

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

01cv00072 BDB-ACE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel*
State Engineer, A& R Productions, *et al.*,**

ZUNI RIVER ADJUDICATION

Defendants,

SCHEDULING ORDER

THIS MATTER is a part of the general adjudication of all water rights in the Zuni River stream system. It is before the Court on the United States' December 3, 2002 Progress Report. This Order amends the Court's July 15, 2002 Scheduling Order (Docket No. 147) and provides direction to the parties.

1. The July Order required the United States to file a report by December 2, 2002 describing "definite and specific geographic boundaries for the adjudication". The Order required the United States to confer with the State and, once agreement had been reached, to circulate the report among counsel for comment prior to the deadline. July Order pp. 1-2, §1. The December 3, 2002 Report does not satisfy this requirement.

The United States is granted an extension of time to complete this requirement in its entirety. For this purpose, the geographic scope of the adjudication may be described through Township/Section/Range designations and a detailed map. Agreement with the State, circulation among counsel and filing of the

report fulfilling this requirement are to be accomplished NO LATER THAN December 31, 2002. Vital issues and disagreements may be raised by any party within ten (10) days of the filing of the report.

2. The January 6th deadline for filing the amended complaint and related pleadings is vacated. The Court will act on the Special Master's recommendations concerning the geographic scope of the adjudication following the January 16th status conference.

3. The Special Master shall determine which documents will be included in the public website and the public repository. Locating the repository in Albuquerque is unacceptable. She will make the determination regarding its appropriate location.

4. The Special Master shall assist the parties in determining appropriate standards and dates certain for the conduct of the hydrographic survey.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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BRUCE D. BLACK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE