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 STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE	)))))	PARTIAL ORDER OF DETERMINATION Water Right Claim 459

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 29, 1997, the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE (USFS) timely submitted a Statement and Proof of Claim (Claim 459) to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) pursuant to ORS Chapter 539 in the Klamath Basin Adjudication claiming a federal reserved water right under the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960 (MUSYA), 16 U.S.C. §§ 528-531.

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 denied.

3. Several timely contests, including one by the USFS, were filed to Claim 459 and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 459.

4. 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 USFS as Case 004.

5. On December 30, 2002 the Claimant, USFS, voluntarily withdrew Claim 459 which thereby resolved all contests. *See* UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIMS (Dec. 30, 2002).

6. On December 31, 2002, the Adjudicator withdrew Case 004 from the Office of Administrative Hearings.

B. DETERMINATION

Based upon the file and record herein, including the withdrawal of Claim 459 by the USFS, IT IS ORDERED that Claim 459 is denied and is of no force or effect.

Dated at Salem, Oregon on March 7, 2013

Dwight French, Adjudicator
Klamath Basin General Stream Adjudication