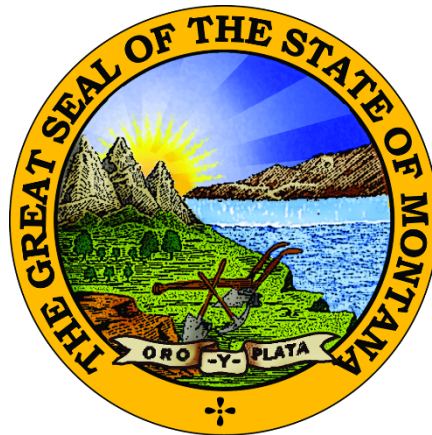
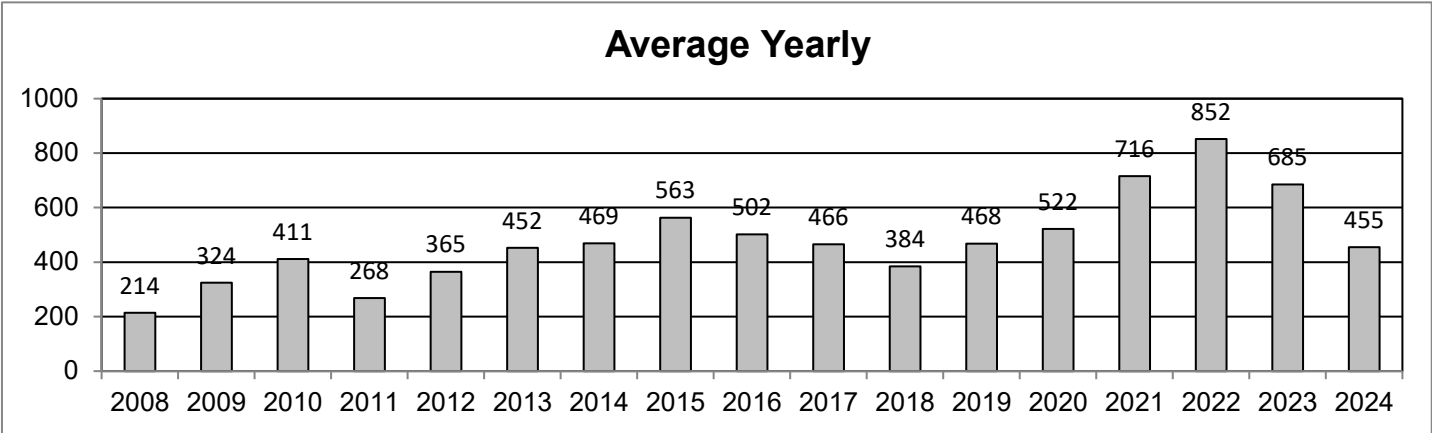


Montana Water Court
Report to the
Water Policy Interim Committee
September 2024



Claim Closing by Month Comparison 2008-Current

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
2008	193	140	442	259	216	64	141	136	81	292	88	523	214
2009	444	215	474	260	277	341	249	387	476	176	178	414	324
2010	400	362	393	651	177	450	745	200	189	452	382	542	411
2011	211	146	646	343	423	253	148	374	198	161	152	166	268
2012	433	283	315	391	315	441	222	339	527	503	304	306	365
2013	475	429	523	417	202	378	569	295	272	380	136	507	452
2014	459	510	536	539	605	908	355	317	299	607	245	259	469
2015	910	507	482	627	366	365	545	447	867	557	634	447	563
2016	317	718	692	667	967	342	574	262	405	315	429	335	502
2017	297	476	625	415	371	549	401	518	568	559	346	468	466
2018	617	546	723	345	450	302	261	258	223	260	177	451	384
2019	557	247	494	457	657	318	552	420	380	549	285	703	468
2020	464	416	597	575	421	706	351	505	786	439	472	535	522
2021	552	796	826	644	447	768	799	851	704	571	607	1032	716
2022	850	870	934	932	767	1016	1030	1040	659	753	810	563	852
2023	587	573	728	755	592	379	603	1764	420	838	658	328	685
2024	371	303	437	574	346	495	659	455					455



Decree Issuance Update

Decrees in an Objection Period:

Basin	Decree Type	Date Issued	Objection Deadline	1 st Extension Deadline	2 nd Extension Deadline	Counter Obj Deadline	NOIA Deadline	Objections Received
42C	Interlocutory	10/11/23	4/8/24	5/8/24	n/a	7/19/24	9/27/24	90
40O	Interlocutory	1/11/24	7/9/24	n/a	n/a	9/23/24		68

