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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN RE THE GENERAL
ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS
TO USE WATER IN THE GILA
RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)
Contested Case No. **W1-11-003442**
W1-11-003452

**ORDER INITIATING CONTESTED
CASES AND SETTING DEADLINES**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Forest Service – Anderson Development* (W1-11-003442) and *In re Forest Service – Anthony Lunt* (W1-11-003452)
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service shall file with the Special Master a statement declaring the claims that it intends to pursue no later than **July 10, 2026**, and file draft abstracts no later than **August 10, 2026**. Comments to the abstracts must be filed no later than **August 24, 2026**.
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General Explanation

This order resumes this contested case to determine rights to use water on land owned by the United States.

In contested case W1-11-003442 the United States Forest Service (“USFS”) filed statement of claimant (“SOC”) 39-8043, the Arizona State Land Department (“ASLD”) filed SOC 39-7096, and Mike Isley filed SOCs 39-4205, 39-4206, and 39-4217. SOCs filed by Mike Isley were subsequently assigned to Anthony Lunt. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) investigated the claims and prepared watershed file report (“WFR”) 115-10-014, published in the San Pedro River

1 Hydrographic Survey Report (“HSR”).

2 Contested case W1-11-003452 involves claims investigated on WFR 115-10-
3 BCB-001, many of which appear to be duplicative to claims to this contested case, W1-
4 11-003442, and contested case W1-11-003441.¹

5 A copy of both WFRs are attached as Attachment A. A map illustrating the area
6 investigated in both WFR is attached as Attachment B. The WFRs describe stock
7 watering uses in the Deer Creek allotment within the Coronado National Forest.

8 After ADWR issued the WFR, objections were filed to the findings made in the
9 WFR by SRP, ASLD, USFS, Gila River Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe,
10 Tonto Apache Tribe, and Yavapai-Apache Nation.

11 **Claimant and Landowners**

12 Both WFRs list USFS as the owner of the land investigated. The public records of
13 ADWR show that all claims assigned to Anthony Lunt were assigned to Galiuro Trust
14 after publication of the WFRs. Neither the state nor lessees appear to have filed any
15 additional SOCs since the issuance of the HSR.

17 **IT IS ORDERED:**

18 **1. Declaration.** USFS shall review all SOCs relevant to these contested cases and
19 declare to the Court no later than **July 10, 2026**, the claims that it intends to
20 pursue.

21 **2. Draft Abstracts.** USFS shall file draft abstracts for claims eligible for summary
22 adjudication no later than **August 10, 2026**. The parties shall file comments
23 to the draft abstracts by **August 24, 2026**.

24 **3. Parties.** The litigants in this contested case are the current landowner, lessees,
25 and all parties who filed objections to the watershed file report.

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27 ¹ Abstracts for 19 potential water rights were approved for inclusion into the Catalog of
28 Proposed Water rights on February 3, 2020. *See* W1-11-003441 In re Anthony Lunt –
State Trust Land, (February 3, 202).

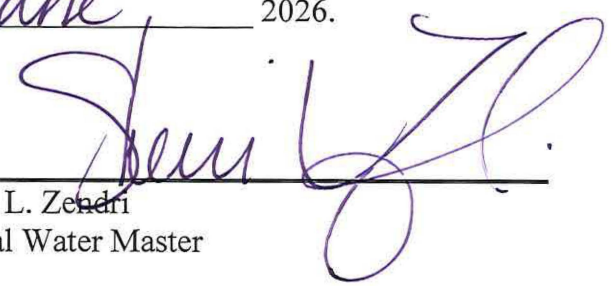
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4. Objections. Copies of objections filed to this case can be found under the respective case names and numbers on the following website:
<http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp>.

5. Court Approved Mailing List.

- A. The initial Court Approved Mailing List for this case shall include all persons listed on Attachment C to this order. The list may be modified only by filing a motion with the Special Master. Litigants are responsible for using the current Court Approved Mailing List.
- B. A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court in this case shall be served upon each person listed on the Court Approved Mailing List.
- C. The Clerk of the Court will send copies of all minute entries and orders issued in this case to the parties listed on the Court Approved Mailing List.
- D. Claimants who would like to receive courtesy copies of minute entries and orders may request inclusion on an email list by sending a request to emily.natale@jbazmc.maricopa.gov.

