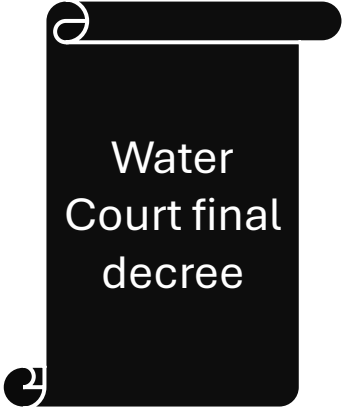
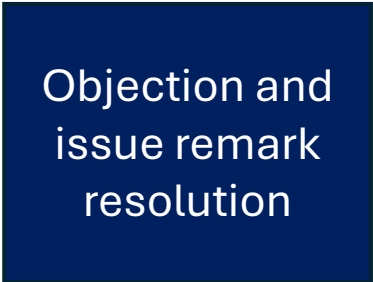
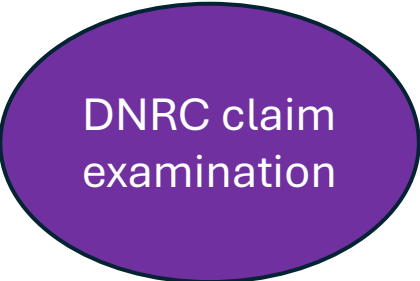




