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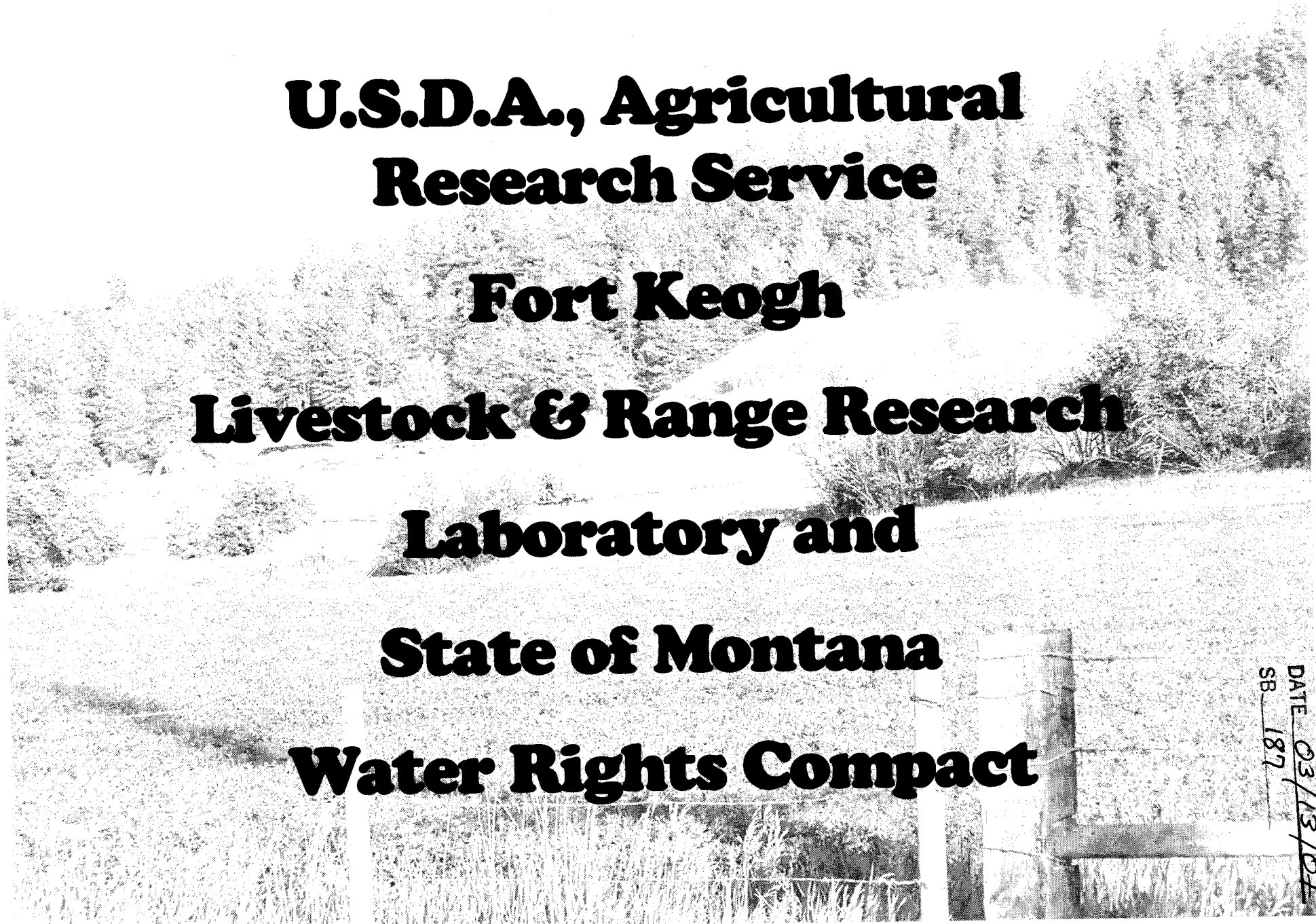
# Water Rights Compact



