

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:** 40A 5027-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 2 -- POST DECREE

**Version Status:** ACTIVE

**Owners:** M LAZY D LTD PARTNERSHIP  
PO BOX 247  
TWO DOT, MT 59085-0247

**Priority Date:** MAY 15, 1888

**Enforceable Priority Date:** MAY 15, 1888

**Type of Historical Right:** DECREED

**Purpose (use):** IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD

**Maximum Flow Rate:** 1.40 CFS

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

**Climatic Area:** 4 - MODERATELY LOW

**Maximum Acres:** 332.40

**Source Name:** BIG ELK 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		NWN	SW 34	7N	13E	WHEATLAND

**Period of Diversion:** MARCH 1 TO NOVEMBER 19

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

**Ditch Name:** GEORGE HATCH DITCH

**Period of Use:** MARCH 1 to NOVEMBER 19

**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	37.00			SE 34	7N	13E	WHEATLAND
2	15.00			SESW 34	7N	13E	WHEATLAND
3	280.40			35	7N	13E	WHEATLAND
<b>Total:</b>	<b>332.40</b>						

**Geocodes/Valid:** 44-1603-34-4-01-01-0000 - Y

44-1603-35-1-01-01-0000 - Y

**Remarks:**

THIS WATER RIGHT IS ASSOCIATED WITH WATER RIGHT NO. 40A 21114-00 AND 40A 5024-00. THEY SHARE OVERLAPPING PLACE OF USE AND COMMON POINT OF DIVERSION.

THE STIPULATION FILED ON FEBRUARY 11, 2002 IN CASE 40A-264 INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PROVISION: "FOR PURPOSES OF ENFORCING THE BIG ELK DECREE, THE MEANS OF DIVERSION OF ALL PARTIES SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE CARRYING CAPACITY OF THE DITCHES AT THE POINT OF DIVERSION EXISTING AS OF THE DATE OF THIS STIPULATION."A COPY OF EACH PARTY'S STATEMENT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THAT PARTY'S CLAIM FILES.

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 OF THE CLAIMANT'S TOTAL 374.80 ACRES. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE. 5024-00 5025-00 5026-00 5027-00 6661-00

THE STIPULATIONS FILED ON FEBRUARY 14, 1997 AND FEBRUARY 11, 2002 IN CASE 40A-264 INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PROVISION: THE DIVERTED FLOW OF THE WATER RIGHTS LISTED BELOW MAY BE MARSHALED BETWEEN AND AMONG THE PLACES OF USE AND POINTS OF DIVERSION OF ANY OF THESE RIGHTS SO LONG AS SUCH MARSHALING DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT ANY OTHER WATER RIGHT AND SO LONG AS THESE RIGHTS ARE HELD BY A COMMON OWNER: 40A 5024-00, 40A 5025-00, 40A 5026-00, 40A 5027-00, 40A 6661-00. IN THE EVENT THAT THE FLOW IN BIG ELK CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES IS INSUFFICIENT TO SATISFY THE WATER RIGHTS HAVING A PRIORITY DATE PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1921, ALL RIGHTS TO MARSHAL WATER RIGHTS SHALL IMMEDIATELY CEASE.

**Remarks:**

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