# Montana's adjudication process

**Adjudication starts**

**Adjudication ends**

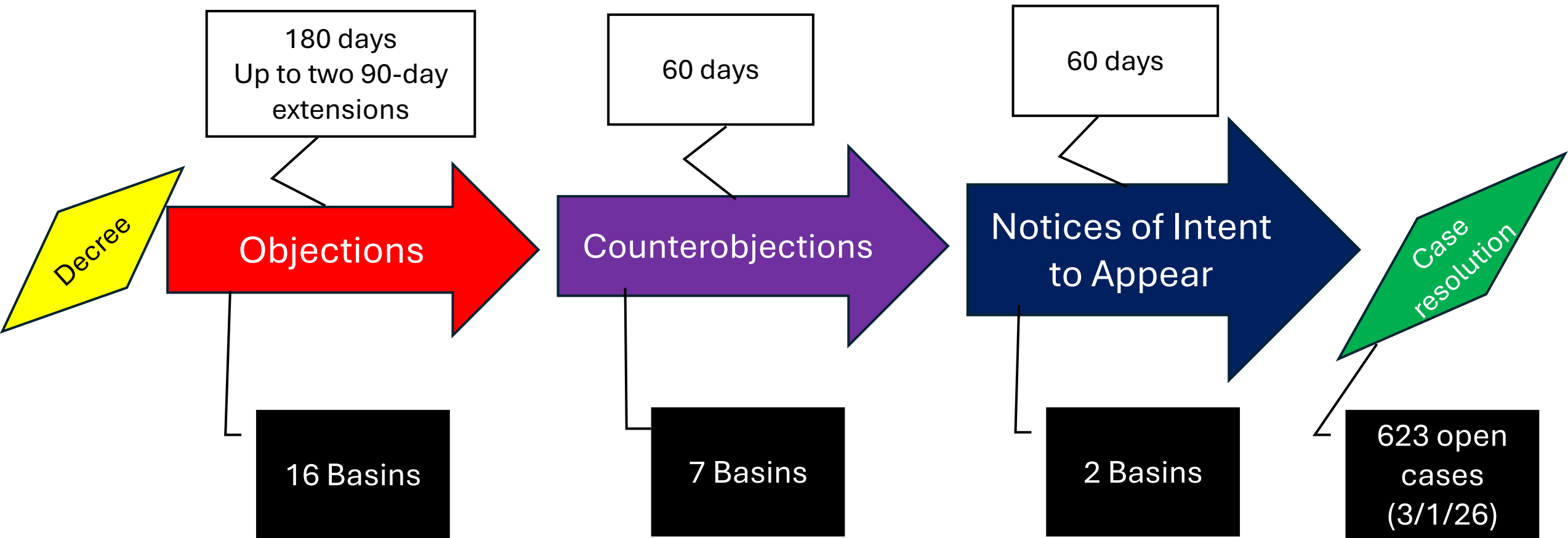


1982 claims

1993 late claims

2019 exempt claims

# Preliminary / Interlocutory Decrees



Current Status

	Division	Basin	Name	Type	Claims	Date
1	UM	41O	Teton River	Interlocutory	285	1/17/2025
2	UM	41A	Red Rock River	Interlocutory	837	1/31/2025
3	UM	41B	Beaverhead River	Interlocutory	688	1/31/2025
4	CF	76LJ	Upper Flathead River incl Flathead Lake	Preliminary	5914	2/24/2025
5	CF	76L	Lower Flathead River	Preliminary	3578	5/2/2025
6	YE	42K	Yellowstone River between Tongue & Powder	Preliminary	1638	5/8/2025
7	YE	43C	Stillwater River	Preliminary	2182	6/18/2025
8	UM	41C	Ruby River	Preliminary	2932	6/25/2025
9	LM	40I	Peoples Creek	Interlocutory	13	7/9/2025
10	YE	42KJ	Yellowstone River between Bighorn & Tongue Rivers	Interlocutory	458	7/21/2025
11	YE	43BJ	Boulder River (tributary of Yellowstone)	Preliminary	912	8/15/2025
12	UM	41QJ	Missouri River from Holter Dam to Sun River	Interlocutory	582	9/5/2025
13	LM	40EJ	Missouri River between Bullwacker Cr. & Musselshell	Interlocutory	344	9/25/2025
14	LM	40A	Musselshell River (upper)	Interlocutory	858	10/31/2025
15	LM	40C	Musselshell River (lower)	Interlocutory	318	10/31/2025
16	LM	40M	Beaver Creek (Milk tributary)	Interlocutory	513	11/11/2025
17	YE	43A	Shields River	Interlocutory	294	11/19/2025
18	UM	41G	Jefferson River	Interlocutory	650	12/3/2025
19	LM	41R	Arrow Creek	Interlocutory	171	12/10/2025
20	LM	40B	Flatwillow Creek	Interlocutory	348	12/17/2025
21	CF	76H	Bitterroot River (all)	Interlocutory	1415	12/30/2025
<b>Total</b>					<b>24,930</b>	

# 2025 Prelim/ Interlocutory Decrees Issued

(Shading indicates  
decrees currently an  
active objection  
phase)

# 2026 Preliminary/ Interlocutory Decrees (Issued & Anticipated)

	Division	Basin	Name	Type	Claims	Date
1	UM	41D	Big Hole River	ILD	626	1/14/26
2	UM	41H	Gallatin River	ILD	574	2/25/26
3	YE	43B	Yellowstone River above & incl Bridger Creek	ILD	711	3/18/26
4	YE	43D	Clarks Fork Yellowstone River	ILD	589	Q2
5	CFD	76F	Blackfoot River	ILD	458	3/4/26
6	CFD	76E	Rock Creek	ILD	51	3/25/26
7	CFD	76GJ	Flint Creek	ILD	115	3/25/26
8	UM	41P	Marias River	ILD	151	Q2
9	LM	41T	Missouri Ri. from Marias incl Bullwacker Cr	ILD	287	Q2
10	YE	43Q	Yellowstone between Clarks Fork & Bighorn River	ILD	801	Q2
11	LM	40J	Milk River between Fresno Res & Whitewater Cr.	ILD	622	Q2
12	LM	40L	Frenchman Creek	ILD	151	Q2
13	CFD	76B	Yaak River	PD	118	Q2
14	CFD	76C	Fisher River	PD	301	Q2
15	CFD	76K	Swan River	PD	647	Q2
16	YE	38H	Belle Fourche River above Cheyenne River	ILD	19	Q3
17	YE	39H	Little Missouri below Little Beaver	ILD	4	Q3
18	LM	40P	Redwater River	ILD	130	Q3
19	YE	42I	Little Powder River	ILD	41	Q3
20	YE	42J	Powder River	ILD	208	Q3
21	YE	42L	O'Fallon Creek	ILD	205	Q3
<b>Total</b>					<b>6,809</b>	

(Shading indicates decrees issued – all currently in active objection phase)

# Decree status update

<b>Division</b>	<b>Preliminary decree claims</b>	<b>Interlocutory decree claims</b>	<b>Total claims</b>	<b>To be decreed</b>	<b>Decreed</b>	<b>% Decreed</b>
<b>Clark Fork</b>	37,989	2,045	40,034	1,066	38,968	97.34%
<b>Lower Missouri</b>	74,516	4,856	79,372	1,191	78,181	98.50%
<b>Upper Missouri</b>	56,437	6,014	62,451	151	62,300	99.76%
<b>Yellowstone</b>	64,771	5,041	69,812	1,1867	67,945	97.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>233,713</b>	<b>17,956</b>	<b>251,669</b>	<b>4,275</b>	<b>247,394</b>	<b>98.30%</b>



