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Creek has slowed progress and caused a great expenditure of everyone's resources. The Court believes that the same will happen following issuance of the St. Johns and Winslow reports unless a step is taken at this time to prepare, examine and hear the claims of the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe and San Juan Southern Paiute [sic, Paiute] Tribe. The Court believes the uncertainty in the nature and quantity of Indian claims is leading all parties at this time to litigate every possible issue to the fullest, for fear of what the future may reveal in the way of reserved rights. This Court believes that examination of claims of reserved rights is of foremost importance to all claimants. Therefore, the Court believes the process will best be served by turning attention to the claims of the Indian lands now. The Department of Water Resources projects a completion date for this HSR of September, 1994.

January 27, 1994
DATE

/s/ Allen G. Minker
Judge of the Superior Court

[replica of original order]