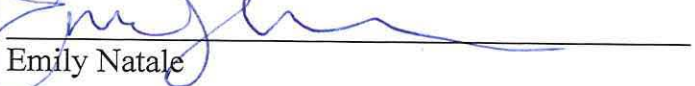
Signed this 9th day of June 2026.



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On June 9, 2026, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list for this contested case, a copy of which is attached, and to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list for W1-00-001234.


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ATTACHMENT A
Watershed File Reports

LAND OWNER	WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER	LESSEE/ALLOTTEE	LEASE-PERMIT ID
FS - CORONADO	115-10-014	LUNT, ANTHONY	DEER CREEK

A P P L I C A B L E F I L I N G S A N D D E C R E E S

CLEARLY STATED INFORMATION FROM FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING NUMBER	FILING STATUS	USES	QUANTITY IN AFA	USE LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	CLAIM DATE	DIVERSION SECTION	LOCATION TWNP	RNGE
36-0082413		IRRIGATION	100.00	SE11	090S	200E	1938	NENW14	090S	200E
36-0082415		IRRIGATION	3.75	SWSE11	090S	200E	1880	NESW14	090S	200E
		DOMESTIC STOCK								
38-0082422		STOCK	1.25	NESE02	090S	200E	1965	NESE02	090S	200E
39-0004205		IRRIGATION	3.00	SE14	090S	200E	1880			
		DOMESTIC STOCK	1.00							
39-0004206		IRRIGATION	100.00	SE11	090S	200E	1938	NENW14	090S	200E
39-0004217		STOCK	1.25	NESE02	090S	200E	1965	NESE02	090S	200E
39-0007096		STOCK	1.25	NESE02	090S	200E	1853	NESE02	090S	200E
		REC/FISH/WLDLF	.02							
		OTHER	106.00							
39-0008043		STOCK	.20	NESW14	090S	200E	1890	NESW14	090S	200E
		REC/FISH/WLDLF	.10							
4A-0004588	CERTIF.	DOMESTIC	1.53	SWSE11	090S	200E	1962	NESW14	090S	200E
		STOCK	2.22	NESW14	090S	200E				

D W R A N A L Y S I S O F F I L I N G S A N D D E C R E E S

FILING NUMBER	USES CLAIMED OR REFERENCED	USES FOUND BY DWR	APPLIES TO DIVERSIONS	APPLIES TO PWR NUMBERS
36-0082413	IRRIGATION	NONE		
36-0082415	IRRIGATION	NONE		SW001
	DOMESTIC STOCK	NONE		
38-0082422	STOCK	NONE		
39-0004205	IRRIGATION	NONE		SW001
	DOMESTIC STOCK	NONE		
39-0004206	IRRIGATION	NONE		
39-0004217	STOCK	NONE		
39-0007096	STOCK	NONE		
	WILDLIFE	NONE		
	OTHER	NONAPPROPRIABLE		
39-0008043	STOCK	STOCK		SW001
	WILDLIFE	INCIDENTAL		
4A-0004588	DOMESTIC	NONE		SW001
	STOCK	STOCK		

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PWR #	LOCATION SECTION TWNP RNGE	SUPPLIED BY DIVERSIONS	WATER SOURCES	PHOTO SOURCE DATE CHANGE	FACILITY NAME
SW001	NWSESW14 090S 200E		SURFACE WATER	NO	BLUFF SPRING

P W R S U M M A R Y

PWR #	APPLICABLE ADJ FILINGS	APPLICABLE PRE FILINGS	*APPARENT FIRST USE DATE* DATE BASIS FOR DATE	WATER SOURCES AND CLASSIFICATIONS
SW001	39-0004205 39-0008043	36-0082415 4A-0004588	1880 FILING 36-82415	SURFACE WATER: ARAVAIPA CREEK
NONE	39-0004206 39-0004217 39-0007096	36-0082413 38-0082422		