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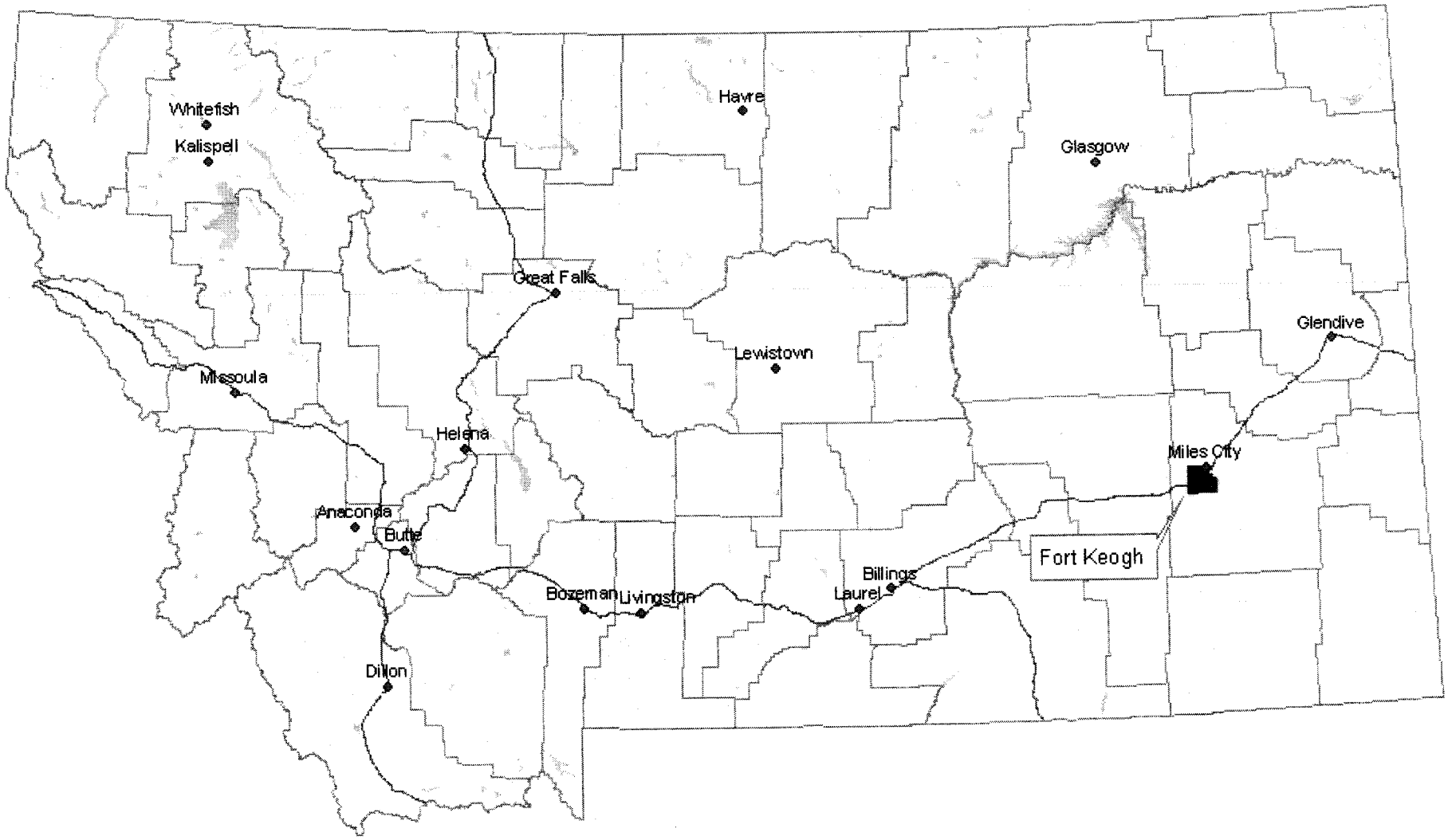


