

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:** 41M 153735-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** KATHLEEN R BIGSPRING  
\*\*\*DECEASED\*\*\*  
BOX 128  
EAST GLACIER PARK, MT 59434

**Priority Date:** JULY 31, 1932

**Enforceable Priority Date:** JULY 31, 1932

**Type of Historical Right:** USE

**Purpose (use):** STOCK

**Maximum Flow Rate:** A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

**Maximum Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

**Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MIDVALE CREEK

**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

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

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		NE	SENE	30	31N	12W GLACIER

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		S2	SENE	30	31N	12W GLACIER
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**Period of Use:** JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

**Place of Use:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			NE	SENE	30	31N	12W GLACIER
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**Geocodes/Valid:** 38-4305-30-1-01-01-0000 - Y

**Remarks:**

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

THIS WATER RIGHT IS LOCATED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION.

AS OF 01/23/2013 , THIS WATER RIGHT APPEARS TO BE OWNED BY WILLIAM F BIG SPRING III, HC 72 BOX 5600, BROWNING, MT 59417-9703.

IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS CLAIM IS A STATE-BASED WATER RIGHT OR PART OF THE TRIBAL WATER RIGHT AS DEFINED IN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE - MONTANA COMPACT. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE THIS CLAIM CAN BE DECREED.