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UNDERSTANDING WATER RELATED ACRONYMS

AC.Ft.	=	Acre Feet	MIT	=	Mitigation
AE	=	Adverse Effect	MP	=	Mitigation Plan (w/permit documentation)
AF	=	Acre Feet	MRWRCC	=	Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission
ArcGIS	=	Customized project to map water rights	MUSWC	=	Montana University System Water Center
ARM	=	Administrative Rules of Montana	MW	=	Mitigation Water
ASD	=	Adjudication Shared Drive	NASS	=	National Agricultural Statistic Service
ATR	=	Aquifer Testing Requirements	NDA	=	Net Depletion Analysis
BCA	=	Basin Closure Area	NEPA	=	National Environmental Protection Act
BCE	=	Basin Closure Exemption	NRCS	=	National Resource Conservation Service
BIA	=	Bureau of Indian Affairs	NRIS	=	Natural Resource Information Service
BWUP	=	Beneficial Water Use Permit	PBU	=	Proposed Beneficial Use
C/C	=	Correct & Complete 85-23-436(8)	PD	=	Priority Date
CERCLA	=	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act	PD	=	Preliminary Decree (Courts)
CF	=	Change Form	PD	=	Preliminary Determination (DNRC)
CFS	=	Cubic Feet per Second	PDD	=	Preliminary Determination to Deny (DNRC)
CSKT	=	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	PDG	=	Preliminary Determination to Grant (DNRC)
DCMI	=	Domestic, Commercial, Municipal & Industrial uses	POD	=	Point of Diversion
DEQ	=	Dept. of Environmental Quality (MT)	POD	=	Period of Diversion
DFWP	=	Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks	POS	=	Place of Storage
DL	=	Deficiency Letter	POU	=	Point of Use
DNRC	=	Dept. of Natural Resource Conservation	PWR	=	Paper Water Rights
DOR	=	Dept. of Revenue (MT)	RTC	=	Realty Transfer Certificate
DPD	=	Draft Preliminary Determination	RWRCC	=	Reserved Water Right Compact Commission
ELDI	=	Existing Legal Demand Index	SCI	=	Substantial Credible Information
FERC	=	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	SDE	=	Stream Depletion Evaluation
FIIP	=	Flathead Indian Irrigation Project	SR	=	Summary Report
FJBC	=	Flathead Joint Board of Control (represents the Flathead, Jocko Valley and Mission irrigation districts)	SWR	=	Supplemental Water Rights
FR	=	Flow Rate	TCA	=	Temporary Change Addendum
FTA	=	Farm Turnout Allowance	UMO	=	Unitary Administration & Management Ordinance
FWP	=	Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MT)	USDA	=	United States Dept. of Agriculture
GIS	=	Geographical Information System	USGS	=	United States Geological Survey
GWA	=	Ground Water Application	WPIC	=	Water Policy Interim Committee
GWIC	=	Groundwater Investigation Center	WQR	=	Water Quality Report
GWUDISW	=	Groundwater under the direct influence of surface water	WRCER	=	Water Right Claim Examination Rules
HBU	=	Historic Beneficial Use	WRS	=	Water Resources Survey
IWR	=	Irrigation Water Requirement (Duty)	WWR	=	Wet Water Rights
LEQC	=	Legislative Environmental Quality Council	ZOI	=	Zone of Influence
MCA	=	Montana Code Annotated			

Note: Always consider context and look for "Document Specific" definitions when available!