PWR #	QUANTIFICATION TYPE	ACRES	CROP TYPE	EFF	WATER DUTY	ESTIMATED VOLUME	REMARKS
SW001							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

E X P L A N A T I O N

FILINGS AND DECREES

FILINGS 36-82413 & 39-4206 - CLAIM IRRIGATION WATER USES. NO IRRIGATION WAS FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATIONS.
 FILINGS 36-82415 & 39-4205 - CLAIM IRRIGATION, DOMESTIC, AND STOCKWATERING USES. NO IRRIGATION OR DOMESTIC USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATIONS.
 FILINGS 38-82422 & 39-4217 - CLAIM STOCKWATERING USES. NO STOCKWATERING USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATIONS.
 FILING 39-7096 - CLAIMS RAINFALL RETENTION AS AN "OTHER" WATER USE. RAINFALL RETENTION IS CONSIDERED TO BE A NONAPPROPRIABLE USE.
 FILING 39-7096 - CLAIMS STOCKWATERING, WILDLIFE, AND OTHER WATER USES. NO STOCKWATERING OR WILDLIFE USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATIONS.
 FILING 4A-4588 - CLAIMS DOMESTIC AND STOCKWATERING USES. NO DOMESTIC USE WAS FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.
 FILING 39-7096 - CLAIMS A FEDERAL RESERVED WATER RIGHT PRIORITY DATE OF 1853, BUT THE CLAIMED DATE OF FIRST BENEFICIAL USE IS 1853.

USES AND RESERVOIRS

SW1 - STOCKWATERING AND WILDILFE USES FROM BLUFF SPRING.

LAND OWNER	WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER	LESSEE/ALLOTTEE	LEASE-PERMIT ID
FS - CORONADO	115-10-BCB-001	LUNT, ANTHONY	

APPLICABLE FILINGS AND DECREES

CLEARLY STATED INFORMATION FROM FILINGS AND DECREES **WI-11-3452**

FILING NUMBER	FILING STATUS	USES	QUANTITY IN AFA	USE LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	CLAIM DATE	DIVERSION SECTION	LOCATION TWNP	RNGE
36-0082415		IRRIGATION DOMESTIC STOCK	3.75	SWSE11	090S	200E	1880	NESW14	090S	200E
38-0011308		STOCK REC/FISH/WLDF	.18	NWNE14	090S	200E	1945	NWNE14	090S	200E
39-0004205		IRRIGATION DOMESTIC STOCK	3.00 1.00 1.00	SE14	090S	200E	1880	NESW14	090S	200E
39-0008043		STOCK REC/FISH/WLDF	.20 .10	NESW14	090S	200E	1890	NESW14	090S	200E
39-0008342		STOCK REC/FISH/WLDF	1.66 .64	NWNE14	090S	200E	1945	NWNE14	090S	200E
4A-0004588	CERTIF.	DOMESTIC STOCK	1.53 2.22	SWSE11	090S	200E	1962	NESW14	090S	200E

DWR ANALYSIS OF FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING NUMBER	USES CLAIMED OR REFERENCED	USES FOUND BY DWR	APPLIES TO DIVERSIONS	APPLIES TO PWR NUMBERS
36-0082415	IRRIGATION DOMESTIC STOCK	NOT APPLICABLE NOT APPLICABLE NOT APPLICABLE	S01	
38-0011308	STOCK WILDLIFE	STOCK INCIDENTAL		SPO01
39-0004205	IRRIGATION DOMESTIC STOCK	NOT APPLICABLE NOT APPLICABLE NOT APPLICABLE	S01	
39-0008043	STOCK WILDLIFE	NONE NONE	S01	
39-0008342	STOCK WILDLIFE	STOCK INCIDENTAL		SPO01
4A-0004588	DOMESTIC STOCK	NOT APPLICABLE NOT APPLICABLE	S01	

