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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

United States,

Plaintiff,

v.

A & R Productions, et al., Defendants. 01cv00072BDB/WWD (ACE)

This Court's Scheduling Order of July 15, 2002, ordered the United States to provide to all party's of record a progress report every six months, beginning December 2, 2002, discussing the status of major/vital issues involved in this adjudication of all rights to the use of the Zuni River stream system. The following is the United States' first report of the progress of this lawsuit:

1. This Court's Scheduling Order of July 15, 2002, requires the United States to confer with the State of New Mexico's Engineer's Office to "determine the geographic boundaries of [this] adjudication" and circulate a description of the agreed boundaries among counsel of record. See Scheduling Order, dated July 15, 2002, p. 2.

On October 25, 2002, the undersigned traveled to Santa Fe, NM, to meet with counsel representing the State of New Mexico's

Engineer's Office to discuss the boundary of this adjudication. On November 5, 2002, a legal description of the Zuni River basin was provided to the State Engineer's counsel for review. Counsel advised the undersigned on November 27, 2002, that the legal description did not define the boundary in sufficient detail and provided a "draft" map of the Zuni River surface drainage. The map has been forwarded to the Department of Interior's contractors for review and comparison to the map provided by the United States in response to the Special Master's Scheduling Order of March 31, 2001.

2. Hydrologists and engineers of the United States are reviewing the State Engineer's most recent standards for conducting a hydrographic survey in preparation of discussions with the State Engineer's Office to hopefully agree to a plan for a cooperative effort for the completion of the survey.

3. As required by the Court's, the United States intends to file, on or before January 6, 2003, an amended complaint in this matter. A copy of the amended complaint will be mailed to approximately 1700 landowners, together with a waiver of service of summons which will advise that this Court has stayed all responses to the amended complaint except the timely return of a fully executed waiver of service of summons.

4. In accordance with this Court's Scheduling Order, the United States has established a public web site (www.zunibasin.com) which will display pertinent pleadings, documents, maps, data, and other useful materials filed and/or used in this adjudication. The United States has also established at the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Area Office in Albuquerque, NM, (Plaza Maya Building, 615 1st Street, N.W.) a document repository to hold hard copies of pertinent pleadings, documents, maps, data, and other useful materials filed and/or used in this adjudication. Any interested party can review documents placed in the repository from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Parties wishing to add materials to the web site can send the documents, etc. to Natural Resources Consulting Engineers, Inc., 131 Lincoln Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80524, Attn: Assad Safadi. Parties wishing to add materials to the repository can send the document to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Albuquerque Area Office, Plaza Maya Building, 615 1st Street, N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102, Attn: John Cawley.

Objections to matters reported herein or submission of other vital issues not reported may be raised within 10 days of the filing of this report.

Dated this $\frac{2^{n}}{2}$ day of December, 2002.

Respectfully submitted Jun

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