

**DNRC REPORT TO WPIC
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PROGRESS
December 13, 2019**

Claims Reexamination Progress

- First benchmark 10,000 claims by 6-30-2017 (*First Benchmark met*)
- Second benchmark 30,000 claims by 6-30-2019 (*Second Benchmark met*)
- Third benchmark 60,000 claims by 6-30-2021
- Fourth benchmark 90,000 claims by 6-30-2023

Reexamination claims completed to date:

Total = 48,317

Reexamination - Summary Reports to Water Court

Date Issued

Flint Creek (76GJ)	10/30/2015
Clarks Fork Yellowstone River (43D)	5/24/2016
Musselshell River, Below Roundup (40C)	6/9/2016
Musselshell River, above Roundup (40A)	1/12/2017
Frenchman Creek (40L)	5/31/2017
Jefferson River (41G)	7/27/2017
Willow Creek (41N)	10/6/2017
Rock Creek (76E)	1/23/2108
Gallatin River (41H)	1/23/2018
Yellowstone River, above & including Bridger Creek (43B)	4/26/2018
Shields River (43A)	6/15/2018
Beaver Creek, Tributary to Little Missouri River (39G)	11/30/2018
Boxelder Creek (39E)	8/1/2018
Little Beaver Creek (39FJ)	8/15/2018
Flathead River South Fork (76J)	8/28/2018
Whitewater Creek (40K)	11/26/2018
Little Missouri River, Above Little Beaver Creek (39F)	12/05/2018
Sage Creek (40G)	02/28/2019
Rock Creek, Tributary of Milk River (40N)	5/16/2019

Reexamination Decree Issued by Water Court

Date Issued

Number of Claims

Flint Creek (76GJ)	5/19/2016	1,129
Clarks Fork Yellowstone River (43D)	4/7/2017	2,888
Musselshell River, Below Roundup (40C)	6/7/2017	3,951
Musselshell River, above Roundup (40A)	6/7/2017	6,108
Willow Creek (41N)	3/29/2018	1,457
Frenchman Creek (40L)	10/26/2017	424
Jefferson River (41G)	2/15/2018	2,647
Rock Creek, Tributary to Clark Fork River (76E)	5/10/2018	733
Gallatin River (41H)	10/11/2018	6270
Little Beaver Creek (39FJ)	11/01/2018	994

Flathead River South Fork (76J)	11/29/2018	131
Beaver Creek, Tributary to Little Missouri River (39G)	12/19/2018	722
Shields River (43A)	2/14/2019	3,301
Whitewater Creek (40K)	3/7/2019	3,969
Sage Creek (40G)	4/11/2019	970
Yellowstone River, Above and Including Bridger Creek (43B)	5/9/2019	5,117
Little Missouri River, Above Little Beaver Creek (39F)	5/23/2019	3,015

Assistance for District Court Enforcement of Water Court Decrees

2019 season completed updates and created new projects totaling 63 water distribution areas across the State; of which, 40 are active projects.

Ownership Updates

Department staff validate water right geocodes for property transfers:

- In 2010, 3,821 ownerships were updated involving 9,460 water rights
- In 2011, 6,245 ownerships were updated involving 15,765 water rights.
- In 2012, 8,729 ownerships were updated involving 20,496 water rights.
- In 2014, 7,618 ownerships were updated involving 18,360 water rights.
- In 2015, 7,711 ownerships were updated involving 17,483 water rights
- In 2016, 9,120 ownerships were updated involving 20,358 water rights
- In 2017, 10,351 ownerships were updated involving 21,797 water rights
- For 2018, 10,557 ownerships were updated involving 22,293 water rights
- For 2019, 10,490 ownerships were updated involving 21,217 water rights**
- For 2020, 3,751 ownerships were updated involving 7,480 water rights**

Post Decree Assistance (FY2020)

Case Type	Case Count	Work hours
Certified Case		0
Case with Objector	2	322.5
85-2-248 Order	20	887.5
General Assistance		330.75
Total Hours		1,540.75

Exempt Claim Filings SB355 (effective Oct 1, 2013 - May 7,2017)

The department received 2,517 statements of claims including: 390 for domestic wells and 2,127 for instream stock.

Exempt Claim Filings HB110 (effective May 7,2017 – May 30, 2019)

DNRC received 25,045 claims. These claims have been initially entered into the centralized water rights database and are active. We are still working on complete data entry for less than 5,000 claims. These have been hand entered by DNRC staff and have a small percentage of errors, which will be corrected during claim examination.

From July 1st, 2019 to November 30, 2019 there have been 10,631 hours spent working on HB110 claims, including examination of these claims starting in October 2019.

The claim filing period ended July 1st, 2019.

HB110 Claim examination progress:

Examination complete:

Box Elder Creek (39E)
Rock Creek, Tributary of Milk River (40N)

HB110 examination in progress:

Kootenai River (76D)
Big Dry Creek (40D)
Missouri River, Between Musselshell River and Fort Peck Dam (40E)
Sun River (41K)