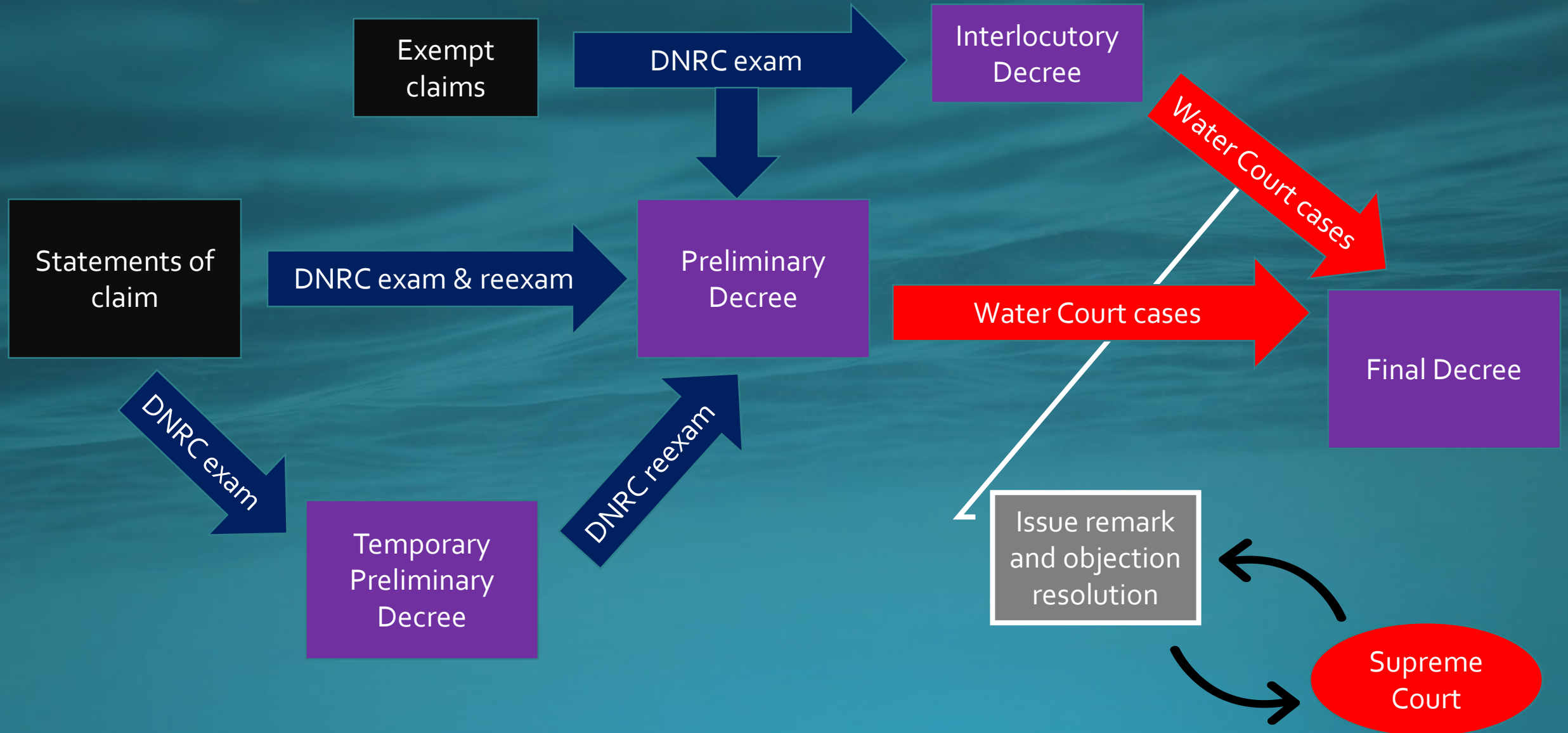


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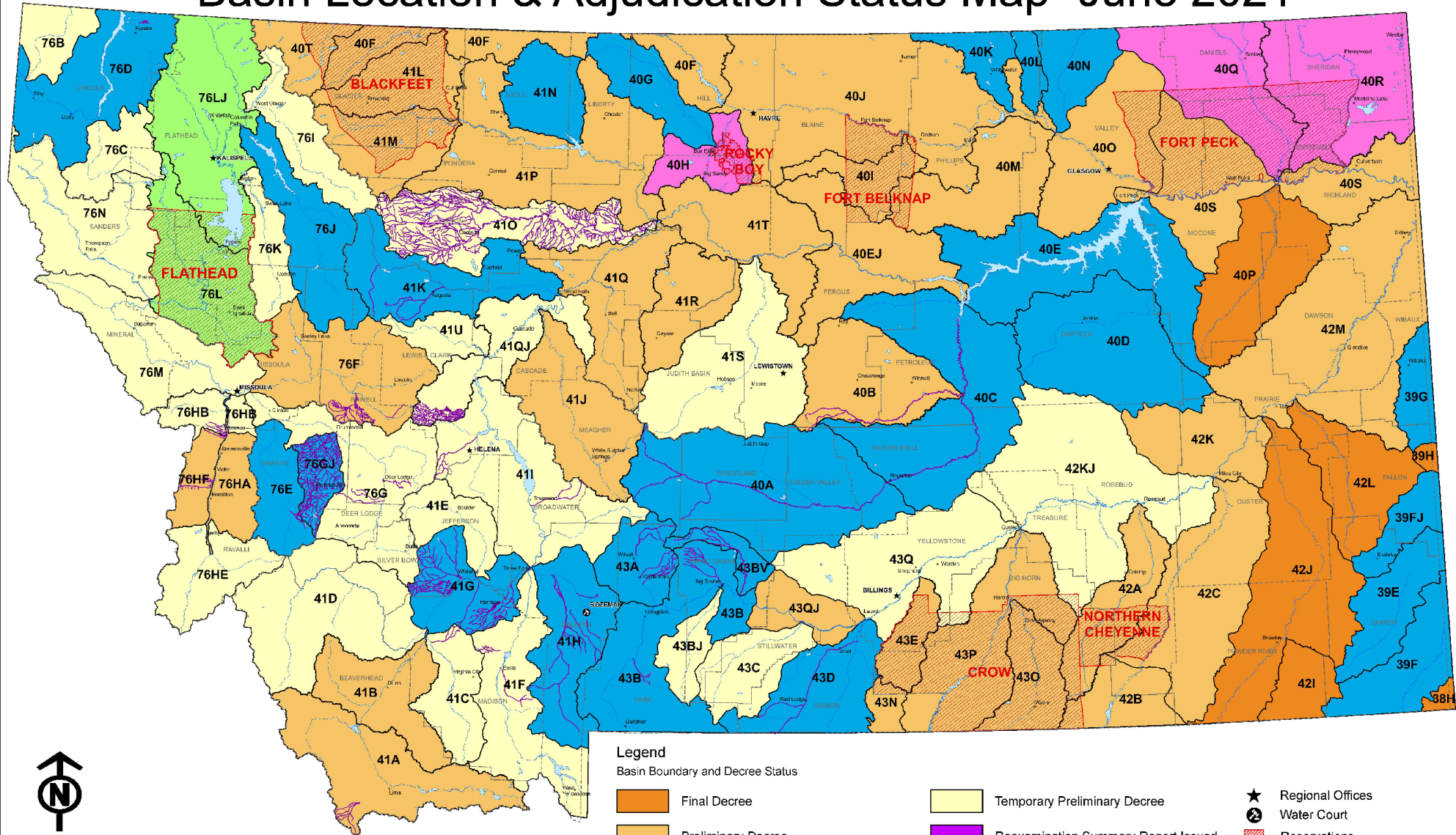
Where to go for relevant information

Created by the Water Court

Simplified Adjudication Process



Basin Location & Adjudication Status Map -June 2021



Legend

Basin Boundary and Decree Status

Final Decree

Preliminary Decree

Reexamination Preliminary Decree Issued

Interlocutory Preliminary Decree Issued

Temporary Preliminary Decree

Reexamination Summary Report Issued

Summary Report Issued

★ Regional Offices

⚖ Water Court

▨ Reservations

— Streams

▬ Waterbody

▭ County

- - - Water Distribution Projects



Water Resources Division - Adjudication Bureau
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Updated: June 29, 2021 by Misty A. Heuer, Water Resource Specialist

