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6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA  
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9 IN RE THE GENERAL  
10 ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS  
11 TO USE WATER IN THE GILA  
12 RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

W1-11-001234 (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. **W1-11-001653**

**ORDER REINITIATING CONTESTED  
CASE AND SETTING DEADLINES**

13 CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Forest Service - Coronado*

14 HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.

15 DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court is  
16 directed to initiate W1-11-001653. The United States shall file with the Special Master a  
17 statement declaring the claims that it intends to pursue no later than **July 27, 2026**, and  
18 draft abstracts no later than **August 28, 2026**. Comments to the abstracts must be filed  
19 no later than **September 11, 2026**.

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**General Explanation**

21 This order lifts the stay<sup>1</sup> concerning contested case W1-11-001653, *In re Forest*  
22 *Service – Coronado*. This order also separates the claims analyzed in watershed file  
23 report 112-17-061 from consolidated case W1-11-000019.

24 In this case, Sands Properties LLC and the United States Forest Service (“USFS”)  
25 filed statements of claimant (“SOC”) 39-2006, 39-8154–55, and 39-13960–61. The  
26 Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) investigated the claims and  
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28 <sup>1</sup> Order Vacating Existing Deadlines and Status Conference, *In re Sands Group of Cases*, Case No. W1-11-19  
(Apr. 26, 2017).

1 prepared Watershed File Report (“WFR”) 112-17-061, published in the San Pedro River  
2 Hydrographic Survey Report (“HSR”). A copy of the WFR is attached as Attachment A.  
3 A map illustrating the area investigated in the WFR is attached as Attachment B. The  
4 WFR describes five stock watering use in Sections 3 and 10 Township 19 South, Range  
5 19 East. WFR 112-17-061 lists the USFS as the owner of the land investigated. It appears  
6 that the property investigated is within the Mescal Allotment within the Coronado  
7 National Forest.

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

11 **IT IS ORDERED:**

12 **1. Case Initiation.** This order reinitiates contested case W1-11-001653.

13 **2. Declaration.** The USFS shall review all SOC’s relevant to this contested case  
14 and declare to the Court no later than **July 27, 2026** any claims they wish to  
15 pursue.

16 **3. Draft Abstracts.** The USFS shall file draft abstracts for claims eligible for  
17 summary adjudication by no later than **August 28, 2026**. The parties shall file  
18 any comments to the draft abstracts no later than **September 11, 2026**.

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

21 **5. Objections.** Copies of objections filed to this case can be found under the  
22 respective case names and numbers on the following website:  
23 <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudi>  
24 [cation/whatsNew.asp](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp).

25 **6. Court Approved Mailing List.**

26 A. The initial Court Approved Mailing List for this case shall include all  
27 persons listed on Attachment C to this order. The list may be modified only  
28 by filing a motion with the Special Master. Litigants are responsible for

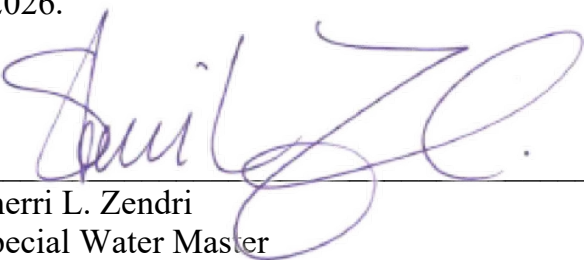
1 using the current Court-approved mailing list.

2 **B.** A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Maricopa County  
3 Superior Court in this case shall be served upon each person listed on the  
4 Court Approved Mailing List.

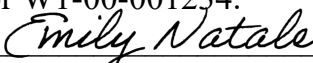
5 **C.** The Clerk of the Court will send copies of all minute entries and orders  
6 issued in this case to the parties listed on the Court Approved Mailing List.

7 **D.** Claimants who would like to receive courtesy copies of minute entries and  
8 orders may request inclusion on an email list by sending a request to  
9 emily.natale@jbazmc.maricopa.gov.

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11 Signed this 26th day of June 2026.

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15 Sherri L. Zendri  
Special Water Master

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17 On June 26, 2026, the original of the foregoing  
18 was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa  
19 County Superior Court for filing and distributing  
20 a copy to all persons listed on the Court-  
21 approved mailing list for this contested case,  
22 a copy of which is attached, and to all  
23 persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list  
24 for W1-00-001234.

