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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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10 IN RE THE GENERAL
11 ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS
12 TO USE WATER IN THE GILA RIVER
13 SYSTEM AND SOURCE
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W1-00-001234 (consolidated)

Contested Case No. **W1-11-003456**

W1-11-002661

W1-11-002683

W1-11-002748

W1-11-002755

15 ORDER TO INITIATE CONTESTED CASE
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17 CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Hot*
18 *Springs Canyon Creek*

19 HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report

20 DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court is
21 directed to initiate W1-11-003456.

22 NUMBER OF PAGES: 18

23 This Order initiates a contested case to consider the claims for water rights and
24 resolve objections to a new Watershed File Report 113-13-026 (“WFR”) filed by the
25 Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) on April 15, 2026. A copy of the
26 WFR is included with this order as Attachment A.

27 **IT IS ORDERED:**

- 28 1. The Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court will initiate contested case
W1-11-003456, known as *In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy –*
Hot Springs Canyon Creek and it will address the Statement of Claimant and

1 objections that were filed regarding the watershed file report 113-13-026.
2 Objections to this WFR were originally filed under contested cases W1-11-
3 002661, W1-11-002683, W1-11-002748, and W1-11-002755. Copies of these
4 objections can be found under the case name and number this contested on the
5 following website:

6 [www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNe](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp)
7 [w.asp](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp)

8 2. Litigants. The litigants in this contested case are the claimants, the current
9 landowner, all persons who filed objections to the newly filed Watershed File
10 Report, and any party allowed to intervene by order.

11 3. Court Approved Mailing List.

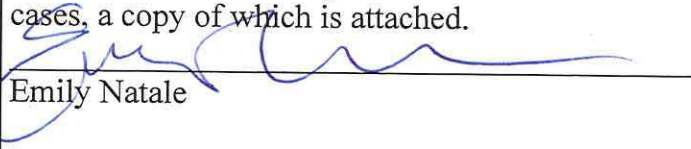
12 A. Contested case W1-11-003456 shall run concurrently with W1-11-002661,
13 W1-11-002683, W1-11-002748, and W1-11-002755. **Please note that to**
14 **simplify service for this group of cases, all five cases will be included in**
15 **the Court Approved Mailing List for case W1-11-002755. All parties**
16 **are instructed to use the Court Approved Mailing List for case**
17 **W1-11-002755.** The list may be modified only by filing a motion with the
18 Special Master. Litigants are responsible for using the current Court
19 Approved Mailing List.

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

23 Signed this 9th day of July, 2026.

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26 Sherri L. Zendri
27 Special Water Master
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1 On July 9, 2026, the original of
2 the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the
3 Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and
4 distributing a copy to all persons listed on the
5 Court-approved mailing list for these contested
6 cases, a copy of which is attached.

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Court Approved Mailing List
In re AZ Nature Conserv.-Double R Canyon
W1-11-002755 (19 Names)
Prepared by the Special Master
7/9/2026

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ATTACHMENT A

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W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. W1-11-002661

W1-11-002683

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W1-11-002755

15 **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER**
16 **RESOURCES' NOTICE OF FILING**
17 **AMENDED WATERSHED FILE**
18 **REPORTS AND NEW WATERSHED**
19 **FILE REPORT**

Special Master Sherri Zendri

20 **CONTESTED CASE NAME:** *In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy –*
21 *Cherry Springs* (W1-11-002661); *In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy –*
22 *Cascabel* (W1-11-002683); *In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy –*
23 *Hooker Hot Springs* (W1-11-002748); *In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy –*
24 *Double R Canyon* (W1-11-002755)

25 **HSR INVOLVED:** San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report (“HSR”)

26 **DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The Arizona Department of Water Resources provides
notice of filing Amended Watershed File Report Nos. 113-13-015 and 113-13-022 and
new Watershed Filed Report No. 113-13-026.

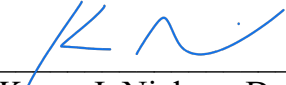
NUMBER OF PAGES: Two and nine-page attachment

1 **DATE OF FILING:** April 15, 2026

2 Pursuant to the Order Granting Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy's
3 Request to Amend WFRs 113-13-015 and 113-13-022 and Create a New WFR, ADWR
4 provides notice of filing Amended WFR Nos. 113-13-015 and 113-13-022 and new WFR
5 No. 113-13-026. A copy of the Amended WFRs and new WFRs are attached to the
6 original of this Notice being filed with the Clerk (Attachment A) and are being posted to
7 ADWR's web site at: <https://azwater.gov/adjudications>.

