

STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

1424 9TH AVENUE P.O.BOX 201601 HELENA, MONTANA 59620-1601

# GENERAL ABSTRACT

\*\*\*\* THIS IS AN INTERBASIN TRANSFER \*\*\*\*

THIS APPROPRIATION OF WATER TAKES WATER FROM THE SOUTH FORK OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER, THE FLATHEAD RIVER ABOVE FLATHEAD LAKE, FLATHEAD LAKE, AND THE FLATHEAD RIVER BELOW FLATHEAD LAKE IN BASINS 76J, 76L, AND 76LJ.

**Water Right Number:** 76LJ 30063812 COMPACT  
**Version:** 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

**Version Status:**

**Owners:** USA (DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFF)  
IN TRUST FOR CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES  
OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA  
911 NE 11TH AVENUE  
PORTLAND, OR 97232-4169

ALL COMMUNICATION SHALL BE COPIED TO THE CSKT TRIBAL CHAIRMAN AS THE BENEFICIAL OWNER AT PO BOX 278, PABLO, MT 59855-0278.

**Priority Date:** JULY 16, 1855 at 12:00 A.M.

**Enforceable Priority Date:** JULY 16, 1855 at 12:00 A.M.

**Purpose (use):** ANY PURPOSE

**Maximum Flow Rate:** NO FLOW RATE IS DEFINED FOR THIS WATER RIGHT.

**Maximum Volume:** 229,383.00 AC-FT

**Source Name:** FLATHEAD RIVER, SOUTH FORK

**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

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**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						LAKE

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Source Name:** FLATHEAD RIVER

**Diversion Means:** ANY MEANS

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

2						FLATHEAD
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Source Name:** FLATHEAD RIVER

**Diversion Means:** ANY MEANS

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

3						SANDERS
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Source Name:** FLATHEAD RIVER

**Diversion Means:** ANY MEANS

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

4						LAKE
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Source Name:** FLATHEAD RIVER (FLATHEAD LAKE)

**Diversion Means:** ANY MEANS

**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

<u>ID</u>	<u>Govt Lot</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
5						FLATHEAD

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Source Name:** FLATHEAD RIVER (FLATHEAD LAKE)  
**Diversion Means:** ANY MEANS  
**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY

6						FLATHEAD
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**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31  
**Source Name:** FLATHEAD RIVER, SOUTH FORK  
**Diversion Means:** ANY MEANS  
**Diversion Type:** PRIMARY  
ANY POINT OF DIVERSION FROM FLATHEAD LAKE, THE FLATHEAD RIVER, OR THE SOUTH FORK OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER, EITHER ON OR OFF OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION.

**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>
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ANY PLACE OF USE WITHIN FLATHEAD AND CLARK FORK RIVER BASINS WITHIN MONTANA.

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**Remarks:**

THE EXERCISE OF THIS WATER RIGHT IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE WATER RIGHTS COMPACT ENTERED INTO BY THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL VOLUME DIVERTED (229,383 ACRE-FEET) SHALL BE SUCH THAT IT IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM ANNUAL CONSUMED VOLUME OF 128,158 ACRE-FEET.

THE RELEASE OF UP TO 90,000 ACRE-FEET PER YEAR, AS MEASURED AT THE DAM, OF STORAGE WATER IN HUNGRY HORSE RESERVOIR SHALL BE LIMITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "BIOLOGICAL IMPACT EVALUATION AND OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS FOR A PROPOSED 90,000 ACRE-FOOT WITHDRAWAL" (STATE OF MONTANA, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011) APPENDED TO THIS WATER RIGHT. THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UPON MUTUAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT, AND IN CONFORMANCE WITH OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LAW INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531, ET SEQ., MAY AMEND THE BIOLOGICAL IMPACT EVALUATION CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFIED IN THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 REPORT. SUCH AMENDMENTS SHALL BE CHRONICLED AND APPENDED TO THIS WATER RIGHT.

SEE 76LJ 30063812 MAP EXHIBIT(S) 1.

THE EXERCISE OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL ALSO CONFORM WITH THE FLATHEAD LAKE FILLING CRITERIA IDENTIFIED ON PAGE 12 OF THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S FINAL FLATHEAD BASIN DEPLETIONS STUDY (USBR, OCTOBER 2012) APPENDED TO THIS WATER RIGHT.

THE EXERCISE OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL CONFORM WITH THE MINIMUM INSTREAM FLOW SCHEDULES, AS MEASURED AT THE USGS GAGING STATION ON THE FLATHEAD RIVER AT COLUMBIA FALLS (12363000) AND THE USGS GAGING STATION ON THE FLATHEAD RIVER AT POLSON (12372000) AS IDENTIFIED IN TABLES 3 THROUGH 6 OF THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S FINAL FLATHEAD BASIN DEPLETIONS STUDY (USBR, OCTOBER 2012) APPENDED TO THIS WATER RIGHT, AS WELL AS THE MINIMUM FLOW REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN TABLE 5 AS MEASURED AT THE USGS GAGING STATION ON THE FLATHEAD RIVER AT PERMA (123887000). THE EXERCISE OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL ALSO CONFORM TO THE RAMPING RATES, AS MEASURED BELOW KERR AND HUNGRY HORSE DAMS, AND IDENTIFIED IN TABLES 3 THROUGH 6 OF THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S FINAL FLATHEAD BASIN DEPLETIONS STUDY (USBR, OCTOBER 2012) APPENDED TO THIS WATER RIGHT. IN THE EVENT THAT THE MINIMUM INSTREAM FLOW SCHEDULES OR RAMPING RATES ARE NOT MET, THE USE OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THOSE MINIMUM INSTREAM FLOW SCHEDULES AND RAMPING RATES ARE ACHIEVED. THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UPON MUTUAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT, AND IN CONFORMANCE WITH APPLICABLE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE THREE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED SITES, MAY AMEND THE LIMITATIONS FOR RELEASES FROM HUNGRY HORSE RESERVOIR THAT ARE REQUIRED TO CONFORM WITH MINIMUM INSTREAM FLOW AND RAMPING RATE SCHEDULES AT THESE SITES. SUCH AMENDMENTS SHALL BE CHRONICLED AND APPENDED TO THIS WATER RIGHT.

