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Water Adjudication Clerk, Box 270  
United States District Court  
333 Lomas Boulevard N.W.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

May 5, 2004

CV-01-72 BB/0006

I have received several papers from your office and I am sorry to say I have no idea what they mean. I cannot afford a lawyer and need to have these papers written in layman's terms (English). I have heard that they are taking away our water rights. Is this true? Must we give all water to the Zuni Tribe, if this is true, will this deny me of my rights? We can't live without water and therefore I feel this is denying me of my basic rights of; life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. How can we live with out water? I would like for you to explain exactly what this lawsuit means, I am a Native American also, I was born here like millions of other people:

Please appoint me a free lawyer to represent my rights. I have lived here all my life and bought and paid for my property and still pay taxes on my property. If our water is to be taken away and taxed, I think this is taxation without representation. How can you tax or take the water away, who will haul it to Zuni, because I live where the water will never go up-hill to get there on its own. Even the well water is to be taxed by them, in Article 1 of the Bill of Rights section 20 it states: Equality of privileges and immunities of citizens. No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens. So if they can take our water we can take their water also, share and share alike. If they get free lawyers from the government so should I.

You have not shown any proof where it was ever written that they should get all water on, in and above the earth, because that is what I understand is being given to them. Do the rest of the people living in this area not have any constitutional rights. Please tell me who to write to so I can get some clear answers about what is really going on with this lawsuit or whatever it is. It is like ourselves suing ourselves, it is about the same as an oxy-moron, and we feel helpless, the federal government made the mistake and we should not have to pay for the mistake. I obey the law and personally am tired of all the sovereign talk, (by Indian Tribes) if they are really sovereign then let them be, they have the same opportunities that I have/had, even more! I am 56 and went to school with them, graduated with them, they got to go on to college free, but I didn't get to go because my family could not afford to send me. They are just like everyone else so treat them that way in all areas, it is you that make for the hard feelings that are caused. I want it on the record that I protest this action and this is my legal form to do so, because of my financial situation this is all I can afford. Please reply soon. I do object and this letter should be filed as such.

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