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Watershed File Report**



| LAND OWNER    | WATERSHED FILE<br>REPORT NUMBER | LESSEE/ALLOTTEE          | LEASE-PERMIT ID |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| FS - CORONADO | 112-17-061                      | SANDS INVESTMENT COMPANY | 656             |

## 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<br>STATUS | USES           | QUANTITY<br>IN AFA | USE LOCATION<br>SECTION TWNP RNGE | CLAIM<br>DATE | DIVERSION LOCATION<br>SECTION TWNP RNGE |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 36-0018516    |                  | STOCK          | .96                | NESW03 190S 190E                  | 1890          | NESW03 190S 190E                        |
|               |                  | REC/FISH/WLDLF |                    |                                   |               |                                         |
| 36-0018517    |                  | STOCK          | .96                | NESW10 190S 190E                  | 1890          | NESW10 190S 190E                        |
|               |                  | REC/FISH/WLDLF |                    |                                   |               |                                         |
| 36-0080284    |                  | STOCK          | 3.31               | NWSE03 190S 190E                  | 1919          | NWSE03 190S 190E                        |
| 36-0100017    |                  | STOCK          | .61                | SWNW03 190S 190E                  | 1880          | SWNW03 190S 190E                        |
|               |                  | REC/FISH/WLDLF |                    |                                   |               |                                         |
| 36-0100020    |                  | STOCK          | .61                | SWNW03 190S 190E                  | 1880          | SWNW03 190S 190E                        |
|               |                  | REC/FISH/WLDLF |                    |                                   |               |                                         |
| 36-0102762    |                  | STOCK          |                    | S2NE02 190S 190E                  | 1918          | S2NE02 190S 190E                        |
|               |                  | REC/FISH/WLDLF |                    | N2SW02 190S 190E                  |               | N2SW02 190S 190E                        |
|               |                  |                |                    | NESW03 190S 190E                  |               | NESW03 190S 190E                        |
| 39-0002006    | QUE.RECD         | DOMESTIC       | .25                | 01 190S 190E                      | 1919          | NWNWSE03 190S 190E                      |
|               |                  | STOCK          | 3.07               | NWSE02 190S 190E                  |               |                                         |
|               |                  |                |                    | NWNWSE03 190S 190E                |               |                                         |
| 39-0008154    |                  | STOCK          | .67                | NESW03 190S 190E                  | 1890          | NESW03 190S 190E                        |
|               |                  | REC/FISH/WLDLF | .29                |                                   |               |                                         |
| 39-0008155    |                  | STOCK          | .67                | NESW10 190S 190E                  | 1890          | NESW10 190S 190E                        |
|               |                  | REC/FISH/WLDLF | .29                |                                   |               |                                         |
| 39-0013960    |                  | STOCK          | .61                | NESWNW03 190S 190E                | 1907          | NESWNW03 190S 190E                      |
|               |                  | REC/FISH/WLDLF |                    |                                   |               |                                         |
| 39-0013961    |                  | STOCK          | .61                | NESWNW03 190S 190E                | 1907          | NESWNW03 190S 190E                      |
|               |                  | REC/FISH/WLDLF |                    |                                   |               |                                         |
| 4A-0004200    | CERTIF.          | STOCK          | 3.31               | NWSE03 190S 190E                  | 1957          | NWSE03 190S 190E                        |

## 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<br>REFERENCED | USES FOUND<br>BY DWR | APPLIES TO<br>DIVERSIONS | APPLIES TO PWR NUMBERS |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 36-0018516    | STOCK                         | SPRING               | S01                      | SW001                  |
|               | WILDLIFE                      | SPRING               |                          |                        |
| 36-0018517    | STOCK                         | SPRING               |                          | SW002                  |
|               | WILDLIFE                      | SPRING               |                          |                        |
| 36-0080284    | STOCK                         | SPRING               | S01                      | SW001                  |
| 36-0100017    | STOCK                         | SPRING               |                          | SW003                  |
|               | WILDLIFE                      | SPRING               |                          |                        |
| 36-0100020    | STOCK                         | SPRING               |                          | SW004                  |
|               | WILDLIFE                      | SPRING               |                          |                        |
| 36-0102762    | STOCK                         | STOCK                |                          | SW005                  |
|               | WILDLIFE                      | INCIDENTAL           |                          |                        |
| 39-0002006    | DOMESTIC                      | NOT APPLICABLE       | S01                      | SW001                  |
|               | STOCK                         | SPRING               |                          |                        |
| 39-0008154    | STOCK                         | SPRING               | S01                      | SW001                  |
|               | WILDLIFE                      | SPRING               |                          |                        |
| 39-0008155    | STOCK                         | SPRING               |                          | SW002                  |
|               | WILDLIFE                      | SPRING               |                          |                        |
| 39-0013960    | STOCK                         | SPRING               |                          | SW003                  |
|               | WILDLIFE                      | SPRING               |                          |                        |
| 39-0013961    | STOCK                         | SPRING               |                          | SW004                  |
|               | WILDLIFE                      | SPRING               |                          |                        |
| 4A-0004200    | STOCK                         | SPRING               | S01                      | SW001                  |