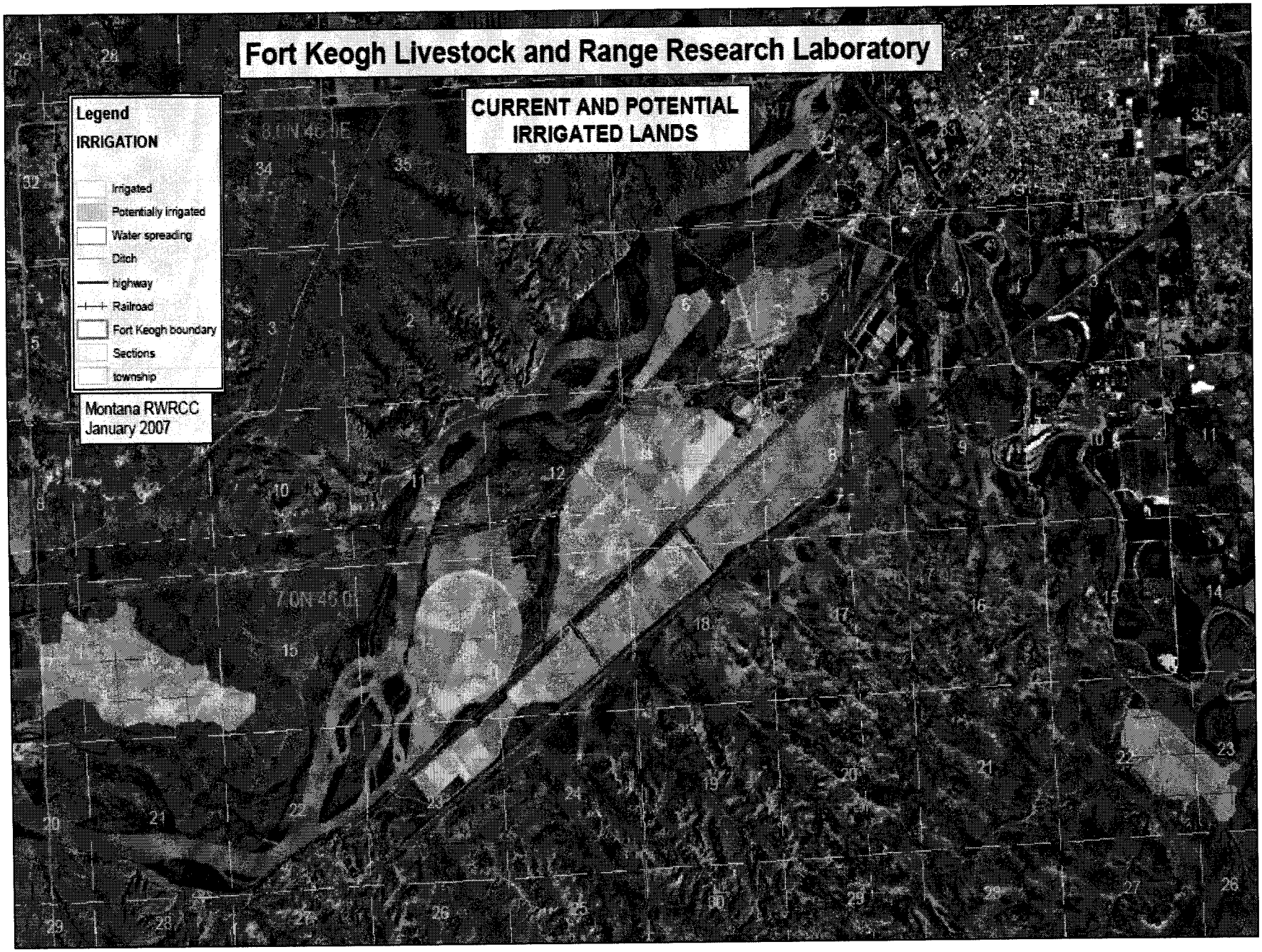
# The Fort Keogh Compact :

- Recognizes the ARS federal reserved water rights for the purpose of stock raising experiments and growing of forage crops in connection with the experiments.

# Reserved Water Rights

- Irrigation
- Stock water use
- Administrative uses
- Emergency fire suppression

- **Irrigation:**
  - 1543 acres of current irrigation
    - Supplemental to senior state based right, if any
  - 620 acres of future irrigation
  - 450 acres of water spreading on Reservation Creek, tributary to the Yellowstone
  - 203 acres of water spreading on an unnamed tributary to the Tongue River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CURRENT AND POTENTIAL IRRIGATED LANDS
Legend
IRRIGATION
Irrigated
Potentially Irrigated
Water spreading
Ditch
highway
Railroad
Fort Keogh boundary
Sections
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# Stock Water Use