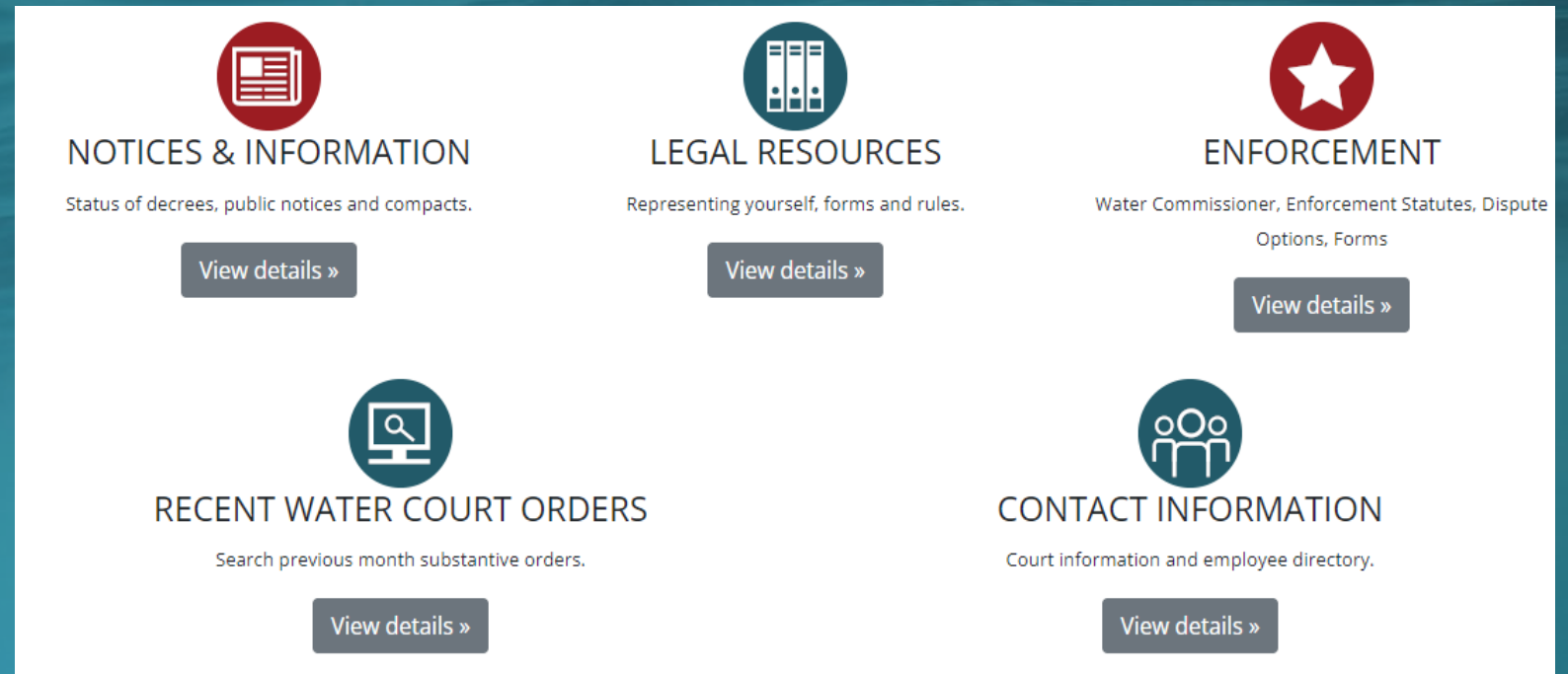
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Water Court website

<https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/>

Sorted by

- Notices & Information: what's going on now
- Legal Resources: for practitioners and pro se litigants
- Enforcement: current and past projects
- Recent Orders
- Contact information



Access to Significant Water Court Decisions

➤ LexisNexis

- Primarily used by attorneys and consultants
- Requires a paid subscription
- Available to the public at the MT Supreme Court Library

➤ Westlaw

- Primarily used by attorneys and consultants
- Requires a paid subscription

➤ Water Court website

- Published monthly
- Includes prior month's significant decisions
- Free to anyone

➤ Full Court

- Water Court's case management system
- Primarily used by attorneys and consultants
- Requires a paid subscription

Full Court—Water Court Case Management

- Currently includes all cases open as of July 27, 2020
- Plan to include all cases
 - Water Court to collect bids and work with a vendor to scan in all cases
- Accessible to attorneys and consultants
 - Able to view case information, status, filings, and orders
- Will eventually allow for electronic filing by attorneys
 - Water Court working with judicial branch IT team to develop

Full Court–Water Court Case Management

- Subscribers can search for a case and view entire case file
- Each docket entry is available for viewing along with the attached filing or order

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Additional Resources

➤ DNRC Website

- Scanned versions of claim files (not case files)
- Decrees and decree abstracts
- <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water/adjudication>

➤ DNRC Database

- Available internally at the DNRC or Water Court
- Available to the public when working with a DNRC or Water Court employee

➤ DNRC Water Rights Query System (NRIS)

- <http://wrqs.dnrc.mt.gov/default.aspx>

Water Court website (con't)

<https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/Notices-Info/>

➤ Final Decrees

- Final Decrees issued along with abstracts

➤ Compact Status

- Status of tribal and federal compacts at the Water Court

➤ Decree Issuance Update

- Tracking of decrees recently issued and deadlines
- List of summary reports and decrees to be issued

➤ Roadmap for Final Decree Issuance

- Status of each basin
- Next decree to be issued
- Roadblocks to final decree issuance

Water Court website (con't)

<https://courts.mt.gov/Courts/Water/Notices-Info/>

➤ Public Notices and Information

- Requested amendments
- Notices for decrees currently in the objection phase

➤ Adjudication Advisory Committee

- Members of the committee
- Minutes of meetings
- Specific topics of discussion or proposed legislation, if any