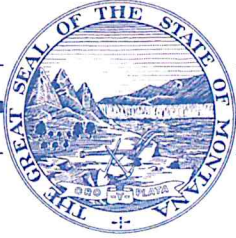


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RE: Blackfeet-Montana Compact § 85-20-1501, MCA - DNRC Annual Report

Dear Chairman Davis and Mr. Bradley,

Under the Blackfeet-Montana Compact § 85-20-1501, MCA (ART.IV.I) the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and the Blackfeet Water Resource Department (BWRD) are required to exchange information.

Pursuant to Article IV.I.4 of the Compact, on an annual basis the DNRC shall provide the BWRD and the United States with a report listing all uses for which a Certificate of Water Right or Permit has been issued or a Change in Use has been approved by DNRC to the extent that the DNRC has such information. Article IV.I.4 of the Compact also requires DNRC to provide a list of water rights within the Reservation and drainages affected by the Compact which have gone through an ownership change in the same reporting period.

In January 2021, DNRC extracted from its centralized water rights database all water rights that fall under Article IV.I.4 reporting requirements within the following basins: Hudson Bay, Milk River (above Fresno), Cut Bank Creek, Two Medicine River, and the mainstem Marias River above Tiber Dam. The first report on November 6, 2017, reported all water rights pursuant to Article IV.I.2 in existence up until November 3, 2017. This second annual report under Article IV.I.4 covers the period between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. This report consists of 4 Ground Water Certificates and 4 Stockwater Permits. These are all presented on the attached map and table. Also attached is a separate table depicting water rights that have gone through an ownership change in the Department's centralized water rights database during the abovementioned reporting period.

Please let me know if you have any questions with the report. I am available to discuss anytime.  
Sincerely,

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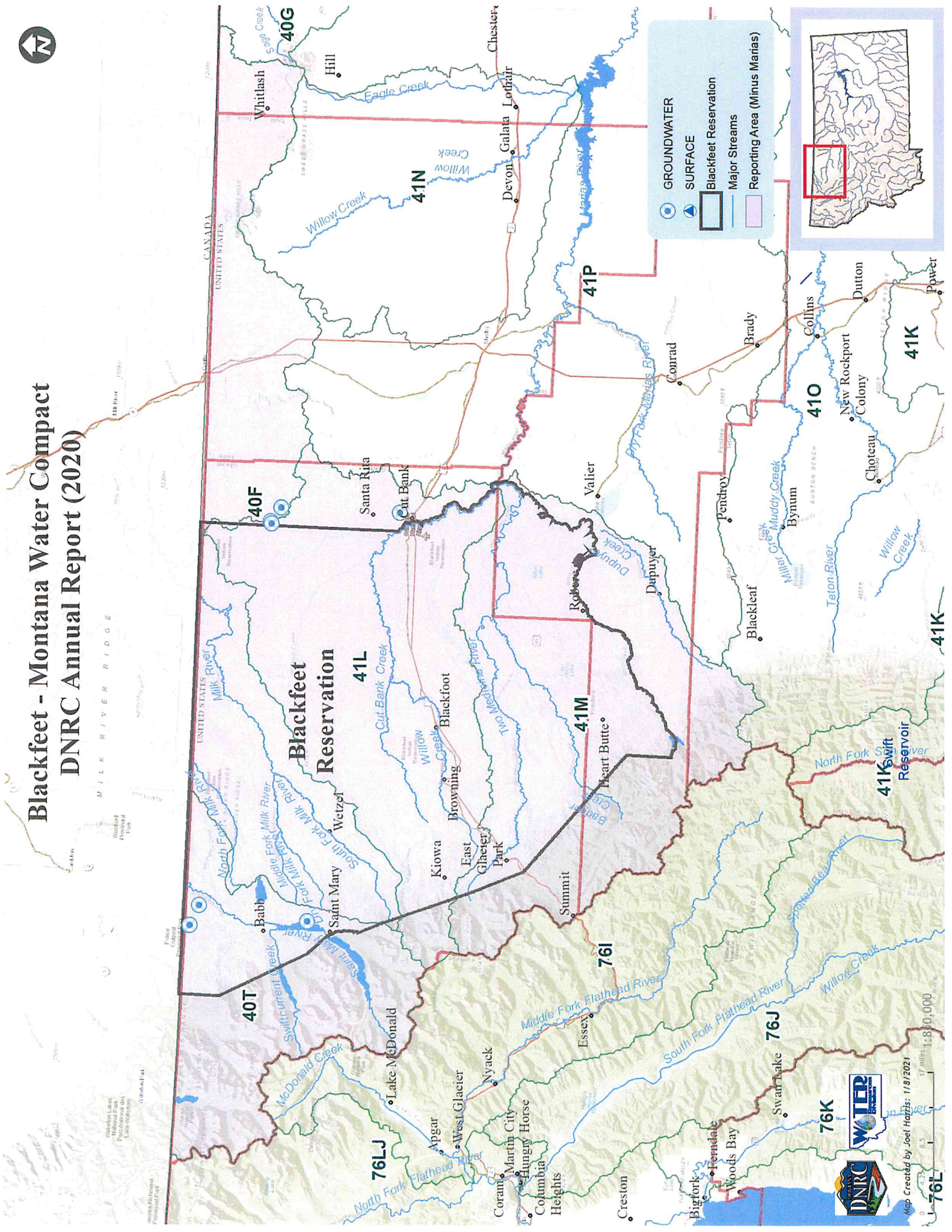
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enclosures: map, spreadsheet report of new rights, and spreadsheet report of ownership updates

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