8 **DATED** this 15th day of April, 2026.

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10 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER
11 RESOURCES

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14 Karen J. Nielsen, Deputy Counsel

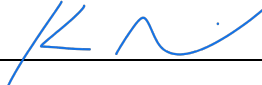
15 **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing notice and attachment
16 sent by first-class mail on April 15, 2026, to:

17 Clerk of the Maricopa Superior Court
18 Attn: Water Case
19 601 W. Jackson Street
20 Phoenix, Arizona 85003

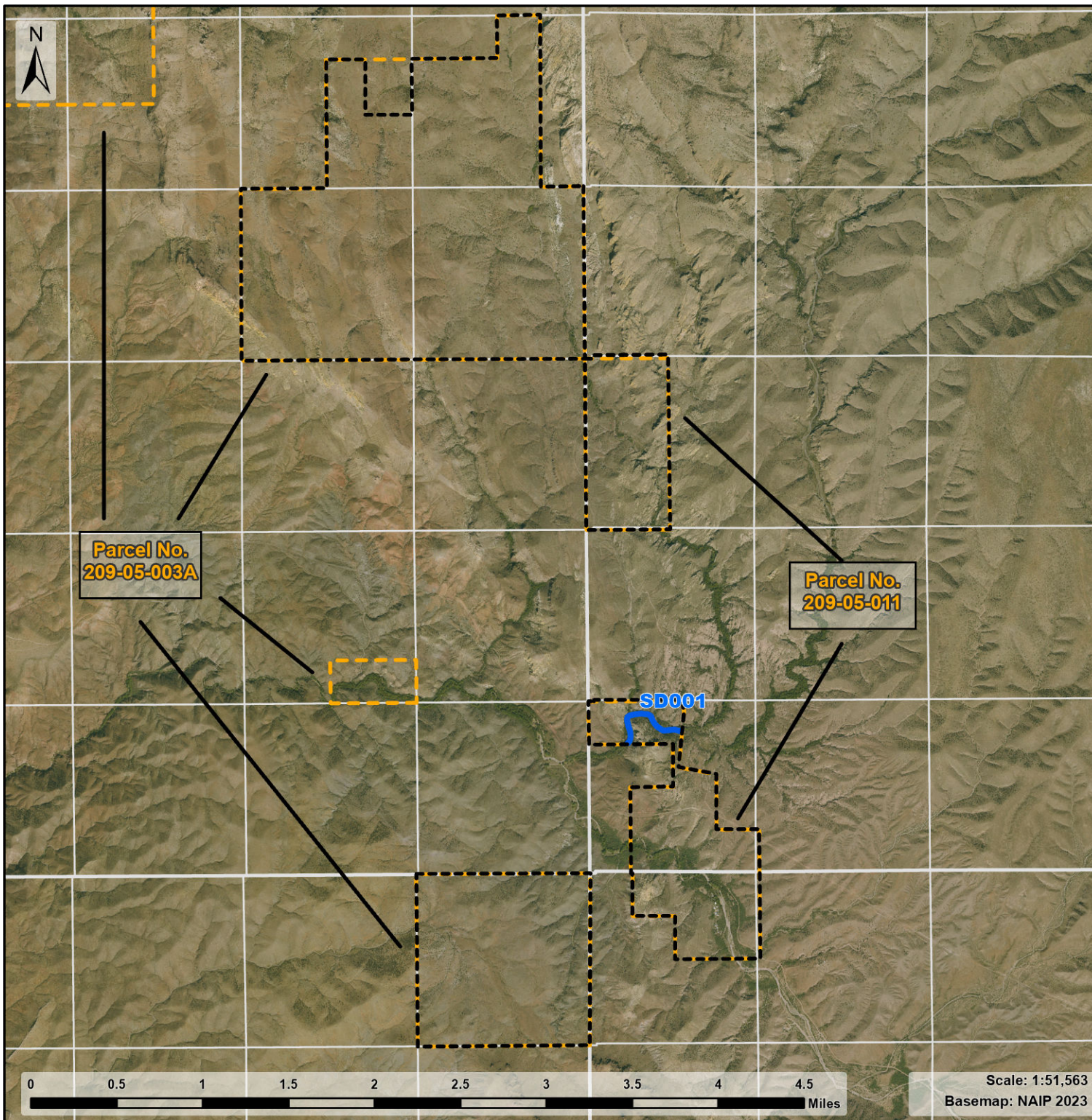
21 **COPY** of the foregoing notice and attachment
22 sent by first-class mail on April 15, 2026, to:

23 Special Master Sherri Zendri
24 water@jbazmc.maricopa.gov

25 **COPIES** of the foregoing notice and attachment
26 sent by first-class mail on April 15, 2026, to all
parties on the court-approved mailing list
for Contested Case Nos. W1-00-001234, W1-11-002661,
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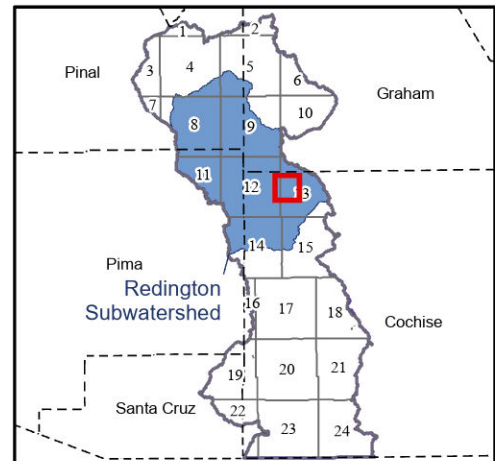


ATTACHMENT A



 WFR Boundary
 County Assessor
Parcels
 PLSS Section

Water Use Type
 Streamside



Watershed File Report

113-13-015

Landowner
NATURE CONSERVANCY

HSR Region 13

San Pedro River Watershed
Redington Subwatershed



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Basemap: NAIP 2023

LAND OWNER						TITLE										
NATURE CONSERVANCY						WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER				AMENDED WATERSHED FILE REPORT						
						113-13-015										
APPLICABLE FILINGS AND DECREES																
CLEARLY STATED INFORMATION FROM FILINGS AND DECREES																
FILING NO.		FILING STATUS	FILING DATE	USES		QUANTITY IN AFA		USE LOCATION				CLAIM DATE		DIVERSION LOCATION		
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33-96278		CERTIF.	2/10/1999	REC/FISH/WLDF		1,159.50		NENW29, SENW29, NESW29, SWSW29, NWNW32, NENE31, NENW31, NWNW31	12S	21E		12/1/1988				
39-180916		ACTIVE	11/7/2025	REC/FISH/WLDF		1,159.50		SENW31, SENW31	12S	21E		12/1/1988		SENW31	12S	21E

QUANTITIES OF USE

PWR#	QUANTIFICATION TYPE	ACRES	CROP TYPE	EFF	WATER DUTY	ESTIMATED VOLUME	REMARKS
SD001							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

EXPLANATIONS

FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING 33-96278 CLAIMS RECREATION, FISH, AND WILDLIFE USES. THIS IS A STREAMSIDE USE AND WATER IS NOT BEING DIVERTED FROM THE NATURAL CHANNEL.