DIVERSIONS

DIV #	LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	DIVERSION NAME	WATER SOURCE AND CLASSIFICATION
S01	NWSESW14	090S	200E	BLUFF SPRING	SURFACE WATER: ARAVAIPA CREEK SHARED

RESERVOIRS

PWR #	LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	SUPPLIED BY DIVERSIONS	WATER SOURCES	PHOTO DATE	RESERVOIR NAME	STORAGE PURPOSE
SPO01	SENENW14	090S	200E	S01	SURFACE WATER	1935	HOME RANCH TANK	STOCKWATERING WILDLIFE

SHARED USES AND DIVERSIONS

** WATER FROM S01 IS SHARED WITH THESE ADDITIONAL FILES:
115-10-BBC-1

PWR #	APPLICABLE ADJ FILINGS	APPLICABLE PRE FILINGS	*APPARENT FIRST USE DATE* DATE BASIS FOR DATE	WATER SOURCES AND CLASSIFICATIONS
SPO01	39-0004205 39-0008043 39-0008342	36-0082415 38-0011308 4A-0004588	1935 1935 AERIAL PHOTO.	SURFACE WATER: ARAVAIPA CREEK

Q U A N T I T I E S O F U S E

PWR #	QUANTIFICATION TYPE	ACRES	CROP TYPE	EFF	WATER DUTY	ESTIMATED VOLUME	REMARKS
SPO01	MAX. AREA/CAP	1.1				7.8 AF	

E X P L A N A T I O N

FILINGS AND DECREES

FILINGS 36-82415, 38-11308, 39-4205 & 4A-4588 - CLAIMED WATER USES DO NOT APPLY TO THIS PROPERTY.

FILING 39-8043 - CLAIMS STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE WATER USES FROM BLUFF SPRING WHICH DO NOT APPLY TO THIS W.F.R BUT APPLY TO USES FOUND IN W.F.R. #115-10-14.

DIVERSIONS

S1 - DIVERSION FROM BLUFF SPRING INTO A PIPELINE SYSTEM.

USES AND RESERVOIRS

SP1 - HOME RANCH TANK STOCKPOND.

SHARED USES AND DIVERSIONS

S1 - DIVERSION FROM BLUFF SPRING IS SHARED WITH W.F.R.'S #115-10-BBC-1 & #115-10-14 (SW1).

PWR #	APPLICABLE ADJ FILINGS	APPLICABLE PRE FILINGS	*APPARENT FIRST USE DATE* DATE BASIS FOR DATE	WATER SOURCES AND CLASSIFICATIONS
IROO3	39-0003492 39-0006964	38-0025566 38-0025567 4A-0000073		
IROO4	39-0003472 39-0003473 39-0003478 39-0003492 39-0006964	0 -0000171 36-0025572 36-0025587 38-0025566 38-0025567 4A-0000073	1984 1984 AERIAL PHOTO	SURFACE WATER: ARAVAIPA CREEK
SROO1	39-0003472 39-0003473 39-0003478 39-0003492 39-0006964	0 -0000171 36-0025572 36-0025587 38-0025566 38-0025567 4A-0000073	1936 FILING 39-3472	SURFACE WATER: ARAVAIPA CREEK
SWOO1	39-0003472 39-0003473 39-0003474 39-0003478 39-0006964	0 -0000171 36-0025587 38-0025566 38-0025567 4A-0000073		SURFACE WATER: ARAVAIPA CREEK