Next Up for Issuance of Decrees:

Basin	Anticipated Summary Report Delivery	Anticipated Date of Decree Issuance	Type of Decree
76M	7/31/23	October 2024	Preliminary
41J	3/27/24	9/11/24	Interlocutory
43QJ	4/4/24	October 2024	Preliminary
76L	3/27/24	Stayed through 1/31/25	Preliminary
76LJ	3/27/24	Stayed through 1/31/25	Preliminary
76G	6/27/24	October or November 2024	Preliminary
43N	8/20/24	9/12/24	Interlocutory
41O	September 2024		Interlocutory
76J	September 2024		Interlocutory
76I	September 2024		Preliminary
41C	September 2024		Preliminary
41A	October 2024		Interlocutory
41B	October 2024		Interlocutory
42K	October 2024		Preliminary
76HE	November 2024		Interlocutory
76HB	November 2024		Interlocutory
76HA	November 2024		Interlocutory
76HF	November 2024		Interlocutory
43C	December 2024		Preliminary
41QJ	December 2024		Interlocutory
42KJ	December 2024		Interlocutory
43BJ	January 2025		Preliminary

40EJ	January 2025		Interlocutory
76K	February 2025		Preliminary
76C	February 2025		Preliminary
76B	February 2025		Preliminary
40I	February 2025		Interlocutory
40J	February 2025		Interlocutory
40M	March 2025		Interlocutory
40A	March 2025		Interlocutory
40C	March 2025		Interlocutory
40B	April 2025		Interlocutory
41H	April 2025		Interlocutory
41D	May 2025		Interlocutory
76E	May 2025		Interlocutory
40L	May 2025		Interlocutory
41G	May 2025		Interlocutory
41P	June 2025		Interlocutory
41R	June 2025		Interlocutory
43A	June 2025		Interlocutory
76F	June 2025		Interlocutory
43B	July 2025		Interlocutory
76GJ	July 2025		Interlocutory
43Q	July 2025		Interlocutory
41T	August 2025		Interlocutory
43D	August 2025		Interlocutory
39H	August 2025		Interlocutory
42I	August 2025		Interlocutory
42L	August 2025		Interlocutory
38H	August 2025		Interlocutory
42J	August 2025		Interlocutory
40P	August 2025		Interlocutory

Decree Issuance Update

Next Up for Final Decree Issuance:

Basin	Projected Date of Final Decree Issuance	% Complete
40Q	September 2024 * <i>Supplemental Final</i>	100.0%
40G	September 2024	100.0%
43E	Fall 2024	100.0%
39G	Fall 2024	100.0%
39E	Fall 2024	100.0%
42B	Fall 2024	100.0%
42A	Fall 2024	100.0%
42M	Fall 2024	100.0%
40D	Fall 2024	99.9%
39F	2024	90.2%
40E	2024/2025	98%

Final Decrees Issued

Basin	Basin Name	Total Claims Decreed	Date First Decree Issued	Date Final Decree Issued	Notes
TMAL	Turtle Mountain	843	10/28/2016	07/12/21	
40H	Big Sandy Creek	744	1/22/2003	10/28/2021	Motion to Amend filed 11/17/2021 (resolved)
40Q	Poplar River	2020	12/29/1999	12/22/2022	Supplemental Final necessary
40R	Big Muddy Creek	2005	1/28/2010	12/22/2022	
39FJ	Little Beaver Creek	1048	1/31/1985	5/23/2024	

