

**DNRC REPORT TO WPIC  
ADJUDICATION PROGRESS**

August 28, 2018

**Claims Reexamination Progress**

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

**Reexamination claims completed to date:**

**Total = 34,376**

<b><u>Reexamination - Summary Reports to Water Court</u></b>	<b><u>Date Issued</u></b>
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
<b>Shields River (43A)</b>	<b>6/15/2018</b>
<b>Beaver Creek, Tributary To Little Missouri River (39G)</b>	<b>6/27/2018</b>
<b>Boxelder Creek (39E)</b>	<b>8/1/2018</b>
<b>Little Beaver Creek (39FJ)</b>	<b>8/15/2018</b>
<b>Flathead River South Fork (76J)</b>	<b>8/28/2018</b>

<b><u>Reexamination Decrees Issued by Water Court</u></b>	<b><u>Date Issued</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Claims</u></b>
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

## Assistance for District Court Enforcement of Water Court Decrees

2018 season completed updates and created new projects totaling 39 water distribution areas across the State.

## 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**

## Post Decree Assistance (FY2018)

<u>Case type</u>	<u>Case count</u>	<u>Work hours</u>
Certified case		
Case with Objector	<b>59</b>	<b>1,224</b>
85-2-248 case	<b>223</b>	<b>4,913</b>
General assist		<b>730</b>
Total hours		<b>5,345</b>

## 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)

**For the period May 7<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup> we received 2,947 claims. These claims include 1,039 domestic and 1,908 stock claims with many more in the process.**

**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>***