

**DNRC REPORT TO WPIC
ADJUDICATION
PROGRESS
May 30, 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 = 43,414

Reexamination - Summary Reports to Water Court

	<u>Date Issued</u>
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

	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Number of Claims</u>
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

2018 season completed updates and created new projects totaling 57 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, 9,284 ownerships were updated involving 19,486 water rights

Post Decree Assistance (FY2019)

Case Type	Case Count	Work hours
Certified Case		15.75
Case with Objector	9	469
85-2-248 Order	22	1250.50
General Assistance		494.50
Total Hours		2229.75

Exempt Claim Fillings 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)

For the period May 7th, 2017 through May 30th, 2019 we received 5,678 *claims*. These claims include 1,890 *domestic* and 3,788 *stock* claims with many more in the process. We are expecting 4,100 claims from the Bureau of Land Management before the filing deadline.

Help with the filing process can be obtained by calling the help line at 444-0560 or visiting the following link:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water/adjudication/hb-110-exempt-claim-filing>