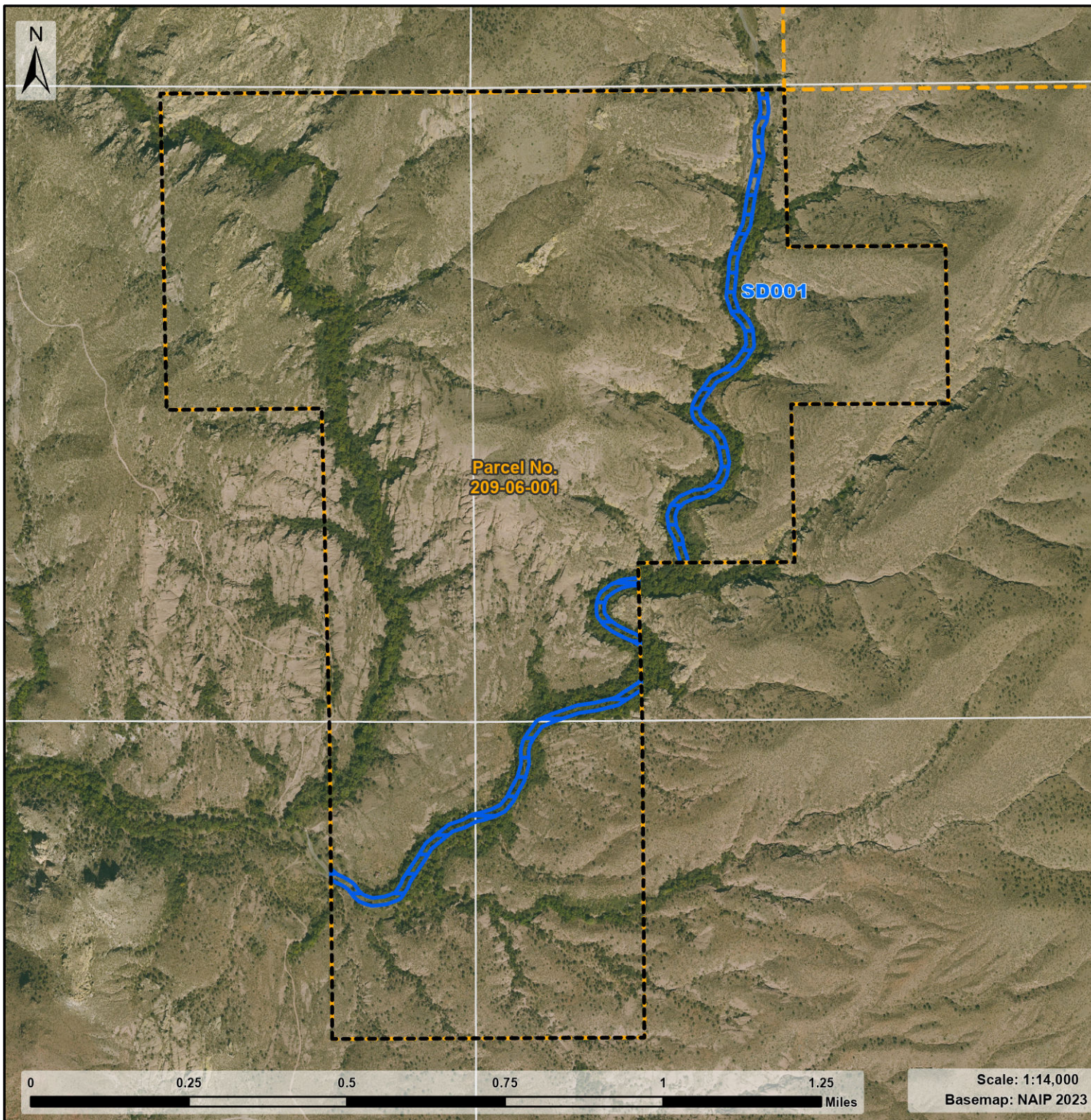
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FILING 39-180916 CLAIMS RECREATION, FISH, AND WILDLIFE USES. THIS IS A STREAMSIDE USE AND WATER IS NOT BEING DIVERTED FROM THE NATURAL CHANNEL.

USES AND RESERVOIRS

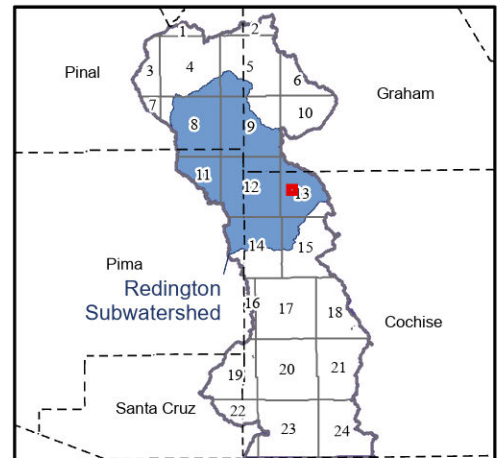
SD1 - STREAMSIDE USE FROM BASS CANYON.