## D I V E R S I O N S

| DIV # | LOCATION<br>SECTION TWNP RNGE | DIVERSION NAME    | WATER SOURCE AND CLASSIFICATION          |
|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| S01   | NWNESW03 190S 190E            | FRENCH JOE SPRING | SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER<br>SHARED |

| PWR # | LOCATION |      |      | SUPPLIED BY |               | PHOTO DATE | SOURCE CHANGE | FACILITY NAME     |
|-------|----------|------|------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
|       | SECTION  | TWNP | RNGE | DIVERSIONS  | WATER SOURCES |            |               |                   |
| SW001 | NWNESW03 | 190S | 190E | SO1         | SURFACE WATER |            | NO            | FRENCH JOE SPRING |
| SW002 | NENESW10 | 190S | 190E |             | SURFACE WATER |            | NO            | DRY CANYON SPRING |
| SW003 | NESWNW03 | 190S | 190E |             | SURFACE WATER |            | NO            | INSTREAM USE      |
| SW004 | NESWNW03 | 190S | 190E |             | SURFACE WATER |            | NO            | INSTREAM USE      |
| SW005 | SWNWSW03 | 190S | 190E |             | SURFACE WATER |            | NO            | INSTREAM USE      |

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\*\* WATER FROM SO1 IS SHARED WITH THESE ADDITIONAL FILES:  
112-17-26, 112-17-66

P W R S U M M A R Y

| PWR # | APPLICABLE               | APPLICABLE                             | *APPARENT FIRST USE DATE* |           | WATER SOURCES AND CLASSIFICATIONS |
|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
|       | ADJ FILINGS              | PRE FILINGS                            | DATE BASIS                | FOR DATE  |                                   |
| SW001 | 39-0002006<br>39-0008154 | 36-0018516<br>36-0080284<br>4A-0004200 | 1890 FILING               | 36-18516  | SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER    |
| SW002 | 39-0008155               | 36-0018517                             | 1890 FILING               | 36-18517  | SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER    |
| SW003 | 39-0013960               | 36-0100017                             | 1880 FILING               | 36-100017 | SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER    |
| SW004 | 39-0013961               | 36-0100020                             | 1880 FILING               | 36-100020 | SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER    |
| SW005 | NONE                     | 36-0102762                             |                           |           | SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER    |

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| PWR # | QUANTIFICATION |  | ACRES | CROP TYPE | EFF | WATER DUTY | ESTIMATED VOLUME | REMARKS                              |
|-------|----------------|--|-------|-----------|-----|------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
|       | TYPE           |  |       |           |     |            |                  |                                      |
| SW001 |                |  |       |           |     |            |                  | SEE VOLUME 1 -<br>GENERAL ASSESSMENT |
| SW002 |                |  |       |           |     |            |                  | SEE VOLUME 1 -<br>GENERAL ASSESSMENT |
| SW003 |                |  |       |           |     |            |                  | SEE VOLUME 1 -<br>GENERAL ASSESSMENT |
| SW004 |                |  |       |           |     |            |                  | SEE VOLUME 1 -<br>GENERAL ASSESSMENT |
| SW005 |                |  |       |           |     |            |                  | SEE VOLUME 1 -<br>GENERAL ASSESSMENT |

E X P L A N A T I O N

FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING 39-2006 - A UNIFORM QUESTIONNAIRE WAS RECEIVED WHICH REFLECTS INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED IN THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF CLAIMANT.  
FILING 39-2006 - CLAIMS DOMESTIC AND STOCKWATERING USES. THE CLAIMED DOMESTIC USE DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS W.F.R.

DIVERSIONS

S1 - DIVERSION FROM FRENCH JOE SPRING PROVIDES WATER FOR DOMESTIC, STOCKWATERING, AND WILDLIFE USES.

