

**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	)	PARTIAL ORDER OF
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF	)	DETERMINATION
AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE	)	
	)	
	)	Water Right Claim 490

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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 490) 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 Organic Administration Act of 1897, 16 U.S.C. §§ 473-478, 479-482 and 551 (Organic Act).
2. On August 3, 1999, the USFS timely amended Claim 490 as follows: (1) claimed water quantities were amended for the “[i]ntegration of water availability estimates provided by Oregon Water Resources Department pursuant to OAR 690-28-040(5)” and (2) “[f]urther analysis of fire records showed that numerous wildfires occur during the month of May, so the claim was amended to include that month.”
3. The August 3, 1999 amendment to the original claim changed the period of use from June 1 through November 15 to May 1 through November 15, and increased the natural flow limits from 0.6 cfs to 1.0 cfs for July 1 to July 31, and 0.1 cfs to 0.2 cfs for Aug. 1 to Aug. 31. The amendment was a result of the exchange of correspondence between OWRD and the Claimant concerning the Claimant’s need to incorporate information concerning instream flow requirements. OWRD intended to provide this information to the Claimant, but it was not available at the time of the claim filing deadline.

4. 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 as amended on August 3, 1999.
5. On May 5, 2000, the Claimant, USFS, timely filed Contest 2177 to the Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
6. On May 1, 2000, William J. Rust and Ethel J. Rust timely filed Contest 159 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
7. On May 1, 2000, Leonard Baio timely filed Contest 394 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
8. On May 2, 2000, Gary Strong timely filed Contest 629 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
9. On May 2, 2000, the Flynn Brothers (Con and Nora Flynn), and Con, Nora and John Flynn timely filed Contest 864 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
10. On May 2, 2000, Robert Bartell timely filed Contest 1099 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
11. On May 2, 2000, Margaret Jacobs timely filed Contest 1334 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
12. On May 2, 2000, Carolyn Obenchain timely filed Contest 1568 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
13. On May 4, 2000, Rodney Z. James timely filed Contest 1917 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
14. On May 5, 2000, Newman Enterprise (Douglas Newman) timely filed Contest 2369 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
15. On May 5, 2000, Francis Loving Trust, Hilda Francis Trustee timely filed Contest 2606 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
16. On May 8, 2000, John Briggs timely filed Contest 4356 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
17. On May 8, 2000, Peter M. Bourdet timely filed Contest 4591 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
18. On May 8, 2000, Vincent Lee Briggs timely filed Contest 4824 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.

19. On May 8, 2000, Thomas William Mallams timely filed Contest 5067 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
20. On May 8, 2000, Thomas H. Bentley timely filed Contest 5300 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
21. On May 8, 2000, Thomas E. Stephens timely filed Contest 5533 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
22. On May 8, 2000, Waterwatch of Oregon, Inc. timely filed Contest 2919 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 490.
23. 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 009.
24. On July 2, 2002, the following contestants withdrew with prejudice their respective contest: Leonard Baio, Gary Strong, Flynn Brothers, Robert Bartell, Margaret Jacobs, Carolyn Obenchain, Rodney Z. James, Newman Enterprise (Douglas Newman), Francis Loving Trust, Hilda Francis Trustee, John Briggs, Peter M. Bourdet, Vincent Lee Briggs, Thomas William Mallams, Thomas H. Bentley, Thomas E. Stephens, and David Cowan, successor in interest to William J. Rust and Ethel J. Rust. *See NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF BAIO ET AL'S CONTESTS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE CLAIMS (July 2, 2002).*
25. On February 25, 2003, Waterwatch of Oregon, Inc. voluntarily withdrew Contest 2919. *See WATERWATCH'S VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF CONTESTS (Feb. 25, 2003).*
26. On March 18, 2003, the OWRD and USFS executed STIPULATION TO RESOLVE CONTESTS 2162, 2163, 2166, 2168, 2169, 2171, 2172, 2174, 2177, 2184, 2186, 2188, 2190, 2192, 2194, 2196, 2198, 2200, 2201, 2203, 2205, 2207, 2209, 2211, 2213, 2214, 2216, 2218, 2220, 2222, 2224, 2225, 2227, 2229, 2231, 2233, 2234, 2236, 2238, 2240, 2242, 2244, 2246, 2248, 2250, 2252, AND 2253 (Settlement Agreement) which resolved the remaining contest (Contest 2177) to Claim 490.
27. On April 2, 2003, the Adjudicator withdrew Case 009 from the Office of Administrative Hearings.
28. The Preliminary Evaluation for Claim 490 contains a scrivener's error which was incorporated into the Settlement Agreement, whereby the NWNE of Section 6 was incorrectly listed as the NWNW.

## B. DETERMINATION

1. The Settlement Agreement executed between OWRD and USFS is adopted and incorporated as if set forth fully herein, with exception of the scrivener's error whereby an incorrect quarter-quarter listed in the Preliminary Evaluation was incorporated into the Settlement Agreement as described in Finding 30, above; the quarter-quarter is corrected to NWNE.
2. The instream flows recognized pursuant to this claim are not additive to any other instream flows based on other water rights, permits or claims within the same stream reach or a portion of the same stream reach.
3. The GENERAL CONCLUSIONS OF LAW CONCERNING AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.
4. OWRD finds that the claim amendment described in Findings 2 and 3, above, does not constitute a new claim under ORS 539.210. This determination is based on the factors described in Findings 2 and 3, above. Because the amendment occurred prior to the beginning of open inspection, it is permissible and is incorporated into the Claimant's claim for consideration in this Findings of Fact and Partial Order of Determination.
5. The Organic Administration Act of 1897 for a federal reserved water right is a valid basis for this claim. The GENERAL CONCLUSIONS OF LAW CONCERNING CLAIMS BASED ON THE ORGANIC ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1897 is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.
6. Based on the file and record herein, IT IS ORDERED that Claim 490 is approved as set forth in the following Water Right Claim Description.

[Beginning of Water Right Claim Description]

**CLAIM NO. 490**

**CLAIM MAP REFERENCE:** MYLAR FILED AS CLAIM # 377, PAGE 230

**CLAIMANT:** UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
1220 SW 3<sup>RD</sup> ROOM 1734  
PORTLAND, OR 97204

**SOURCE OF WATER:** ROCK CREEK, tributary to CRYSTAL CREEK

**PURPOSE OR USE:**

INSTREAM USE TO MAINTAIN A NATURAL FIRE BREAK AND SOURCE OF WATER FOR FOREST FIRE CONTROL

**PERIODS OF ALLOWED USE AND RATES:**

THE INSTREAM FLOW ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO THIS CLAIM IS NOT ADDITIVE TO ANY OTHER INSTREAM FLOWS WITHIN THE SAME STREAM REACH OR A PORTION OF THE SAME STREAM

Period of Use:	Natural Flow is Limited to Not More than the Following Rates in Cubic Feet per Second (CFS):
May 1 to May 31	28.0
June 1 to June 30	11.0
July 1 to July 31	1.0
Aug 1 to Aug 31	0.2
Sept 1 to Sept 30	0.1
Oct 1 to Oct 31	0.1


**DATE OF PRIORITY:** JUNE 4, 1897

**THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:**

ROCK CREEK FROM NWNE, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, W.M., TO SENE, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, W.M.

[End of Water Right Claim Description]

Dated at Salem, Oregon on March 7, 2013

  
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Dwight French, Adjudicator  
Klamath Basin General Stream Adjudication