Q U A N T I T I E S O F U S E

PWR #	QUANTIFICATION TYPE	ACRES	CROP TYPE	EFF	WATER DUTY	ESTIMATED VOLUME	REMARKS
DMOO1							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT
IROO1	CERTIFICATE	5.0			1.0 CFS		
	MAX. OBSERVED REGIONAL	8.0	MULTI.-DBL.	45%	4.8 AF/AC	38.4 AFA	
	MAX. POTENTIAL	8.0	AVE. CROP	50%	5.4 AF/AC	43.2 AFA	
IROO2	MAX. OBSERVED REGIONAL	4.6	ALFALFA	45%	7.4 AF/AC	59.2 AFA	
	MAX. POTENTIAL	4.6	PERM. PSTR	45%	7.0 AF/AC	32.2 AFA	
IROO3	MAX. OBSERVED REGIONAL	4.6	AVE. CROP	50%	5.4 AF/AC	24.8 AFA	
	MAX. POTENTIAL	4.6	ALFALFA	45%	7.4 AF/AC	34.0 AFA	
IROO4	MAX. OBSERVED REGIONAL	9.0	DBL.CROPPED	45%	4.5 AF/AC	40.5 AFA	
	MAX. POTENTIAL	9.0	AVE. CROP	50%	5.4 AF/AC	48.6 AFA	
IROO4	MAX. OBSERVED REGIONAL	9.0	ALFALFA	45%	7.4 AF/AC	66.6 AFA	
	MAX. POTENTIAL	1.3	DBL.CROPPED	45%	4.5 AF/AC	5.9 AFA	
	MAX. POTENTIAL	1.3	AVE. CROP	50%	5.4 AF/AC	7.0 AFA	
	MAX. POTENTIAL	1.3	ALFALFA	45%	7.4 AF/AC	9.6 AFA	
SROO1	MAX. AREA/CAP	LT 2.0				LTE 15.0 AF	
SWOO1							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

E X P L A N A T I O N

FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING 0-171 - A DIVERSION LOCATION AND ASSOCIATED WATER USES WERE RECORDED WITH GRAHAM COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 10, 1913. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE POINT OF DIVERSION IS GIVEN AS ONE AND 1/4 MILES FROM THE FORKS OF FOUR MILE CREEK AND ABOUT 100 FEET FROM THE CREEK ON THE SOUTH SIDE.
 FILING 39-3474 - CLAIMS IRRIGATION, DOMESTIC, AND STOCKWATERING USES SUPPLIED BY THE LEFT PRONG OF FOUR MILE CREEK. THE LEFT PRONG OF FOUR MILE CREEK SUPPLIES WATER FOR STOCKWATERING USES ONLY.
 FILING 39-6964 - CLAIMS IRRIGATION, DOMESTIC, STOCKWATERING, AND OTHER WATER USES ON A PARCEL OF STATE LAND WHICH DO NOT APPLY TO THIS PROPERTY. THE CLAIMED "OTHER" WATER USE IS FOR RAINFLL RETENTION WHICH IS CONSIDERED TO BE A NONAPPROPRIABLE USE.
 FILING 4A-73 - A CERTIFICATE OF WATER RIGHT ISSUED FOR DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER FROM THE "RIGHT PRONG" OF FOUR MILE CREEK.

DIVERSIONS

D1 - DIVERSION FROM FOUR MILE CREEK INTO THE LACKNER PIPELINE.
 S1, S2 & S4 - DIVERSION FROM SPRINGS LOCATED ON FOUR MILE CREEK INTO THE LACKNER PIPELINE.

USES AND RESERVOIRS

DM1 - DOMESTIC USE.
 IR1-IR4 - IRRIGATED ALFALFA.
 SR1 - SMALL RESERVOIR, SUPPLIED BY DIVERSION D1 AND SPRINGS S1 & S2, IS USED FOR IRRIGATION AND STOCKWATERING PURPOSES.
 SW1 - STOCKWATERING USE FROM THE LEFT PRONG OF FOUR MILE CREEK.

