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IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION
JUDITH RIVER BASIN (41S)
PRELIMINARY DECREE

CLAIMANTS: Clayton R. Busch; Joyce C. Busch

OBJECTOR: Clayton R. Busch

CASE 41S-0022-R-2024

- 41S 10486-00
- 41S 10487-00
- 41S 10488-00
- 41S 10489-00
- 41S 10490-00
- 41S 10491-00
- 41S 10498-00
- 41S 10499-00
- 41S 10500-00
- 41S 16504-00

NOTICE OF FILING OF MASTER’S REPORT

This Master’s Report was filed with the Montana Water Court on the above stamped date. Please review this report carefully.

You may file a written objection to this Master’s Report within **10 days** of the stamped date if you disagree or find errors with the Master’s findings of fact, conclusions of law, or recommendations. Rule 23, W.R.Adj.R. If the Master’s Report was mailed to you, the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure allow an additional 3 days be added to the 10-day objection period. Rule 6(d), M.R.Civ.P. If you file an objection, you must serve a copy of the objection to all parties on the service list found at the end of the Master’s Report. The original objection and a certificate of mailing to all parties on the service list must be filed with the Water Court.

If you do not file a timely objection, the Water Court will conclude that you agree with the content of this Master’s Report.

MASTER'S REPORT

The above-captioned claims appeared in the Preliminary Decree for the Judith River (Basin 41S) and received objections or pre-decree amendments from claimant Clayton Busch seeking to modify the period of use to year round.

The objections and amendments included statements from the claimant stating that the rights were used year round during Mr. Busch's 60 years of ranching, starting in 1962 and continuing to present. Some of the objections indicate that the usage has not substantively changed since well before Mr. Busch began ranching.

The issue remarks on the claims are notice type remarks. All claims received remarks providing notice that amendments were submitted but not implemented. Claim 41S 16504-00 received an additional remark that states that if no objections were filed, the remark would be removed.

The issue remarks do not raise unresolved issues nor require additional information to be resolved.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The period of use and period of diversion for the claims should be modified to January 1 to December 31 to reflect historical usage of the claims.
2. The issue remarks on the claims have served their purpose and should be removed as no further action is needed.

PRINCIPLES OF LAW

1. The Montana Water Court has the authority to determine the extent of all water rights in the state as they existed prior to July 1, 1973. *Fellows v. Saylor*, 2016 MT 45, ¶ 25, 382 Mont. 298, 367 P.3d 732; §§ 85-2-233, -102(13), MCA.
2. A properly filed Statement of Claim for Existing Water Right is prima facie proof of its content. § 85-2-227, MCA. This prima facie proof may be contradicted and overcome by other evidence that proves, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the elements of the claim do not accurately reflect the beneficial use of the water right as it existed prior to July 1, 1973. This is the burden of proof for every assertion that a claim is incorrect. Rule 19, W.R.Adj.R. A preponderance of the evidence is evidence that shows a fact is "more probable than not." *Hohenlohe v. State*, 2010 MT 203, ¶ 33, 357 Mont. 438, 240 P.3d 628.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The period of use and period of diversion should be modified to January 1 to December 31.
2. The notice type issue remarks on the claims should be removed as discussed above.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The issue remarks should be removed from the claims for the reasons discussed above and the claims should be decreed with the elements as they appeared in the Preliminary Decree, except for period of use and period of diversion which should be modified to January 1 to December 31.

Post Decree Abstracts of Water Right Claims are attached to this Master's Report for review.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

Service via USPS Mail:

Clayton R. Busch
Joyce C. Busch
PO Box 8
Stanford, MT 59479-0008

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10486-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1891

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): STOCK

***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.

***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: MEADOW 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		N2	9	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						
2		E2SE	4	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						
3		SW	3	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						

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			N2	9	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2			E2SE	4	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
3			SW	3	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Remarks:

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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**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10487-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 7, 1887

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): STOCK

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Source Name: MEADOW 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		S2	8	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2		N2	9	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

3		E2SE	4	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

4		SW	3	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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			S2SW	8	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2			SE	8	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
3			N2	9	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
4			E2SE	4	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
5			SW	3	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Remarks:

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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10487-00

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10488-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1920

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

***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.

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Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MEADOW 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	9	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						
2		SESESE	4	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						
3		SW	3	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						

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	9	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2			SESESE	4	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
3			SW	3	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10489-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1910

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

***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.

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Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MEADOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

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		SESESW	8	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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			SESESW	8	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10490-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1910

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

***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.

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Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF MEADOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

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		NESENW	8	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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			NESENW	8	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10491-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM
Version: 3 -- POST DECREE
Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1910

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 26.93 GPM

***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: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

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		NWNWNW	14	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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			NWNWNW	14	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10498-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1930

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 20.00 GPM

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Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

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		NWNWNE	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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			NWNWNE	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10499-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1940

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 20.00 GPM

***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: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

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		NWNWNE	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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			NWNWNE	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 10500-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1961

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 20.00 GPM

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Source Name: GROUNDWATER

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

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		NWSWSE	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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			NWSWSE	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

**POST DECREE
ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM
JUDITH RIVER
BASIN 41S**

Water Right Number: 41S 16504-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: CLAYTON R BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

JOYCE C BUSCH
PO BOX 8
STANFORD, MT 59479-0008

Priority Date: MAY 3, 1882

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (Use): STOCK

***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.

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Source Name: WOLF 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		SW	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						
2		E2NW	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						
3		W2NE	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31						
Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE						

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			SW	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
2			E2NW	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN
3			W2NE	15	17N	12E	JUDITH BASIN

Remarks:

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