

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
HELENA DIVISION

SHANE McCLANAHAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JIM SALMONSEN,

Defendant.

Cause No. CV 22-20-H-BMM-JTJ

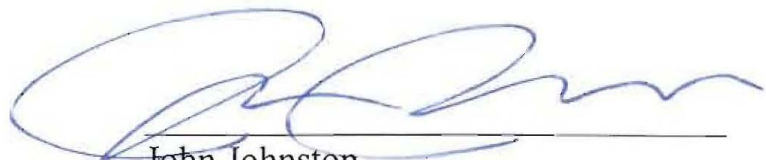
ORDER

On April 6, 2022, Plaintiff McClanahan submitted a request for entry of default and a motion for default judgment (Docs. 12, 13).

Default may be entered only upon a plaintiff's showing, "by affidavit or otherwise," that defendants were properly served and failed to appear. McClanahan cannot serve his pleadings himself and so cannot attest to service. *See, e.g.*, Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(c)(2), (l)(1). As he has made not made an appropriate showing of default, his motion for default judgment is inapposite. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a), (b)(2).

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that McClanahan's request for entry of default and motion for default judgment (Docs. 12, 13) are DENIED.

DATED this 18th day of April, 2022.



John Johnston
United States Magistrate Judge