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IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE RIGHTS OF VARIOUS CLAIMANTS TO THE WATER OF INDIAN CREEK STREAM SYSTEM IN PLUMAS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA: CASE NO. 4185 (1950)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO AMEND WATER DECREE

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2026, Petitioner and water rights holder pursuant to the Indian Creek Decree (No. 4185) Feather River Land Trust submitted for filing a Petition for Amendment of Decree to Add a Movable Point of Diversion Along Indian Creek with the Superior Court of the State of California, Plumas County.

Said petition seeks to modify water rights to Indian Creek granted to petitioners, successors in interest, in Decree No. 4185, by adding a moveable point of diversion regarding the use of these water rights. Petitioners do not seek any increase in the amounts of water allocated to them by the Decree. A copy of the petition is included herein, and can also be viewed on the Feather River Land Trust website: [frlt.org/heart-k-diversion](http://frlt.org/heart-k-diversion)

Any objections to the petition should be filed with the Plumas County Superior Court, and mailed or emailed to petitioners' attorney (Aaron Baker) within 30 days of the date of first publication of this notice. The first date this notice will be published is March 4, 2026. It may be published sooner

Corey Pargee, Executive Director, Feather River Land Trust

Date

The address of the court is as follows:  
Superior Court of California, Plumas County  
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February 24, 2026

Dear Neighbor:

Way back in 2022, we reached out to you and other owners of Indian Creek water rights to inform you of Feather River Land Trust's (FRLT) plan to add a water diversion point at our Heart K Ranch in Genesee Valley. FRLT purchased the Heart K Ranch in 2006 to conserve its unique cultural, historic, and ecological values. The property is a working cattle ranch and is managed for improved grazing, water quality, wildlife habitat, and public education.

On Monday, February 23, we finally went before the Plumas County Superior Court to request a review date for our petition to amend the Indian Creek Decree to reflect our plan. The Court set a date for review of April 20, 2026. Attached is the official notice of the Court date, a copy of our Petition, and a link to our website where you can find additional documents, including the exhibits to our Petition.

As we explained in our 2022 outreach, Heart K Ranch has an existing water right pursuant to the Indian Creek Decree (Diversion Point 36-Robinson), with the diversion point located approximately three miles upstream of the ranch. The new point of diversion will allow us to make more efficient use of our water rights.

Critically, the change in POD will NOT result in the expansion of the amount of FRLT's water right as defined in the Decree. It is simply a change in where the water will be diverted from the creek. The change is nearly identical to the change that Gonzalo Gonzalez obtained in 2004, when he moved his point of diversion from the same upstream Heart K diversion point noted above, to a portable water pump on his land.

FRLT has been working to make many improvements on Heart K Ranch since it was purchased, including installing livestock water troughs away from the creek, fencing upgrades, and other projects to make the Ranch a more functional working landscape. This addition of a diversion point will help us to keep making progress toward our long-term goals for Heart K.

Please contact Nils Lunder, FRLT's Stewardship Director, at [nlunder@frlt.org](mailto:nlunder@frlt.org) or by phone at (530)283-5758 for more information or if you have any questions, or comments.

Sincerely,

Corey Pargée, Executive Director, Feather River Land Trust

Date