Stock water use for a maximum of 3,000 animal units for current use

Stock water use for an additional 2,000 animal units for future use

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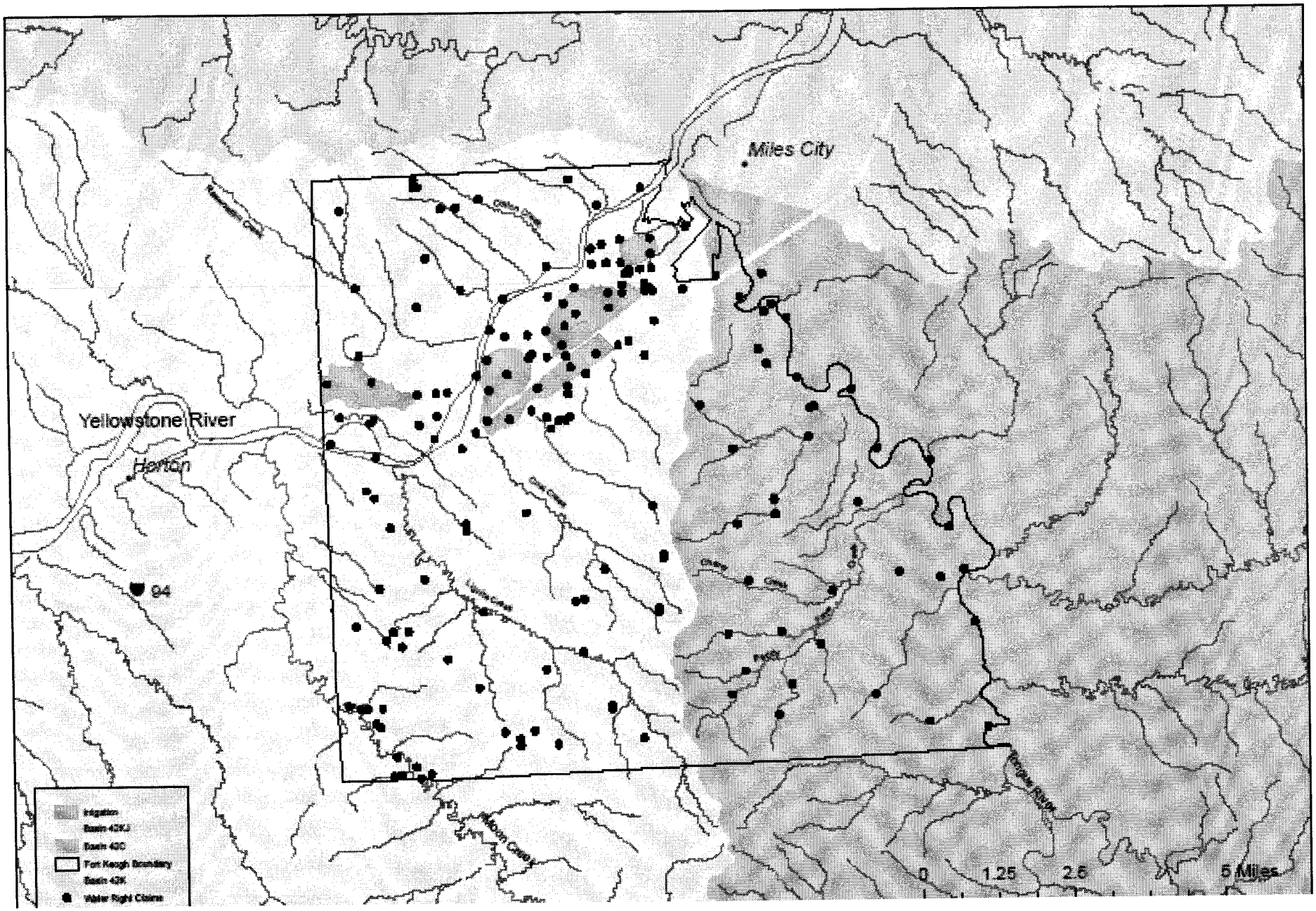