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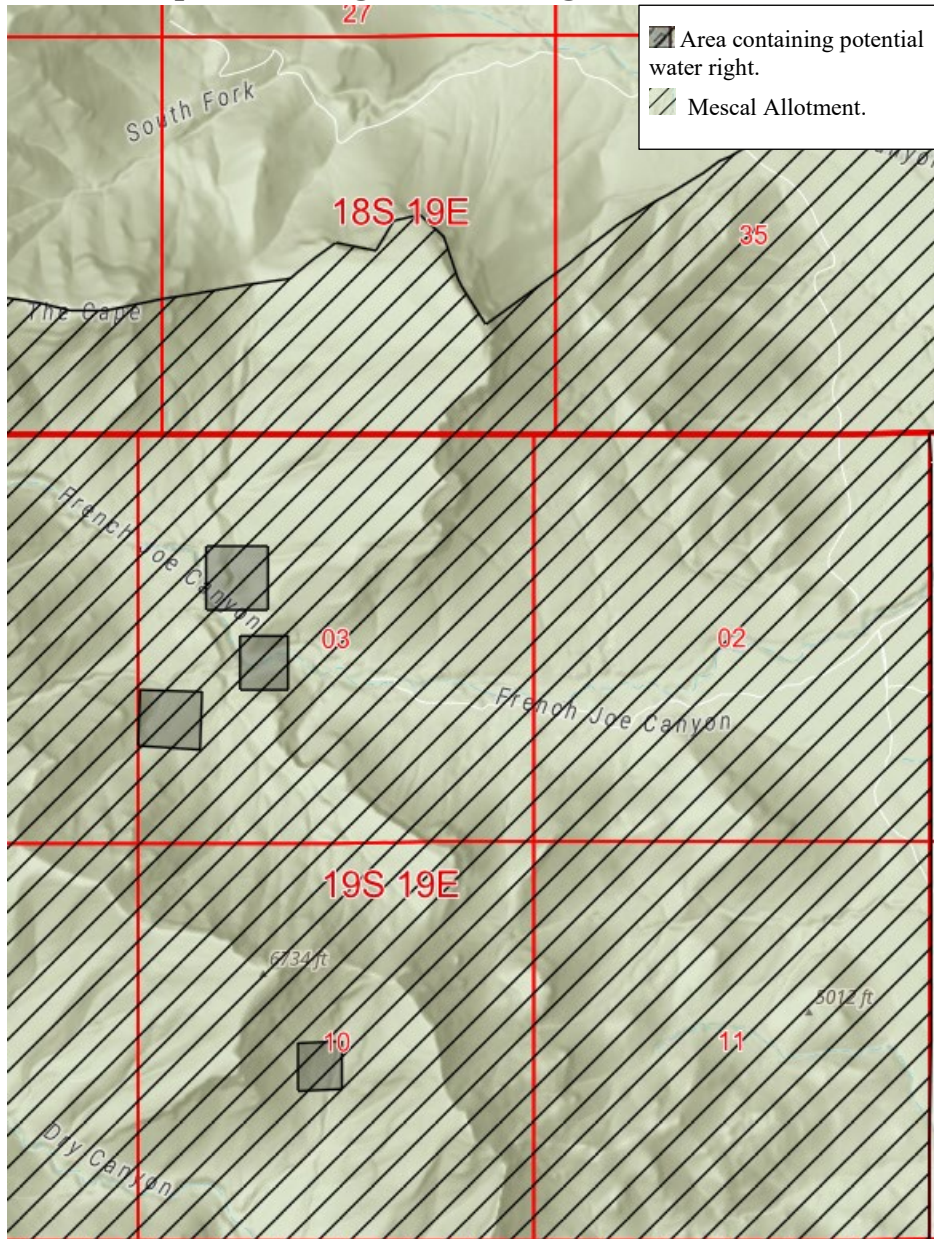
SW1 - STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM FRENCH JOE SPRING.  
SW2 - STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM DRY CANYON SPRING.  
SW3 - STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM CANYON SPRING NUMBER ONE.  
SW4 - STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM CANYON SPRING NUMBER TWO.  
SW5 - INSTREAM STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM UPPER FRENCH JOE CREEK.

SHARED USES AND DIVERSIONS

S1 - SPRING IS SHARED WITH W.F.R. #112-17-26 & #112-17-66.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Map Illustrating Area Investigated in WFR**



**ATTACHMENT C**

**Initial Court-Approved Mailing List**

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