Preparation for Final Decree Issuance

Basin	Next Decree to be Issued	Number of Claims on Objection List	NOIA Deadline	% Complete 5 Years	% Complete 9/3/2024	Open Claims 9/3/2024	Compact Complete	Basin Wide Objections Open	Exempt Claims Not Decreed	Late Claims (Action needed)	Mis-basined/ Missed Decree Claims	Pending Motions to Amend (# of claims)	Master
40A	Interlocutory	2850	11/26/18	96.9%	98.0%	58	Pending	no	830	0	0	0	Melissa
40B	Interlocutory	1419	06/16/12	92.4%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	368	0	0	0	Julie
40C	Interlocutory	1339	11/26/18	100.0%	99.9%	1	Pending	no	312	0	0	0	Melissa
40EJ	Interlocutory	1134	10/19/15	99.6%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	345	0	0	0	Brooke
40I	Interlocutory	414	01/06/15	99.5%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	15	0	0	0	Maddy
40J	Interlocutory	4789	04/10/11	76.8%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	609	0	4	0	Anna S.
40L	Interlocutory	289	03/11/19	100.0%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	148	1	0	0	Kathryn
40M	Interlocutory	1464	08/09/10	69.0%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	505	0	4	0	Brooke
41A	interlocutory	1436	02/17/15	98.6%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	819	1	0	0	Gene
41B	Interlocutory	992	02/17/15	94.2%	99.8%	2	Pending	no	665	1	0	0	Gene
41D	Interlocutory	2233	02/03/09	86.2%	100.0%	1	Pending	no	574	2	2	0	Kathryn
41G	Interlocutory	1347	07/09/19	96.8%	96.8%	43	Pending	no	627	0	0	0	Maddy
41H	Interlocutory	2666	11/15/19		97.8%	59	Pending	no	553	0	0	0	Julie
41J	Interlocutory	1062	06/11/12	64.9%	99.9%	1	Pending	no	1206	0	0	0	Brooke
41O	Interlocutory	1623	01/17/08	90.3%	100.0%	0	Pending	yes	255	0	2	0	Gene
41P	Interlocutory	1380	12/20/16	96.5%	99.3%	9	Pending	no	156	0	0	0	Melissa
41QJ	Interlocutory	857	04/28/09	88.7%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	541	2	0	0	Anika
41R	Interlocutory	848	03/12/12	97.2%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	173	0	1	0	Anika
41T	Interlocutory	1471	09/17/13	100.0%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	283	0	0	0	Eyvind
42KJ	Interlocutory	1083	12/19/05	NA	100.0%	0	Complete	no	450	35	2	0	Gene
43A	Interlocutory	1566	03/17/20		97.1%	45	Pending	no	277	0	0	3	Anika
43B	Interlocutory	2533	05/12/20		97.5%	63	Pending	no	707	0	0	3	Kathryn
43D	Interlocutory	1455	09/10/18	100.0%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	583	0	0	0	Anna S.
43N	Interlocutory	100	12/01/14	100.0%	100.0%	0	Pending	no	16	0	0	0	Brooke
43Q	Interlocutory	466	04/24/00	NA	99.8%	1	Pending	no	779	2	7	0	Eyvind
76E	Interlocutory	429	08/23/19	99.8%	99.8%	1	Pending	yes	51	0	0	0	Brooke
76F	Interlocutory	1346	06/30/12	96.8%	99.7%	4	Pending	no	442	0	0	0	Maddy
76GJ	Interlocutory	751	08/08/17	99.7%	99.7%	2	Pending	yes	136	0	0	0	Kathryn
76HA	Interlocutory	1858	06/13/17	99.1%	99.8%	4	Pending	no	849*	0	0	4	Julie
76HF	Interlocutory	1931	10/25/99	NA	99.8%	3	Pending	no	849*	0	0	2	Julie
76J	Interlocutory	62	10/15/19		98.4%	1	Pending	yes	3	0	0	0	Gene
76HB	Preliminary					1	Pending	no	849*	0	21	1	Julie
76HE	Preliminary					0	Pending	no	849*	2	1	0	Melissa