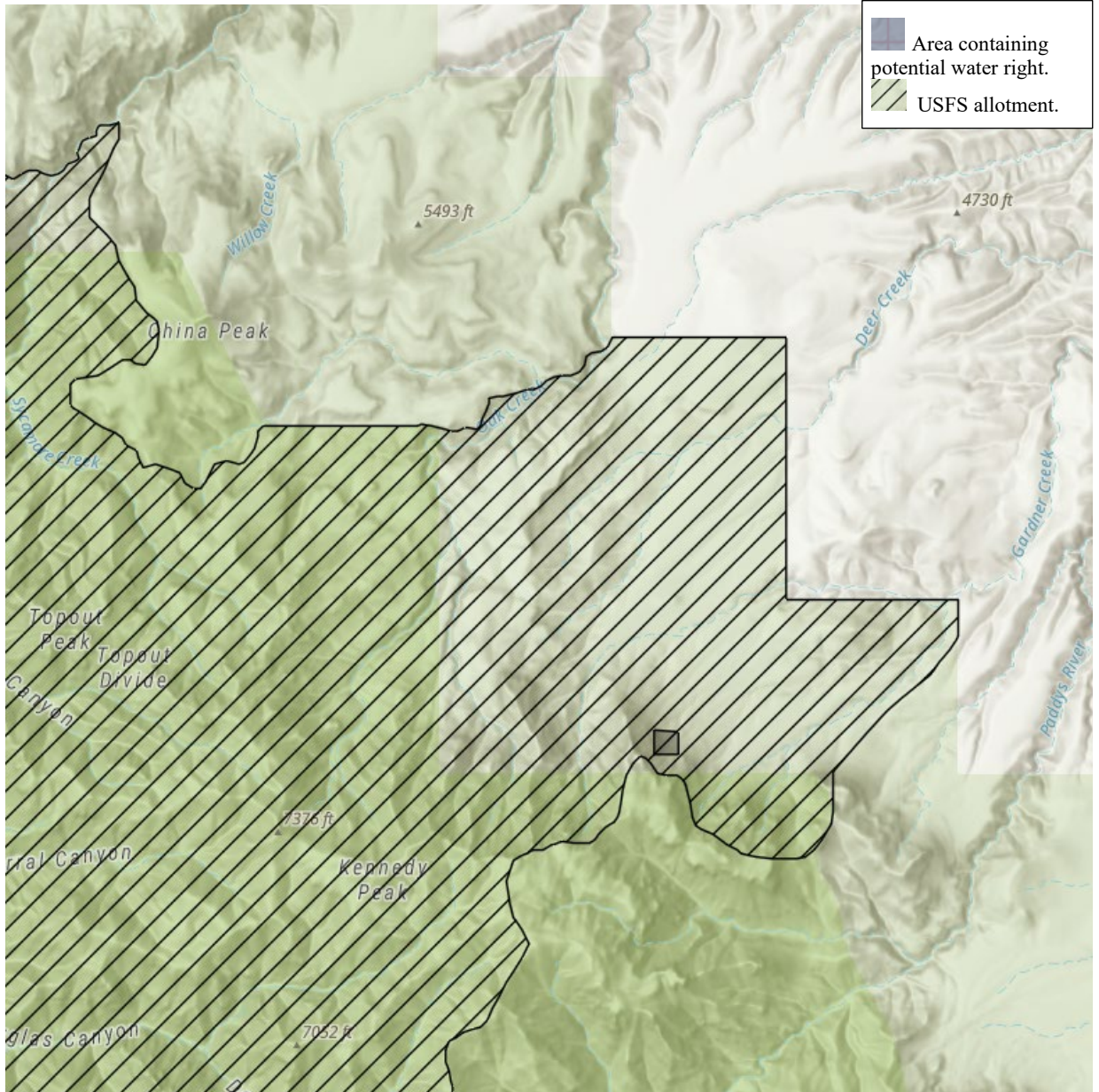
SHARED USES AND DIVERSIONS

- D1 - DIVERSION FROM FOUR MILE CREEK IS SHARED WITH W.F.R. #115-05-DB-2.
- S1 & S2 - DIVERSIONS FROM FOUR MILE SPRINGS ARE SHARED WITH W.F.R. #115-05-DB-2.
- S4 - DIVERSION FROM FOUR MILE SPRINGS ARE SHARED WITH W.F.R.'S #115-05-DB-2 AND #115-05-38.

ATTACHMENT B

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Map Illustrating Area Investigated in both WFRs



ATTACHMENT C
Initial Court-Approved Mailing List

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