# 2026 Final Decrees (Anticipated and Issued)

Div	Basin	Name
LM	40D	Big Dry Creek
LM	40E	Missouri River, between Musselshell River and Fort Peck Dam
LM	40F	Milk River, above Fresno Reservoir
LM	40K	Whitewater Creek
LM	40S	Missouri River, below Fort Peck Dam
LM	40T	St. Mary River supplement
YE	39F	Little Missouri River, above Little Beaver Cr.
YE	42A	Rosebud Creek
YE	42B	Tongue River, above and including Hanging Woman Cr.

# Claim closing progression

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan		850	587	371	468	310
Feb		870	573	303	398	153
Mar		934	728	437	390	
Apr		932	755	574	392	
May		767	592	346	249	
Jun		1016	379	495	203	
Jul	799	1030	603	659	383	
Aug	851	1040	1764	455	617	
Sep	704	659	420	500	302	
Oct	571	753	838	656	227	
Nov	607	810	658	392	218	
Dec	1032	563	328	709	310	
Total	4564	10224	8225	5897	3847	463
Avg	761	852	685	491	350	232

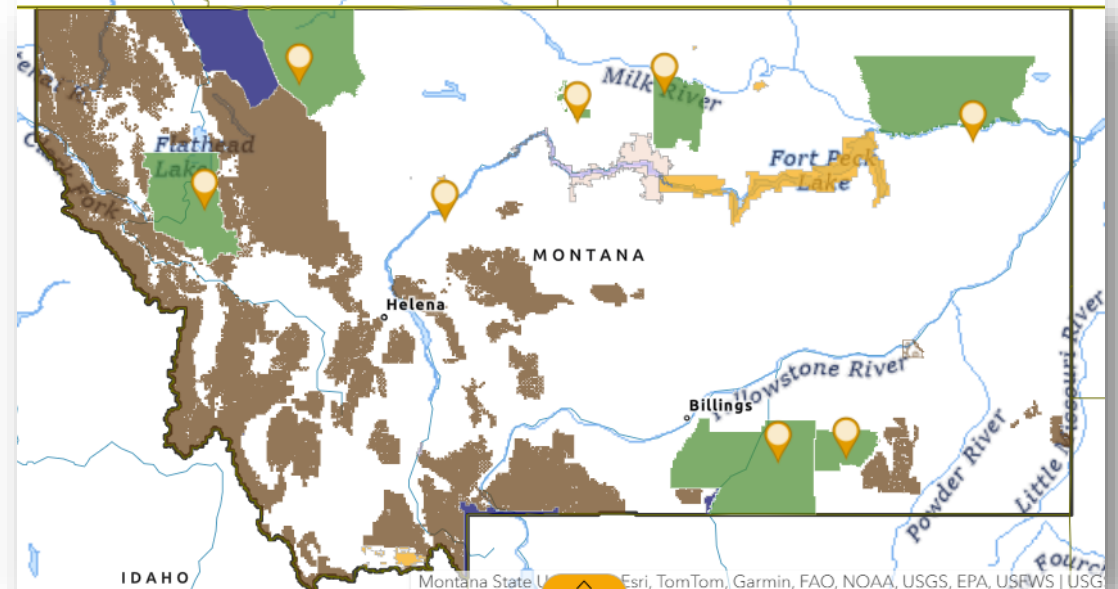
# Compact Status

## Federal (all completed)

Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge Compact
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge
Fort Peck-Montana Compact
National Bison Range Compact
National Park Service-MT Compact
Red Rock Lakes Compact
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument
USA-BLM-MT Compact
USDA Forest Service
USDA Fort Keogh Research Station
USDA Sheep Experiment Station
USFWS Black Coulee and Benton Lake Compact

## Tribal

Blackfeet Tribe Compact
Blackfeet Tribe Stipulated Rights
Crow Tribe Compact
Northern Cheyenne Compact
Rocky Boys Compact
CSKT – Case WC-0001-C-2021
Fort Belknap – Pending before Congress



# Distribution (Enforcement) Projects

- 90 District Court distribution/enforcement projects
- 55 active in 2025
- 2026 in process
- Each with a Water Court case number
- Tabulations issued each year for active projects