**Remarks:**

THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL BE USED IN A MANNER THAT ENSURES IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXERCISE OF THIS WATER RIGHT ARE SUCH THAT THOSE IMPACTS ARE NO GREATER THAN THOSE IDENTIFIED IN MODEL RUN: NATURAL Q + 90K OF THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S FINAL FLATHEAD BASIN DEPLETIONS STUDY (USBR, OCTOBER 2012) APPENDED TO THIS WATER RIGHT. IN THE EVENT THAT THE IMPACTS EXCEED THOSE IDENTIFIED IN MODEL RUN: NATURAL Q + 90K OF THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S FINAL FLATHEAD BASIN DEPLETIONS STUDY, THE USE OF THE WATER RIGHT SHALL BE REDUCED IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMMEDIATELY ACHIEVE IMPACTS THAT ARE NO GREATER THAN THOSE IDENTIFIED IN MODEL RUN: NATURAL Q + 90K OF THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S FINAL FLATHEAD BASIN DEPLETIONS STUDY.

ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT OF THIS WATER RIGHT OFF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION SHALL BE TREATED AS A CHANGE IN USE PURSUANT TO 85-2-302, 307-310 AND 314, MCA. PRIOR TO DEVELOPING THIS WATER RIGHT FOR BENEFICIAL USE OFF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION, THE USER MUST COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (1)-(3) AND (8)-(17) OF 85-2-402, MCA, AS THOSE PROVISIONS READ ON DECEMBER 31, 2012.

ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT OF THIS WATER RIGHT ON THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION MAY ONLY PROCEED UPON THE ISSUANCE OF AN APPROPRIATION RIGHT FOR THE NEW DEVELOPMENT BY THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD PURSUANT TO THE LAW OF ADMINISTRATION.

THE TRIBES OR ANY PERSON USING DIVERSION OR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES LOCATED OFF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION IN CONNECTION WITH A USE OF THIS WATER RIGHT, SHALL APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN ALL PERMITS, CERTIFICATES, VARIANCES AND OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS REQUIRED BY STATE LAWS REGULATING, CONDITIONING OR PERMITTING THE SITING, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, ALTERATION OR USE OF ANY EQUIPMENT, DEVICE, FACILITY OR ASSOCIATED FACILITY PROPOSED TO USE OR TRANSPORT WATER, PRIOR TO EXERCISING A USE OF THIS WATER RIGHT OFF THE RESERVATION.

THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES MAY LEASE ANY PORTION OF THIS WATER RIGHT FOR USE ON OR OFF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE IV.B.6.C OF THE WATER RIGHTS COMPACT ENTERED INTO BY THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE TRIBES SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE FOR LEASE OFF THE RESERVATION 11,000 ACRE-FEET OF THIS WATER RIGHT FROM WATER STORED IN HUNGRY HORSE RESERVOIR, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE IV.B.7 OF THE WATER RIGHTS COMPACT ENTERED INTO BY THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AS INCREMENTAL PORTIONS OF THIS WATER RIGHT ARE USED, BOTH DIVERTED AND CONSUMED MONTHLY VOLUMES AS WELL AS MAXIMUM FLOW RATES SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE DNRC WATER RIGHTS DATABASE RECORD FOR 76L 30063812. THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTERING INCREMENTAL USES OF THIS WATER RIGHT WHOSE PLACES OF USE ARE LOCATED ON THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION; THE DNRC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTERING INCREMENTAL USES OF THIS WATER RIGHT WHOSE PLACES OF USE ARE LOCATED OFF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION. RECORD UPDATES SHALL OCCUR IN A TIMELY MANNER UPON APPROVING USES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS WATER RIGHT.

THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES MAY USE ANY OF AMOUNT OF THE 90,000 ACRE-FEET PER YEAR, AS MEASURED AT THE DAM, OF STORAGE WATER IN HUNGRY HORSE RESERVOIR THAT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BE RELEASED TO MITIGATE DOWNSTREAM DEPLETIONS IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXERCISE OF THIS DIRECT FLOW RIGHT, FOR ANY BENEFICIAL PURPOSE, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE WATER RIGHTS COMPACT ENTERED INTO BY THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCLUDING THE TOTAL DIVERSION AND DEPLETIONS VOLUMES OF THIS WATER RIGHT.

AS PART OF THIS WATER RIGHT, THE TRIBES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN ALLOCATION OF 90,000 ACRE-FEET PER YEAR, AS MEASURED AT THE HUNGRY HORSE DAM, OF STORAGE WATER IN HUNGRY HORSE RESERVOIR.