 WFR Boundary
 County Assessor
Parcels
 PLSS Section

Water Use Type
 Streamside



Watershed File Report

113-13-022

Landowner
NATURE CONSERVANCY

HSR Region 13

San Pedro River Watershed
Redington Subwatershed



ADWR April 2026

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Basemap: NAIP 2023

LAND OWNER		WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER		TITLE	
NATURE CONSERVANCY		113-13-022		AMENDED WATERSHED FILE REPORT	

APPLICABLE FILINGS AND DECREES

CLEARLY STATED INFORMATION FROM FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING NO.	FILING STATUS	FILING DATE	USES	QUANTITY IN AFA	USE LOCATION			CLAIM DATE	DIVERSION LOCATION		
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33-96278	CERTIF.	2/10/1999	REC/FISH/WLDF	1,159.50	NENW29, SENW29, NESW29, SWSW29, NWNW32, NENE31, NENW31, NWNW31	12S	21E	12/1/1988			
39-180916	ACTIVE	11/7/2025	REC/FISH/WLDF	1,159.50	SENWNW31, SENENW31	12S	21E	12/1/1988	SENWNW31	12S	21E

DWR ANALYSIS OF FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING NO.	USES CLAIMED OR REFERENCED	USES FOUND BY DWR		APPLIES TO DIVERSIONS	APPLIES TO PWR NUMBERS	
		1991	2026		1991	2026
33-96278	REC/FISH/WLDF	NONE	STREAMSIDE		NONE	SD001
39-180916	REC/FISH/WLDF	NONE	STREAMSIDE		NONE	SD001

USES

PWR #	LOCATION			SUPPLIED BY DIVERSION	WATER SOURCE	PHOTO DATE	SOURCE CHANGE	FACILITY NAME
	SECTION (POU/POD)	TWNP	RNGE					
SD001	NENW29, SENW29, NESW29, SWSW29, NWNW32, NENE31, NENW31, NWNW31	12S	21E		SURFACE WATER		NO	

PWR SUMMARY

PWR#	APPLICABLE ADJ FILINGS	APPLICABLE PRE FILINGS	APPARENT FIRST USE DATE		WATER SOURCES AND CLASSIFICATION
			DATE	BASIS FOR DATE	
SD001	39-180916	33-96278	12/1/1988	FILING 33-96278	SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER



QUANTITIES OF USE

PWR#	QUANTIFICATION TYPE	ACRES	CROP TYPE	EFF	WATER DUTY	ESTIMATED VOLUME	REMARKS
SD001							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

