

**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR
OF THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

KLAMATH BASIN GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION

In the Matter of the Claim of the UNITED)	PARTIAL ORDER OF
STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,)	DETERMINATION
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT)	
_____)	
)	Water Right Claim 372

The GENERAL FINDINGS OF FACT of the FINAL ORDER OF DETERMINATION is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.

A. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 30, 1997, the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) timely submitted a Statement and Proof of Claim (Claim 372) to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) pursuant to ORS Chapter 539 in the Klamath Basin Adjudication claiming a federal reserved water right under an Executive Order entitled Public Water Resource (PWR) No. 107, authorized by President Coolidge.
2. On October 4, 1999, following investigation of the evidence submitted, the Adjudicator issued a Summary and Preliminary Evaluation of Claims (Preliminary Evaluation), stating the claim was approved.
3. On May 8, 2000, BLM timely filed Contest 3987 to the Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 372 to address a typographical error.
4. On May 8, 2000, the following parties, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Klamath Project Water Users", filed Contest 3619: Klamath Irrigation District, Klamath Drainage District, Tulelake Irrigation District, Klamath Basin Improvement District, Ady District Improvement Company, Enterprise Irrigation District, Klamath Hills District Improvement Co., Malin Irrigation District, Midland District Improvement Company, Pine Grove Irrigation District, Pioneer District Improvement Company, Poe Valley Improvement District, Shasta View Irrigation District, Sunnyside Irrigation District, Don

Johnston & Son, Modoc Lumber Co., Bradley S. Luscombe, Berlva Pritchard¹, Don Vincent², Randy Walthall, Inter-County Title Co., Winema Hunting Lodge, Inc., Van Brimmer Ditch Co., Plevna District Improvement Co., and Collins Products, LLC.

5. These matters were referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing. The Office of Administrative Hearings designated these matters and other like claims of the BLM as Case 276.
6. On November 14, 2003, Klamath Project Water Users voluntarily withdrew Contest 3619. *See* NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN CONTESTS (Nov. 14, 2003).
7. On August 2, 2004, the OWRD and BLM executed SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ON CLAIM NOS. 325-375 (Settlement Agreement) which resolved the remaining contest (Contest 3987).
8. On August 2, 2004, the Adjudicator withdrew Case 276 from the Office of Administrative Hearings.

B. DETERMINATION

1. The Settlement Agreement executed between OWRD and BLM is adopted and incorporated as if set forth fully herein, with the exception that gallons per minute have been converted to cubic feet per second and rounded to the nearest thousandth for administrative convenience.
2. The Executive Order entitled PWR No. 107 for a federal reserved water right is a valid basis for this claim. The GENERAL CONCLUSIONS OF LAW CONCERNING CLAIMS BASED ON PUBLIC WATER RESERVE NO. 107 is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.
3. Based on the file and record herein, IT IS ORDERED that Claim 372 is approved as set forth in the following Water Right Claim Description.

¹ Berlva Pritchard voluntarily withdrew from Contest 3619 on June 24, 2002. *See* NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIMANT.

² Don Vincent voluntarily withdrew from Contest 3619 on November 29, 2000. *See* NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIMANTS.

[Beginning of Water Right Claim Description]

CLAIM NO. 372

CLAIM MAP REFERENCE: CLAIM # 372, PAGE 7

CLAIMANT: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
3040 BIDDLE RD
MEDFORD, OR 97504

SOURCE OF WATER: MERKLEY SPRING, tributary to FISHHOLE CREEK

PURPOSE or USE: HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND LIVESTOCK WATERING

RATE OF USE: 0.001 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

DUTY: 0.570 ACRE FEET PER YEAR

PERIOD OF ALLOWED USE:

Use	Period
Human Consumption And Livestock	March 1 - November 30

DATE OF PRIORITY: APRIL 17, 1926

THE POINT OF DIVERSION IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
37 S	14 E	WM	4	SW SW	512 FEET NORTH AND 345 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 4

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
37 S	14 E	WM	4	SW SW

[End of Water Right Claim Description]

Dated at Salem, Oregon on March 7, 2013



Dwight French, Adjudicator
Klamath Basin General Stream Adjudication