## Administrative uses

- Domestic
- Administrative
- Storage
- Dust abatement
- Reclamation
- Research

# Emergency Fire Suppression

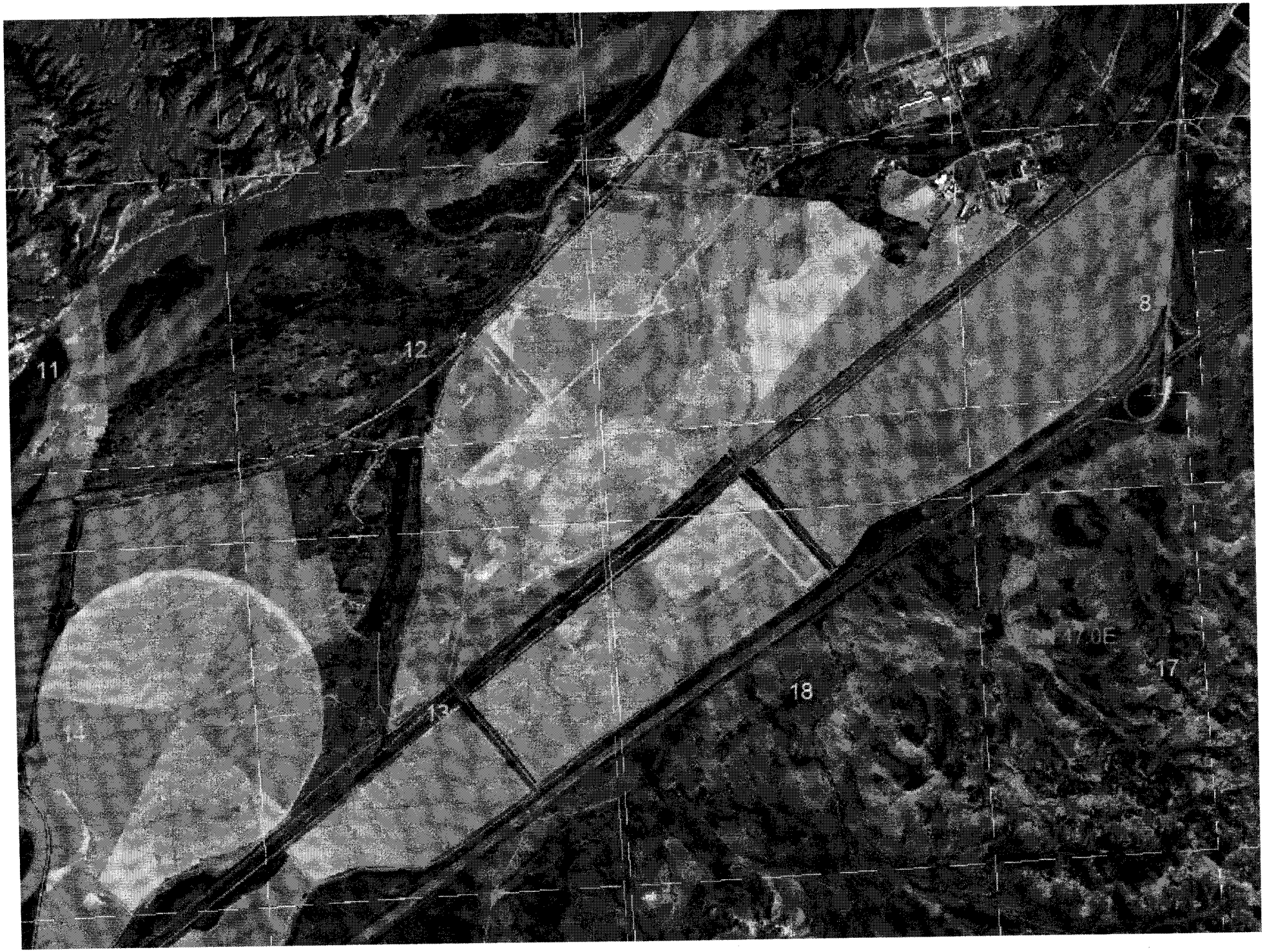
- As needed

- **The priority date for federal reserved water rights in this compact is April 15, 1924.**

- **The water spreading in the Tongue River basin cannot place call and is not enforcable. No future irrigation right in the Tongue River basin.**

- **Fish hatchery wells protected from adverse affect from future ground water development.**

- **Public Meeting in Miles City, Dec. 11, 2006**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