# DNRC REPORT TO WPIC
# ADJUDICATION
# PROGRESS
**August 31, 2020**

## 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 Delivered in Summary Reports to Water Court** **Total = 52,235**

| Reexamination Summary Reports Delivered to Water Court | Delivery Date |
|---|---|
| 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) | 1/23/2018 |
| 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) | 815/2018 |
| Flathead River South Fork (76J) | 8/28/2018 |
| Whitewater Creek (40K) | 11/26/2018 |
| Little Missouri River, Above Little Beaver Creek (39F) | 12/5/2018 |
| Rock Creek, Tributary of Milk River (40N) | 1/24/2020 |
| Big Sandy Creek (40H) Interlocutory | 1/24/2020 |
| Big Dry Creek (40D) | 7/27/2020 |
| Sun River (41K) To Court | 9/7/2020 |
| Missouri River, Between Musselshell River and Fort Peck Dam (40E) | 9/7/2020 |
| Poplar River (40Q) | September 2020 |
| Big Muddy Creek (40R) | September 2020 |

| Reexamination Decrees 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 |

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|---|---|---|
| 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 | 31 |
| 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 |
| Box Elder Creek (39E) | 2/5/2020 | 2,669 |
| Rock Creek, Tributary of Milk River (40N) | 6/17/2020 | 1,839 |
| Big Sandy Creek (40H) Interlocutory | 6/17/2020 | 34 |
| Big Dry Creek (40D) | 8/19/2020 | 3,258 |

**Assistance to District Courts for Enforcement of Water Court Decrees**

Water distribution enforcement projects total 64. Active projects are 46 with 4 new in 2020:

Flatwillow Creek in Basin 40B;

South Fork Sun River in Basin 41K;

Big Bear Creek in basin 41H; and

Big Elk Creek in Basin 40A.

**Post Decree Assistance (FY2020)**

| Case Type | Case Count | Work hours |
|---|---|---|
| Certified Case | 2 | 2.75 |
| Case with Objector | 5 | 322.50 |
| 85-2-248 Order | 22 | 1605.75 |
| General Assistance | 1 | 333.0 |
| **Total Hours** | | **2,264.00** |

**Exempt Claim Fillings under SB355 (filing period Oct 1, 2013 - May 7,2017)**

The DNRC received 2,537 statements of claims including 390 for domestic wells and 2,147 for livestock drinking from groundwater sources or directly from surface water streams and lakes.

**Exempt Claim Fillings under HB110 (filing period May 7, 2017 – June 30, 2019)**

The DNRC received 25,211 HB110 claims. The department has completed initial data entry for 21,522 of these claims. As of August 31, 2020 only 3,166 claims require further entry of initial data to be accessed through the Water Right Query System used by the public to research water right information. This data entry is a high priority for the Adjudication Bureau.

From July 1st, 2019 through April 30, 2020 DNRC Adjudication Bureau staff have worked for 17,374.75 hours on HB110 claims. This work includes data entry, claim examination and claimant contact to resolve questions about these claims.

**HB110 Claim examination progress:**

Examination Complete and Basin Summary Report in Review:
Kootenai River (76D)

HB110 Claim Examination and Claimant Contact in Progress:
Missouri River, Above Holter Dam (41I)
Sweet Grass Creek (43BV)
Missouri River, From Sun to Marias Rivers (41Q)
Tongue River, Above and Including Hanging Woman Creek (42B)
Pryor Creek (43E)
Yellowstone River, Between Tongue and Powder Rivers (42K)
Judith River (41S)