EXPLANATIONS

FILINGS AND DECREES

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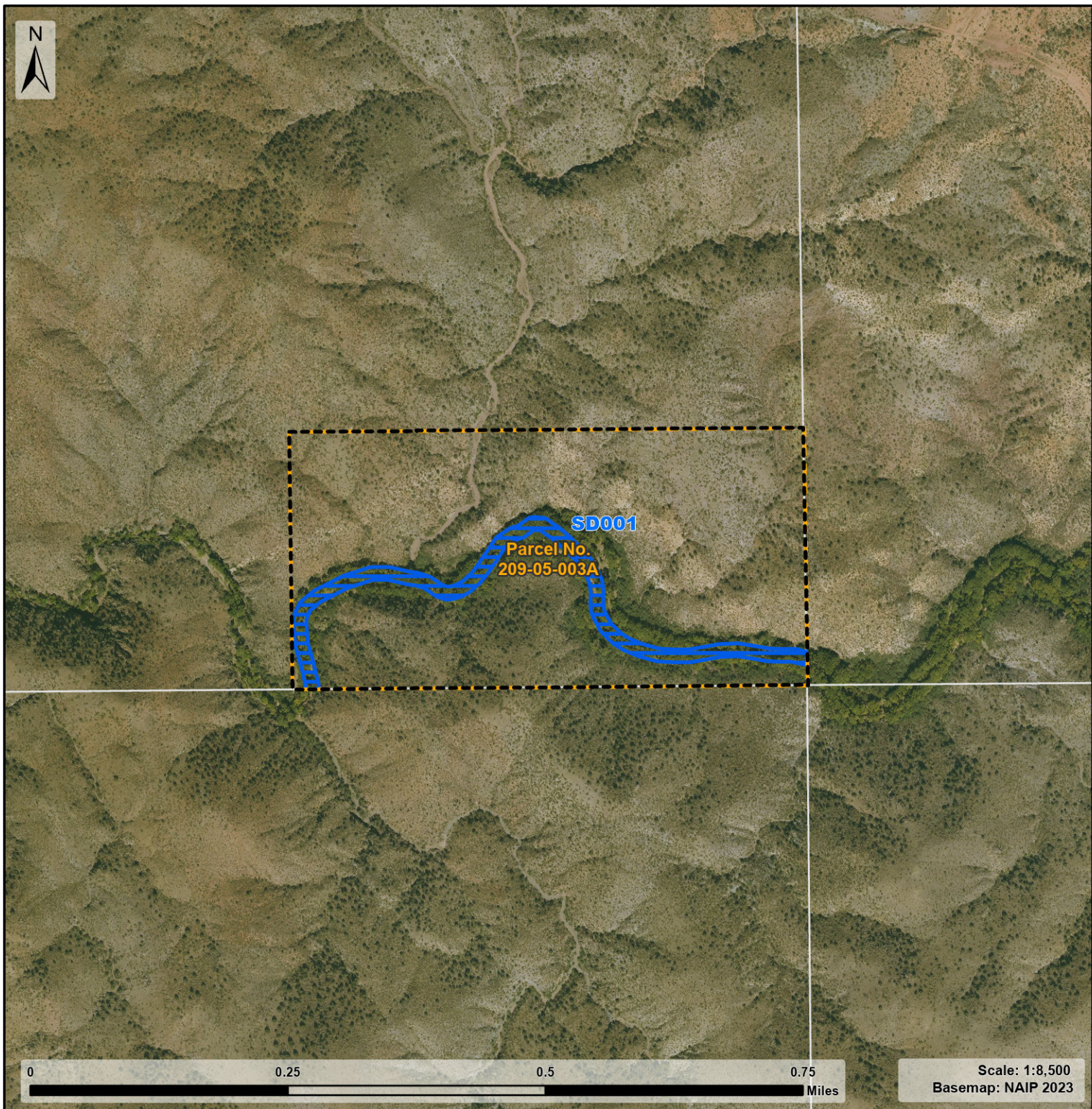
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USES AND RESERVOIRS

SD1 - STREAMSIDE USE FROM BASS CANYON.





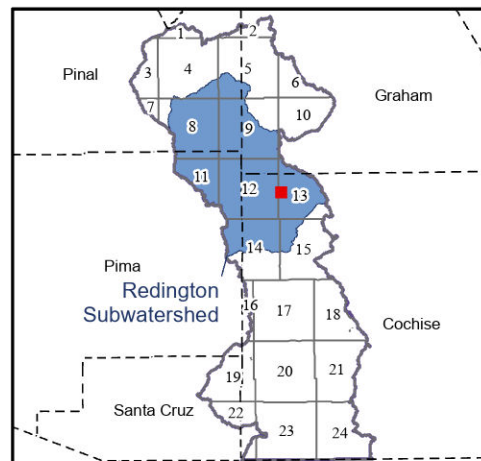
 WFR Boundary

 County Assessor
Parcels

 PLSS Section

Water Use Type

 Streamside



Watershed File Report

113-13-026

Landowner
NATURE CONSERVANCY

HSR Region 13

San Pedro River Watershed
Redington Subwatershed



ADWR April 2026

LAND OWNER		TITLE	
NATURE CONSERVANCY	WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER	WATERSHED FILE REPORT	
	113-13-026		

EXPLANATIONS
FILINGS AND DECREES

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FILING 33-96279 IS GRANTED TO "ARIZONA CHAPTER OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF TUCSON." THIS NAME DIFFERS FROM THE LANDOWNER NAME.

FILING 39-180917 CLAIMS RECREATION, FISH, AND WILDLIFE USES. THIS IS A STREAMSIDE USE AND WATER IS NOT BEING DIVERTED FROM THE NATURAL CHANNEL.

USES AND RESERVOIRS

SD1 - STREAMSIDE USE FROM HOT SPRINGS CANYON CREEK.

