

DEFINITIONS AS APPLIED

- **Cubic Feet per Second (CFS)** – Cubic feet of water that passes a point in one second (usually measured at the source or point of diversion).
- **Place of Use (POU)**– The lands, facilities, or sites where water is beneficially used.
- **Priority Date** –The allocation date associated with a beneficial use of water which determines ranking among water rights on a source, expressed by day, month, and year.
- **Consumptive Use** – The amount of water diverted from the source, minus the water returns to the source.
- **Historical Consumptive Use** – The amount of water consumed at the time the water right was established.
- **Increased Consumptive Use** – Making changes that allow a diverter of water to increase their water above historical use (and above their water right).
- **Incremental Development** – The extension of a ditch or acres irrigated after a priority date has been established without the benefit of a new priority date or water right.
- **Marshalling Water Rights** – The same claim being used in any number of diversions.
- **Existing Water Rights** – A right to the use of water which would be protected under Montana law as it existed prior to July 1, 1973.
- **Supplemental Rights (“Stacking”)** – Separate water rights for the same purpose, owned by the same claimant, and used on a common place of use.
- **Issue Remarks** – Notes placed by the DNRC on a water right that appear to be uncorrected faults in that water right.