIR WORKSHEET IN THE CLAIM FILE FOR ADDITIONAL RESERVOIR DATA.

**Period of Use:** APRIL 15 to OCTOBER 15

**Place of Use:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1	464.00			18	13N	11W	POWELL
2	224.00		E2	19	13N	11W	POWELL
3	48.00		NW	19	13N	11W	POWELL
4	24.00		SW	20	13N	11W	POWELL

**Place of Use:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
5	27.00		NWSW	20	13N	11W	POWELL
6	57.00		NE	24	13N	12W	POWELL
7	17.00		N2S2	24	13N	12W	POWELL
<b>Total:</b>	861.00						

<b>Geocodes/Valid:</b>		
	28-2207-24-1-01-01-0000 - Y	28-2208-18-1-01-01-0000 - Y
	28-2208-18-2-01-01-0000 - Y	28-2208-19-1-01-01-0000 - Y
	28-2208-20-2-01-01-0000 - Y	

**Remarks:**

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

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97677-00	97678-00					

THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE MULTIPLE USES OF THE SAME RIGHT. THE USE OF THIS RIGHT FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES DOES NOT INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE WATER RIGHT. RATHER IT DECREES THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATE AND EXCHANGE THE USE (PURPOSE) OF THE WATER IN ACCORD WITH HISTORICAL PRACTICES.

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THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS WERE AMENDED BY THE CLAIMANT ON 07/13/2007: MAXIMUM ACRES AND PLACE OF USE.

STARTING IN 2008, PERIOD OF DIVERSION WAS ADDED TO MOST CLAIM ABSTRACTS, INCLUDING THIS ONE.