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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

W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. **W1-11-003296**

**ORDER REINITIATING CONTESTED
CASE AND SETTING DEADLINES**

13 CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re BLM – Safford District*

14 HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.

15 DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court is
16 directed to initiate W1-11-003296. 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 stay¹ concerning contested case W1-11-003296, *In re BLM –*
22 *Safford District*. This order also separates the claims analyzed in watershed file report
23 112-17-061 from consolidated case W1-11-000019.

24 In this case, Jephtha O. White filed statement of claimant (“SOC”) 39-2673. The
25 Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) investigated the claim and prepared
26 Watershed File Report (“WFR”) 115-04-006, published in the San Pedro River
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28 ¹ Order Vacating Existing Deadlines and Status Conference, *In re Sands Group of Cases*, Case No. W1-11-19
(Apr. 26, 2017).

1 Hydrographic Survey Report (“HSR”). A copy of the WFR is attached as Attachment A.
2 A map illustrating the area investigated in the WFR is attached as Attachment B. The
3 WFR describes a stock watering use in Section 27 Township 6 South, Range 17 East.
4 WFR 115-04-006 lists the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) as the owner of
5 the land investigated. Subsequent to the WFR publication, all surface water filings and
6 the SOC were assigned to Brighthawk, LLC. It appears that the property investigated is
7 within the Brandenburg Mountain Allotment within the Coronado National Forest.

8 After ADWR issued the WFR, objections were filed to the findings made in the
9 WFR by the U.S., 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 W1-11-003296.

13 **2. Declaration.** The BLM shall review all SOC's relevant to this contested case
14 and declare to the Court no later than **July 27, 2026**, the claims it intends to
15 pursue.

16 **3. Draft Abstracts.** The BLM 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](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp)
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 persons
27 listed on Attachment C to this order. The list may be modified only by filing
28 a motion with the Special Master. Litigants are responsible for using the

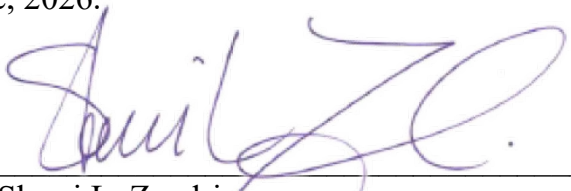
1 current Court-approved mailing list.

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

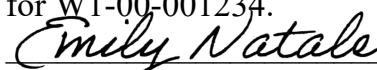
5 **C.** The Clerk of the Court will send copies of all minute entries and orders issued
6 in this case to the parties listed on the Court-approved mailing list.

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 REPORT NUMBER	LESSEE/ALLOTTEE	LEASE-PERMIT ID
BLM - SAFFORD DISTRICT	115-04-006	WHITE, JEPHTHA O. & PEGGY MARIE	# 4530

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 LOCATION SECTION TWNP RNGE
36-0059854		IRRIGATION DOMESTIC STOCK	220.00	NE34 060S 170E	1912	SESE27 060S 170E
39-0002673		IRRIGATION DOMESTIC	2000.00	SESE27 060S 170E 34 060S 170E	1912	SESE27 060S 170E

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
36-0059854	IRRIGATION DOMESTIC STOCK	NONE NONE STOCK		SW001
39-0002673	IRRIGATION DOMESTIC	NONE NONE		

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PWR #	LOCATION SECTION TWNP RNGE	SUPPLIED BY DIVERSIONS	WATER SOURCES	PHOTO DATE	SOURCE CHANGE	FACILITY NAME
SW001	SESE27 060S 170E		SURFACE WATER		NO	INSTREAM USE

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	NONE	36-0059854		SURFACE WATER: ARAVAIPA CREEK
NONE	39-0002673	NONE		

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
SW001							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

E X P L A N A T I O N

FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING 36-59854 - CLAIMS IRRIGATION, DOMESTIC, AND STOCKWATERING USES. NO DOMESTIC OR IRRIGATION USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.