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41C	Preliminary					0	Pending	no	619	11	11	0	Eyvind
42K	Preliminary					0	Complete	no	141	4	4	0	Anna S.
43BJ	Preliminary					0	Pending	no	62	0	1	3	Julie
43C	Preliminary					0	Pending	no	436	8	0	0	Nate
43QJ	Preliminary					0	Pending	no	365	1	22	0	Kathryn
76B	Preliminary					1	Pending	yes	14	1	1	0	Maddy
76C	Preliminary					1	Pending	yes	27	0	0	0	Kathryn
76G	Preliminary					1	Pending	yes	727	1	2	0	Maddy
76I	Preliminary					1	Pending	yes	12	0	1	0	Gene
76K	Preliminary					2	Pending	yes	58	1	2	0	Julie
76L	Preliminary						Pending	no	496	0	0	0	Anna S.
76LJ	Preliminary						Pending	no	587	176	0	0	Eyvind
76M	Preliminary					5	Pending	yes	307	0	18	15	Anika
38H	Supplemental ILT	NA	NA	100.0%	100.0%	0	Complete	no	19	0	0	0	Maddy
39H	Supplemental ILT	NA	NA	100.0%	100.0%	0	Complete	no	4	0	0	0	Maddy
40P	Supplemental ILT	NA	04/23/84	100.0%	100.0%	0	Complete	no	113	7	11	0	Kathryn
42I	Supplemental ILT	NA	NA	100.0%	100.0%	0	Complete	no	39	0	1	0	Nate
42J	Supplemental ILT	NA	NA	100.0%	100.0%	0	Complete	no	143	0	4	0	Nate
42L	Supplemental ILT	NA	06/25/84	100.0%	100.0%	0	Complete	no	194	11	2	0	Kathryn
39E	Final	2027	2/8/2021		100.0%	0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Nate
40D	Final	1610	08/02/21		99.9%	1	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Julie
40E	Final	2082	10/04/21		98.0%	42	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Eyvind
40N	Final	1332	05/28/21		99.9%	1	Pending	no	0	0	0	0	Anna S.
41K	Final	1324	03/21/22		82.9%	226	Pending	no	0	0	0	21	Gene
43BV	Final	860	07/26/22		86.4%	117	Pending	no	0	0	0	5	AWJ
76D	Final	923	07/11/22		93.1%	64	Pending	yes	0	0	0	0	Anna S.
41L	Final	102	08/02/22		68.6%	32	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Anna S.
41Q	Final	250	08/19/22		100.0%	0	Pending	no	0	0	0	0	Maddy
41U	Final	410	11/07/22		100.0%	0	Pending	no	0	0	0	0	Anika
42B	Final	59	11/22/22		100.0%	0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Melissa
40G	Final	55	11/29/22		100.0%	0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Gene
43E	Final	41	01/06/23		100.0%	0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Gene
42A	Final	126	01/06/23		100.0%	0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Kathryn

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40T	Final	30	01/20/23		90.0%	3	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Maddy
40F	Final	45	06/05/23		100.0%	0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Anna S.
39G	Final	60	08/01/23		100.0%	0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Eyvind
41N	Final	9	08/04/23		-33.3%	12	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Gene
42M	Final	520	09/12/23		100.0%	0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Anika
41I	Final	3522	09/25/23		18.7%	2864	Pending	no	0	0	0	1	Melissa
41S	Final	3600	09/29/23		25.7%	2676	Pending	no	0	0	0	0	Nate
41E	Final	950	12/15/23		64.6%	336	Pending	no	0	0	0	3	Kathryn
40S	Final	246	05/31/24		78.0%	54	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Julie
43P	Final	192	06/07/24		22.4%	149	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Julie
41F	Final	2425	08/26/24		0.0%	2425	Pending	no	0	0	0	0	Anna S.
39F	Final	153	03/25/24		90.2%	15	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Anika
43O	Final	179	06/07/24		0.0%	179	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Julie
41M	Final	97	06/04/24		22.7%	75	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Anna S.
40K	Final	64	04/01/24		85.9%	9	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Gene
40Q	Supplemental Final					0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Judge Brown
76N	Final	502	08/19/24		17.7%	413	Pending	yes	0	0	0	0	Maddy
42C	Final	285	09/27/24		0.0%	285	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Kathryn
40O	Final					0	Complete	no	0	0	0	0	Kathryn

Percentage complete is calculated based on number of issues on the objection list compared to the number of claims open and could result in a negative %.

Issues include but are not limited to motions to amend, exempt claims, splits, and claims called in on-motion of the court.

Greyed out cells indicate that the the elapsed time has not been reached.

*= total exempt claims in 76H basin group.

Compact Status

Compact Name	Case #	Status
Fort Peck-Montana Compact	WC1992-1	CLOSED
Northern Cheyenne Compact	WC1993-1	CLOSED
National Park Service-MT Compact	WC1994-1	CLOSED
Rocky Boys Compact	WC2000-01	CLOSED
Red Rock Lakes Compact	WC2000-02	CLOSED
USFWS Black Coulee and Benton Lake Compact	WC2000-03 WC2002-04	CLOSED
USDA Forest Service	WC2007-03	CLOSED
USA-BLM-MT Compact (Bear Trap/Wild & Scenic)	WC2008-10	CLOSED
National Bison Range Compact	WC2011-01	CLOSED
Crow Tribe Compact	WC2012-06	CLOSED
Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge Compact	WC2013-04	CLOSED
USDA Fort Keogh Research Station	WC2014-07	CLOSED
USDA Sheep Experiment Station	WC2014-06	CLOSED
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge	WC2015-05	CLOSED
BLM-Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument	WC2015-06	CLOSED
Blackfeet Tribe Compact	WC2018-06	CLOSED
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation	WC-0001-C-2021	Issued 6/9/2022
Fort Belknap Indian Reservation		Not yet at Water Court