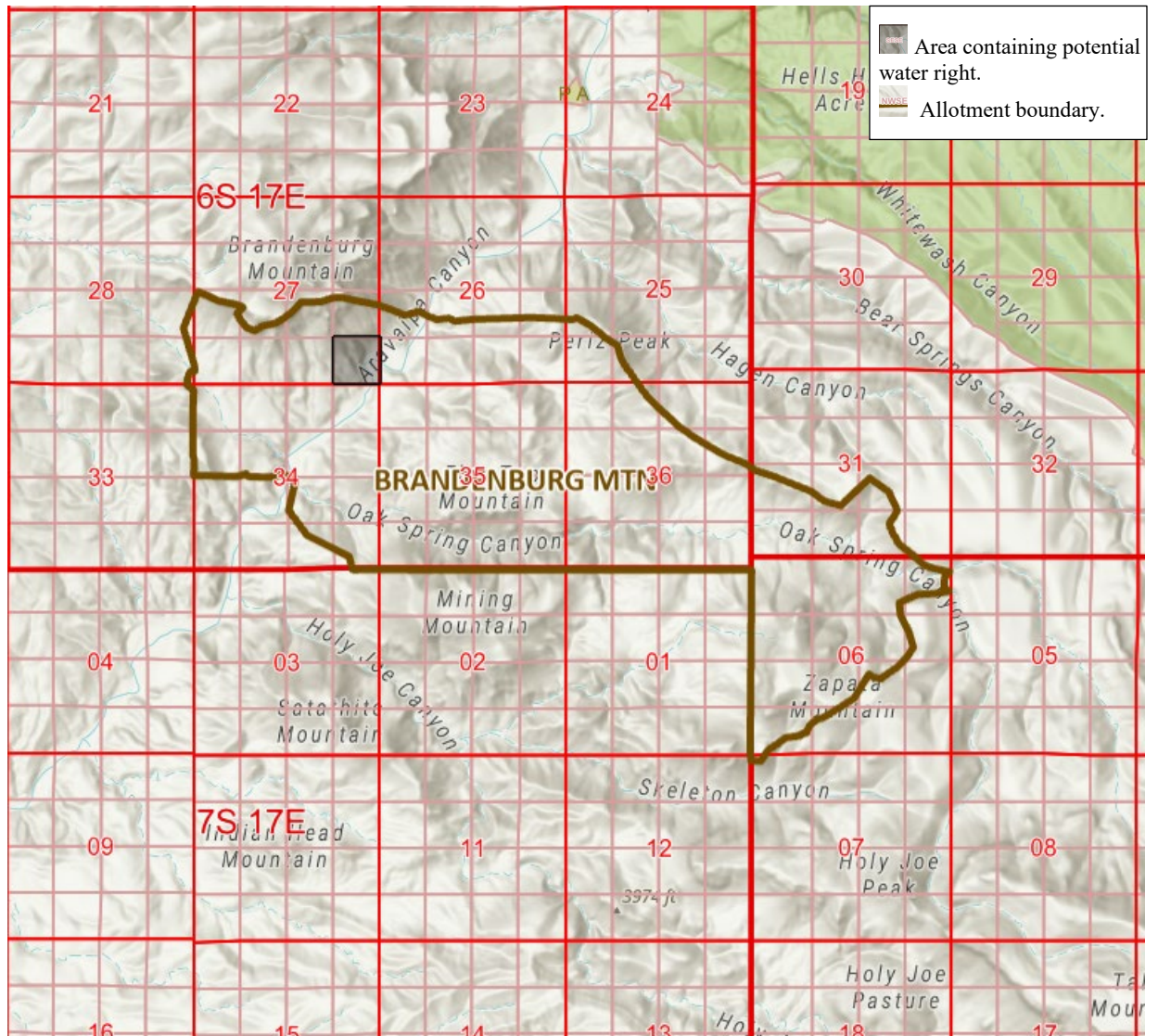
FILING 39-2673 - CLAIMS IRRIGATION AND DOMESTIC WATER USES. NO IRRIGATION OR DOMESTIC USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.

USES AND RESERVOIRS

SW1 - INSTREAM STOCKWATERING FROM ARAVAIPA CREEK.

ATTACHMENT B

Map Illustrating Area Investigated in WFR



ATTACHMENT C

Initial Court-Approved Mailing List

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